



**Second Meeting of
The Consultative Council for
implementation of the Cultural
Strategy for the Islamic World**

Final Report

Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco: 7-8 Rabia II 1422 A.H /29-30 June 2001

In accordance with the decision of the First Meeting of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 4-5 Rajab 1421 A.H, corresponding to 2-3 October 2000 in connection with the convening of the Second Meeting of the Council in June or July 2001, and upon invitation by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO-, the Consultative Council held its second meeting in Rabat, on 7-8 Rabia II 1422 A.H /29-30 June 2001.

The Meeting was attended by Dr. Saleh Ahmed Ibn Nasser, representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prof. Mohamed Ghaneem, representing the Arab Republic of Egypt, Prof. Mohamed Demba Cissoko, representing the Republic of Mali, Prof. Ahmed Lemsih, representing the Kingdom of Morocco, Dr. Muhsin Khaliji Iskwi, representing the Islamic Republic of Iran, Prof. Souleyman Bagyan, representing Burkina Faso and Prof. Baba Ibn Sar, representing the Republic of Senegal. His Excellency Ambassador Sayeed Qassim Misri, representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference apologized and the Islamic Organization -ISESCO- did not receive nomination of the representative of Indonesia.

The Second Meeting of the Consultative Council opened proceedings at 09:00 a.m. at the headquarters of the Islamic Organization. Mr. Omar Saad Touré, Deputy Director General, opened the Meeting with an address delivered on behalf of ISESCO, in which he conveyed to the participants the greetings of His Excellency the Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, and his wishes of success and thanks for kind cooperation with the Islamic Organization to energise the mechanisms of implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World. Mr. Omar Saad Touré also highlighted the importance of the Meeting and affirmed the readiness of the Islamic Organization to pursue ahead with the discharge of its civilizational mission and duties towards the Member States, in compliance with the recommendations of the Consultative Council aimed to secure the cultural development of the Islamic world.

The floor was then taken by Council chairman, Dr. Saleh Ahmed Ibn Nasser, who expressed, on behalf of the Council members, his appreciation for the genuine efforts exerted by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with a view to holding this Meeting in the best conditions. He held in high esteem the contribution of the Director General of ISESCO in terms of promoting the mission entrusted to the Council and achieving the objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World. The Council then adopted its Programme.

His Excellency the Director General of ISESCO, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, attended some of the Council's proceedings and thanked the Council members for taking up the civilizational mission entrusted to them and for their distinct cooperation with the Islamic Organization, with a view to achieving the developmental objectives sought by the whole Muslim Ummah

The Council held three working sessions, in which the Islamic Organization presented a detailed report on the status of implementation of the recommendation of the First Consultative Meeting, as well as the draft Rules of Procedures of the Council and thirty-three projects submitted by 13 Member States.

The Council members took successively the floor and expressed their appreciation for the achievements realized by ISESCO and the efforts it had expended to implement the recommendations issued by the First Council Meeting. They also lauded the comprehensive and accurate report presented by the Organization and invited the Organization to express its opinion on the projects received from Member States to serve as a basis for discussion in the forthcoming Council meetings. The participants also called for revising the Rules of Procedures in the light of the observations made and the comments due to be supplied by the Council Members later on to be examined by the following Meeting.

The Council affirmed the necessity to intensify contacts with donors and funding institutions to raise funds for financing the projects retained by the Council. The Members also stressed the need to consider the case of membership of Indonesia which did not nominate a representative to the Council.

Following objective study and examination based on the criteria retained, the Council took the following decisions:

I : Approves the following projects:

- Artistic museum for Islamic culture /Azerbaijan.
- Working out an Islamic cultural plan to face global cultural projects / Egypt
- Conference on Muslim child culture / Egypt

II : Returns back to relevant Member States the following projects for review of budget appropriations and technical specifications:

- Setting up an Islamic cultural center / Burkina Faso
- Islamic electronic publishing house / Egypt
- Decoded Islamic television channel / Egypt
- Museum for Calligraphy, Islamic manuscript restoration center, Center for cultural activities, and Islamic fund for supporting arts and creativity. /Kingdom of Morocco.

III : Specifies the projects which shall be implemented within the framework of the Organization's Action Plans and programmes:

- Safeguard of Islamic heritage in Bangladesh / Bangladesh
- Creation of national libraries / Burkina Faso

- Training directors of youth houses and moderation centers /Chad
- Projects proposed by Palestine

IV : Dismisses the following projects for failure to meet the standard criteria:

- Projects proposed by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Symposium on Poet Nazr Al-Islam /Bangladesh
- Training sessions in legal protection of folklore and institutional support / Chad
- Islamic Drama Center for training and research /Tunisia
- Islam in Africa /Senegal
- Festival of Arab Music /Egypt
- programme on capacity building /Mozambique

The Council requested the Organization to provide Egypt with additional information on the Poet Nazr Al-Islam

The Council did not examine late projects nor the proposals submitted by Iraq on the basis that it would be unacceptable to set up a Prize named after the Prophet (P.B.U.H) because his status is for transcending any prize whatsoever.

At the end of the session, Dr. Saleh Ahmed Ibn Nasser invited the Council to meet in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The date shall be arranged in consultation with ISESCO. The Council unanimously accepted the invitation and thanked the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the forthcoming Council Meeting.

At the closing session, the Council adopted its final report and recommendations and addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohamed VI, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco.