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## **IOFS Establishes Partnership with Other OIC Institutions on Food Security Projects**

The Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) has identified seven projects in the domain of agriculture, rural development and food security for implementation during the year 2020, in collaboration with institutions of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). In addition, IOFS would be partnering with other leading OIC institutions in the execution of thirteen other projects in the domain of agri-business, investment, trade facilitation, and specialised trade fairs.

During the just-concluded Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 4-5 December 2019, various institutions have indicated interest in partnering with IOFS on the implementation of its major quick-win projects ranging from the Forum on the Development of Strategic Commodities (Wheat, Cassava, Rice and Palm-Oil), and the establishment of Islamic Food Processing Association (IFPA), to the elaboration of a regional mechanism for Food Security Reserve as well as the establishment of a Grain Fund. Other flagship projects in the domain of Science, Technology and Innovation feature a Workshop on the Development of National Gene Banks, a Workshop on Cooperation among National Food Safety Authorities, and a Roundtable on Increasing Water Use Efficiency in the Agricultural Sector.

The Director-General of IOFS led the IOFS delegation to the 5<sup>th</sup> session of ACMOI, which was attended by 18 OIC institutions, including IsDB Group, ISESCO, COMCEC, COMSTECH, COMIAC, SESRIC, ICDT, IRCICA, ISF and SMIIC, among others.

The various projects numbering thirteen activities, of which IOFS is committed to partnering other OIC institutions in their execution, include Capacity-Building Programmes on Islamic Trade Finance and Agriculture, Agricultural Trade Statistics, and a Workshop on WTO issues, among others.

In his audience with His Excellency, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, the OIC Secretary General on the sidelines of ACMOI, the Director-General expressed his appreciation for the commitment of OIC General Secretariat to support the implementation of the food security agenda of IOFS in all its ramifications.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions deliberated and agreed on a new set of activities for implementation in 2020, in line with the resolutions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019.

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