

42nd Session of ICESCO Executive Council Held in Cairo, Egypt

The 42nd Session of the Executive Council of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) was held on December 6, 2021, in Egypt with the participation of forty-nine (49) out of fifty-one (51) countries. Mr. Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division and also the Secretary General of BNCU along with Mr. Md. Shohel Imam Khan, Deputy Secretary General, BNCU attended the council.



Mr. Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division and the Secretary General of BNCU in the photo (Front Row, Second from the Right)

The opening session began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by an address by Dr. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Egyptian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Chairman of the Egyptian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture. In his address, the Minister welcomed the participating delegations and ICESCO's delegation, stressing that the Organization represents the broadest and best-suited framework for constructive cooperation and fruitful dialogue on issues of common interest in the fields of education, science and culture, based on the aspirations of leaders and populations, noting that these fields are the key to the development of human societies.

At the outset of his address, Dr. Salim M. AlMalik, ICESCO Director-General (DG) expressed his gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and to the Egyptian government represented by Dr. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, for hosting the Executive Council and the General Conference, stressing that renewal,

transparency, leadership, solidarity, partnership, openness, and strategic vigilance have been the guiding principles of the Organization's work throughout the current year.

Dr. AlMalik also stated that through the Draft Strategic Orientations by 2025 and the Draft Two-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2022-2023, ICESCO has paved the way towards achieving three strategic objectives. These include maintaining ICESCO's guiding and advisory roles for the benefit of its Member States to develop their educational, scientific, cultural and communication plans and programmes, further accelerating the process of recovery from Covid-19's repercussions.

The Executive Council of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) elected Mr. Jamal Eddine El-Aloua, candidate of the Kingdom of Morocco, as Chairman of ICESCO Executive Council.

The Executive Council of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) concluded its proceedings in Cairo on Monday, December 6, 2021, by adopting the final report of the 42nd session hosted by Egypt, approving the reports submitted by the Organization's General Directorate and announcing the holding of ICESCO's 43rd Executive Council at the Organization's headquarters in Rabat in December 2022. The Council also adopted the draft agenda for the 14th session of the Organization's General Conference, which will also be held in Cairo on December 8 and 9, under the patronage of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

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