



23rd Session of the Executive council
of the **FEDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES
OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD (FUIW)**

University of Sharjah
Sharjah - United Arab Emirates
2-3 February 2020

Final Report



The Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) held the 23rd Session of its Executive Council, at the headquarters of the University of Sharjah, on 08-09 Jumada II 1441A.H./02-03 February 2020, under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi Member of the Federal Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, Ruler of Sharjah and President of Sharjah University.

The opening session was attended by Sheikh Fahim Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Government relations (DGR), H.E. Dr. Salim M. AlMalik, Director General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), Secretary General of the FUIW; H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Salem Al-Amri, Rector of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Chairman of the Executive Council, President of the FUIW General Council; H.E. Prof. Dr. Hamid M.K. Naimiy, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah; State of the United Arab Emirates and the members of the Council, namely:

1. Dr. Sannur Aliyev, Head of International Relations Department at Azerbaijan State Economic University, Republic of Azerbaijan;
2. Prof. Dr. Zeidan Kafafi, President of Yarmouk University, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;
3. Dr. Kawesa Ahmad Sengendo, Rector of the Islamic University of Uganda;
4. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draweesh, President of the International Islamic University Islamabad;
5. Prof. Dr. Imad Abu Kishek, President of Al-Quds University;
6. Prof. Dr. Sali Mikaila, Professor at the University of Maroua in Cameroon;
7. Prof. Dr. Adel Elsayed Sadek Moubarak, President of Menofia University, Arab Republic of Egypt;
8. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Chancellor of Bayero University Federal, Republic of Nigeria;
9. Prof. Dr. Suleymanov Artur Suleimanov, Rector of the Russian Islamic University (UFA), Russian Federation.

The opening session was also attended by the deans of a number of faculties of the University of Sharjah, as well as officials, academicians and intellectuals from the Emirate of Sharjah.

The opening session kicked off with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. An address was then delivered by Sheikh Fahim Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Government Relations (DGR) at the government of Sharjah, wherein he welcomed the participants hoping this session would contribute to support and expand areas of cooperation and partnership with Member Universities and the Islamic and international specialized organizations. He also expressed the readiness of the Department of Government relations at the Government of Sharjah to make available all its capabilities to ensure the achievement of the desired outcomes.

Afterwards, H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Salem Al-Amri, President of the 7th General Conference, Chairman of the Executive Council, gave an address wherein he reiterated his congratulation to H.E. Dr.

AlMalik for being appointed as ICESCO Director General, commended his new vision aiming to turn ISESCO into a global outreach beacon, and stressed the important role of the FUIW in upgrading higher education systems in the Islamic world.

In his Address, Dr. AlMalik tackled the reality and challenges facing higher education in Muslim countries and the role that should be fulfilled by the FUIW at this stage so as to contribute to the development of higher education and promote the knowledge-producing scientific research in Muslim countries, hoping that this session would be a fresh start for the FUIW and a turning point toward a better future.

Afterwards, a video was shown on ICESCO's new vision and its future action plan to serve the causes of education, science and culture in the Islamic world which was adopted by its Executive Council in its 40th session held in Abu Dhabi on 29-30 January 2020.

Then, H.E. Dr. Hamid M.K. Naimiy, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah, gave an address wherein he welcomed the participants in this session and commended the fruitful cooperation between the Federation's General Secretariat and the University. Dr. Naimiy expressed the University's readiness to provide the necessary means to open the horizons of academic and scientific cooperation with FUIW member universities.

At the close of the opening session, the participants took a group photo and attended the reception held in their honor by the University of Sharjah.

During the working sessions, the Council examined and took the attached decisions on the following items:

Items 1.1 and 1.2: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme:

The Council held its first working session, which adopted the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme of its 23rd Session.

Item 2.1: General Report on the Activities of the FUIW General Secretariat between the 22nd and 23rd sessions of the Executive Council

The Secretary General submitted his Report on the Activities of the FUIW's General Secretariat between the 22nd and 23rd sessions of the Executive Council. The report features the activities implemented by the Federation between the two sessions of the Council. This period was marked by the participation of the FUIW in conferences and forums aiming at developing the quality of research works and university studies, and improving their resources and methods; and the organization of conferences, forums and meetings. It was also marked by efforts exerted toward the attraction of new universities to join to the Federation; and field visits conducted by rectors of universities and experts in order to develop and expand the areas of cooperation and partnership with Member Universities and parallel federations in areas of common interest.

