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# **GENERAL CONFERENCE**

## **12<sup>th</sup> Session**

Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan: 14-15 Safar 1437H/26-27 November 2015

**Executive Council's Activity Report  
for the Period between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Sessions of  
the General Conference**

**Item 2.1 of the Agenda**





**Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
(ISESCO)**

## **General Conference / 12<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Baku – Republic of Azerbaijan  
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### **Document on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:**

**(Executive Council's Activity Report for the Period between  
the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the General Conference)**

#### **Introductory note:**

This item was placed on the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference's draft agenda, in accordance with Article (14) of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure.

This report gives an account of the activities undertaken by the Executive Council to ensure follow-up to the resolutions of the 11<sup>th</sup> General Conference (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1-2 December 2012), and all forms of assistance provided by the Executive Council to the Director General to implement the Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015, which was approved by the 11<sup>th</sup> General Conference. Since the 11<sup>th</sup> General Conference, the Executive Council held three sessions: the 34<sup>th</sup> session (Rabat, 7-8 October 2013), the 35<sup>th</sup> session (Rabat, 23 June 2014) and the 36<sup>th</sup> session (Baku, 23-24 November 2015), which carried out preparatory work for the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

This report is submitted to the honourable General Conference for consideration and decision.





**Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
(ISESCO)**

**Executive Council / 36<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan  
11-12 Safar 1437 A.H. / 23-24 November 2015**

**Decision on Item 5.2 of the Agenda:**

(Re-election of the Director General)

**The Executive Council,**

- In recognition of the great efforts made by the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, and having reviewed the outstanding achievements made, with the grace of Allah, by the Organization, along with the Director General's sustained efforts and his continued and earnest endeavours, either in terms of effective implementation of programmes and activities, sound management of the General Directorate, innovation of the successive action plans whose development and implementation he has supervised; or in terms of developing a large network of cooperation and partnership with international and regional organizations, enhancing joint Islamic action in education, science, culture and communication, and consolidating the Organization's role in international conferences and events, all of which earned him the high esteem of the Heads of Member States and chiefs of international and regional institutions, who paid tribute to him and honoured him with the most prestigious distinctions in recognition of his outstanding role in developing the Organization and asserting the special status it holds among the major international institutions operating in the different areas of civilizational development;
- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (j), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure, and
- In accordance with Decision (EC35/2014) and Decision (EC36/2015) of the Council's 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> sessions respectively,

**Decides as follows:**

1. **Recommends** that the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference re-elect Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri as Director General of ISESCO for a new term as of 1 January 2016.

2. **Renews** thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their kind positive response to the Council's request to them to re-nominate Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri for the post of ISESCO Director General.
3. **Thanks** Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri for his outstanding efforts as Director General of ISESCO.

Before presenting the Executive Council's activity report to the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) by virtue of Article (14) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, it is worth noting that the 11<sup>th</sup> session of ISESCO General Conference (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1-2 December 2012), held under the high patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, was a successful and outstanding event in all respects. In fact, this session provided all the conditions of success to the General Directorate for the implementation of a large part of the programmes enshrined in the action plan and budget for the years 2013-2015, which respond to the Muslim world's needs and priorities. It also consolidated the role the Organization's active involvement in the development of the Islamic world in the various areas of education, science, culture and communication, these being the main foundations of the Muslim Ummah's civilizational development.

By virtue of Article (12-A), paragraph (b), of the Charter, which recommends that the Council undertake the control and implementation of the tasks lying with it, the Executive Council held its 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> sessions respectively on 7-8 October 2013 and 23 June 2014, at the Organization's headquarters, in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco.

#### **I. The 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of ISESCO (Headquarters, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 1-2 Zul Hijja 1434 A.H. / 7-8 October 2013)**

The opening session was presided over by H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, who, at the onset, expressed gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, for the relentless support the Moroccan government lends to joint Islamic action in general, and to ISESCO in particular, lauding ISESCO's remarkable achievements as well as the diverse activities it implemented in 2012, which coincided with the Islamic world's celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ISESCO, and which he deemed a "**Year of Excellence**". The Council's Chairperson equally expressed his pride in Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri's excellent track record and judicious executive performance as Director General of ISESCO, wishing him further success in delivering more achievements for the Organization and for its Member States.

