

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**3RD IOFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY-**

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY, 18 JUNE 2020**

1. **Membership, Administrative, Financial and Organic Matters (Budget, Resource Mobilisation, MoUs)**
2. ***Membership***

The General Assembly would be briefed on efforts made towards obtaining more signatures and ratifications of IOFS Statute.

1. ***Budget and resource mobilization***

The financial statement of the Secretariat would be presented for review, including 2021 budget estimates, expenditure returns, and status of payment of mandatory assessed contributions by member states.

1. ***Financial Control Committee***

General Assembly would receive a report of the Executive Board on the constitution of IOFS Financial Control Committee (FCC) on 11-12 December 2019 and efforts at receiving nominees of member states to fill these positions.

1. ***Memorandums of Understanding***

The General Assembly will consider and approve Memorandums of Understanding earlier concluded with several institutions.

1. **Executive Programme for OIC Plan of Action on Development of Strategic Commodities**
2. ***Wheat, Cassava and Rice***

Sequel to the adoption of the OIC Plan of Action for Strategic Commodities by the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, The General Assembly is invited to consider and adopt the Executive Programme for the implementation of the said Plan of Action. The Plan envisages collective actions for the development of the productive capacities of member states with regard to such strategic commodities as Wheat, Rice and Cassava.

IOFS would be expected to adopt implementation mechanisms for the said Action Plan. In this regard, IOFS is invited to coordinate the activities of the Steering and Project Committees as well as the Centers of Excellence, while adopting the Executive Programme as presented by the Secretariat.

1. ***Value-Chain Development of Palm Oil***

Similarly, the General Assembly would be presented with a report by the Secretariat on the Value-Chain Development of Palm Oil with particular emphasis on the various reverse linkage programmes envisaged under this cooperation activity.

1. **Draft Protocol on OIC Food Security Reserve**

General Assembly is invited to review the Draft Protocol on establishment of OIC Food Security Reserve. The Secretariat has circulated the Draft Protocol among member states and reflected all inputs in the draft text presented to the Assembly. The Secretariat is also consulting with regional organisations, such as ASEAN, ECOWAS, CAADP and CILSS on their respective models on Food Security Reserve. While examining the Report of the Secretariat, the General Assembly is invited to adopt either a virtual or actual OIC-wide Food Security Reserve.

1. **Framework Document for Islamic Food Processing Association**

The need to develop a Private Sector-led food processing mechanism within the IOFS space was adopted by the 2nd General Assembly of IOFS. Consequently, the views of OIC member states have been collated for consideration by the General Assembly. It is envisaged that the Session would consider and approve the convening of Stakeholders’ Meeting for the finalization of the details of the required mechanism.

1. **IOFS Programmes under the OIC** **Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Agenda 2026**
2. ***Development of National Gene Banks***

The development of National Gene Banks in OIC member states is aimed at promoting regional cooperation for conservation, adaptation and sharing of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture. The nexus between access by countries and farmers to new crop varieties that are pest and drought resistant and sustainable food security systems cannot be over-emphasised.

Consequently, the General Assembly is invited to review the Concept Note on the Development of National Gene Banks in the light of the various inputs received from member states. The Assembly is to pronounce its support for the Workshop on Development of National Gene Banks, scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 5-7 July 2020, while expressing appreciation to the Government of UAE, FAO, COMSTECH and IsDB, which are collaborating with IOFS Secretariat in this regard.

1. ***Increasing Water Use Efficiency and Modern Irrigation Systems***

The Secretariat has elaborated the Concept Note with proposal to convene a Roundtable on this topic. Given the prevalence of arid and semi-arid climate in OIC member states, the conservation and efficient use of water resources for agriculture is crucial for food security and rural and agricultural development. Accordingly, cooperation towards the efficient management of water and adoption of modern irrigation systems is receiving priority attention of OIC member states.

To this end, IOFS is organising a Roundtable on Increasing Water Use Efficiency in OIC Member States during the 5th OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water Issues, scheduled for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in October 2020. The General Assembly is invited to examine the Concept Note for the event in the light of the inputs received from member states, while expressing appreciation to the Government of Saudi Arabia, OIC General Secretariat, OIC Standing Committee for Science and Technology (COMSTECH), and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group for collaborating with IOFS on this issue.

1. **Agri-Food Trade and Investment Promotion**
2. ***Food Trade Promotion and Facilitation***

The General Assembly would be examining the Report of the Secretariat on its trade and investment policy proposals, ranging from the biennial organisation of a Food and Agriculture Trade Fair as well as joint participation in food fairs organized by fellow OIC member states. The policy would canvass for the implementation of the various OIC multilateral agreements on trade, investment promotion and preferential trade systems in the domain of food and agri-business among IOFS member states.

1. ***Halal Food Development***

The Secretariat would brief on efforts to popularize Halal Food Development in IOFS member states for both domestic utilization and exportation purposes. It will ensure collaboration with relevant OIC institutions, including the private sector and agri-food industries, on the adoption of reliable standardization, accreditation and certification regimes.

1. **Any Other Business**
2. **Date and Venue of 4th General Assembly**

In line with extant IOFS resolution of convening of General Assembly on rotation basis every two years, the next General Assembly is to take place in Kazakhstan in 2021.

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**Nur Sultan, 04 March 2020**