For his part, the Director General of ISESCO explained in his address on that occasion that 2012 was a special year in the ISESCO's history, noting that the Organization is witnessing a remarkable steady progress in terms of delivering its mission centered on the Ummah's development and in terms of extending its own reach beyond the Islamic world, through the network of cooperation and partnership with the international and regional organizations, as well as in terms of asserting its international role and supporting the universal causes interesting the world public opinion.

He explained that the record of implemented activities in 2012 showed a remarkable growing trend accounting for 94% of the 436 activities scheduled by the relevant directorates, centers and divisions of ISESCO in the areas of education, science, culture and communication.

At the same opening session, the Director General presented to Mr Issa Namata, member of the Executive Council for the Republic of Niger, ISESCO Literacy Prize for 2013 which went to the Nigerien NGO ONIREC/Assalam.

In this session, the Executive Council considered the following items:

- a. Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2012,**
- b. Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for 2012, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Financial Year 2012,**
- c. Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Year 2012, and**
- d. Endorsing the appointment of the Deputy Director General.**

Following the introductory notes and presentations made by the Director General, and after due consideration and discussion of the relevant reports and documents placed on the agenda of the Council's 34<sup>th</sup> session, and taking into account the observations made by the Council members, the Council adopted the reports of the Director General and the documents submitted to it and recommended that they be adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

The Council also endorsed the appointment of Dr Amina Obaid Al-Hajri from the Sultanate of Oman as Deputy Director General of ISESCO for a three-year term renewable only once, as from 1 January 2014.

In the same vein, the Council invited the Director General to organize a tribute to the ex-Deputy Director General on a later occasion, in recognition of the services he made to the Organization during his mandate.

## **II. The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of ISESCO (Headquarters, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25 Sha'aban 1435 A.H. / 23 June 2014)**

The opening session was presided over by H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré who commended the outstanding work of ISESCO, explaining that the steady progress made by the Organization in the fulfilment of its duties and in the implementation of its successive three-year action plans, is a case worthy of all praise, considering the regional and international conditions experienced by the Islamic world, and reiterating the Executive Council's appreciation of the Organization and its Director General, Dr Abdualziz Othman Altwaijri, for such achievements and sustained rewarding action.

For his part, the Director General pointed out in his address that the particular importance of the Executive Council's 35<sup>th</sup> session is evidenced, most obviously, by a record of substantial achievement, a considerably expanded scope of the Council's action, new strategic partnerships, additional financial resources, and a sustained exemplary performance at three main levels:

**The First** concerns the consolidation of management improvement, quality performance, work methods and efficient spending; the **second** consists in the fresh vistas of achievement, and enlarged implementation scope for projects and programmes; while **third** concerns openness onto more key areas of action within ISESCO's fields of competence, which earned the Organization an outstanding status as a leading international organization with a proven record of success and a strong influence.

In this connection, the Director General pointed out that the Organization managed to materialize 385 out of 445 pre-defined achievements in 2013, with an implementation rate of 87%, which represents a high percentage showcasing the extent of the continuous efforts made by ISESCO.

In this session, the Executive Council considered the following items:

- a. Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for 2013,**
- b. Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for 2013, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for Financial Year 2013,**
- c. Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Organization's Financial Situation for 2013, and**
- d. Broad Lines of the Draft Three-Year Action for 2016-2018.**

Following the introductory notes and presentations made by the Director General, and after due consideration and discussion of the reports, draft broad lines of the three-year action plan (2016-2018) and relevant documents placed on the agenda of the Council's 35<sup>th</sup> session, and taking into account the observations made by the Council members, the Council adopted the reports of the Director General and the Broad Lines of the Draft Three-Year Action Plan for 2016-2018.

In the same vein, the Council expressed gratitude to the Organization for the efforts it devoted to the preparation of the draft broad lines of the three-year action plan, and mandated the Director General to take the necessary measures for preparing this draft plan and budget ahead of its submission to the Council's 36<sup>th</sup> session, drawing on the general vision of the plan's broad lines, the medium-term plan for 2010-2018, and taking into account the Member States' needs, demands and priorities. It also recommended that these be approved by the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

The Executive Council also commissioned the Director General to undertake the necessary contacts with the Member States to determine the respective venue and date of the Council's 36<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference's 12<sup>th</sup> session.

**III. 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of ISESCO (Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 11-12 Safar 1437 A.H. / 23-24 November 2015)**

As well as examining all the items put on its agenda, the Executive Council undertook preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference session. Chief among the items discussed by the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council were:

- a- Report of the Director General on the Organisation's Activities for the Year 2014.**
- b- Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company, and Report of the Financial Control Committee for Financial Year 2014.**
- c- Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Organization's Financial Situation for Financial Year 2014.**

The Executive Council examined and adopted the reports above, commending the efforts exerted by the Director General in relation to the implementation of activities and rationalisation of expenditure. It also placed on record the Director General's continued efforts to ensure efficient use of the budget, improve collection of contributions and redress the Organization's financial situation.

- d- Evaluation Report of the Director General on the Organisation's Action for the Years 2010-2012 and Progress Activity Report for the Years 2013-2015**

Upon consideration of the report, the Executive Council members commended the achievements made during the reported period. The figures which have been provided, along with internal and external evaluation results, indicated the significant efforts made by the General Directorate. In this regard, the Executive Council congratulated the Director General on the data and quality information showing the quality of the work and the level of progress achieved by ISESCO and its outstanding action at the service of the Member States.

- e- Director General's Report on the Situation of Regional Offices**

Following consideration and discussions, the Council adopted the report subject to inclusion of the observations of the Council members. It referred the report to the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference, with a recommendation for approval.

Chief among the items placed on the agenda of the 36<sup>th</sup> Executive Council were:

- a- Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018**

The Director General gave a detailed presentation of the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget (2016-2018), which was prepared in line with the Action's Draft Broad Lines adopted in the previous session. As well as formulating a number of observations and proposals relative to the key elements of the draft action plan, the Council adopted the Draft Three-Year Action Plan (2016-2018), with a recommendation for approval by the General Conference. The Executive Council's observations regarding the draft action plan will be presented by the

General Directorate, for information and consideration, to the Programme Committee entrusted with examining the draft action plan as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference session.

**b- Draft amendment to ISESCO's Organizational Chart**

Following consideration and discussions, the Council adopted the draft amendment to the Organizational Chart and referred it to the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference with a recommendation for approval.

**c- Draft amendments to ISESCO's Charter and Internal Regulations**

In an in-camera session, the Council examined the draft amendment to the Charter and Internal Regulations. After deliberations, the Council endorsed the draft amendments, with a recommendation for approval by the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

**d- Draft modification to ISESCO's Logo**

Following consideration, the Council endorsed the draft logo, with a recommendation for approval by the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

**e- Preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference**

At the close of this session, and as part of preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference session, the Executive Council members examined and adopted the draft agenda and programme of the Conference.

As the draft agenda of the General Conference contains a special item on the re-election of the Director General, and in appreciation of the Director General's outstanding efforts and noted achievements reflected in the steady progress and sustained development of ISESCO, the Council recommended that the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference re-elect Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri as Director General of ISESCO for a new term of office as of January 2016, in recognition of his successful, leading efforts to promote the action of ISESCO within its competence. It also called upon the General Conference to commend the achievements and attainments brought by the Director General in the areas of competence of ISESCO, in enhancing its standing and strengthening its presence at the Islamic and international arenas, as well as in expanding its capacities and developing its administrative and financial organs. Likewise, the Executive Council invited the Director General to carry on these efforts in order to further develop and upgrade ISESCO at all levels.

At the close of its deliberations, the Council decided to convene its next session in the second half of 2016 at ISESCO's headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco.

The present report is submitted to the honourable 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference for consideration and decision.