Having examined the Financial Report of 2018 (attached herewith), the Council invited the Member Universities with arrears to settle their contributions, called on the General Secretariat to sustain its efforts in this regard, and expressed its deep appreciation to ISESCO and the cooperating and hosting universities of the FUIW's activities.

After due discussion, the Council adopted the Report on the Activities of the FUIW's General Secretariat, commended the efforts of the Secretary General and his assistants, invited the Secretary General to sustain his relentless efforts to serve and develop the Islamic world universities and mandated him to develop a new strategic vision to develop the Federation and transmit it to the Chairman of the Executive Council and its members to express their opinions thereon prior to submitting it to the next session of the General Conference of the Federation for adoption.

Item 2.2: Report on the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) over the period 1987-2019 and its future prospects

The Secretary General submitted his Report on the FUIW and its future prospects. The report reviewed the achievements made since the establishment of the FUIW in 1987, including the academic projects and the decisions of its executive organs in order to boost cooperation between the universities of the Islamic world and address the challenges that confronted the Federation throughout this period. The report also highlighted the future prospects and potentials of the FUIW in spite of the obstacles hindering the achievement of its objectives, and its need for a fresh start by gaining autonomy from ISESCO and getting the supervision of another party able to host and provide it with the necessary means and resources for its success and improvement of its performance.

After extensive discussions, the Council adopted this report and tasked the Secretary General with taking the administrative and legal measures to implement the content of this document and preparing a new vision for the Federation to develop its working mechanisms and define its future roles in order to contribute to developing the sector of higher education and scientific research in the Islamic World.

Item 3.1: Relocation of the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Federation

The Council Mandates the Secretary General of the FUIW to undertake the necessary communications and consultations with the competent parties in the Islamic world in order to host the permanent headquarters of the Federation and set conditions thereof, inform the chairman and the members of the Executive Council about the outcomes of such communications, and submit a report thereon to the coming General Conference of the Federation to take the appropriate decision thereon.

It also stressed the importance of the relationship between the Federation and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and decided that ICESCO's Director General shall continue to take charge of its General Secretariat wherever it is headquartered.

In addition, the Executive Council commissioned the Secretary General to prepare a new strategic vision for the Federation; revise its Charter, internal and financial regulations; submit such draft amendments to the members of the Executive Council and to the coming session of the General Conference to take the adequate decision thereon.

Item 3.2: Examination of membership applications submitted by universities and higher education institutes

The Secretary General presented a report on membership applications submitted by universities and higher education institutes. The General Secretariat received many applications, from which it selected three applications that fulfill membership conditions.

After examining the submitted applications, the Council decided to grant membership to the FUIW to the following universities and higher education institutes:

1. University of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates;
2. Al-Kunooze University College; Republic of Iraq;
3. Bolgar Islamic Academy, Russian Federation.

The Council called upon to the Secretary General to sustain efforts in inviting other universities in the Islamic world to join the FUIW, and agreed to submit this document to the 8th Session of the General Conference of the FUIW with a recommendation for approval.

Item 4.1: Date and Venue of the 24th Session of the FUIW Executive Council

The Council Mandated the Secretary General of the Federation to undertake the necessary contacts with FUIW Member Universities to host the 24th session of the Executive Council in the first quarter of 2021. In the event no university offers to host it, it shall be held at ICESCO headquarters and the General Secretariat in Rabat.

The Executive Council closed its proceedings by adopting the attached decisions.



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Decisions





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Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda:

Agenda

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article (12) (Functions of the General Secretariat), paragraph (a) of the Federation's Charter;
- Pursuant to Article (21), paragraph (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation's Executive Council;
- Having examined the Draft Agenda of its 23rd session, as contained in Document 1.1; and
- Based on the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

- **Adopts** the Agenda of the current 23rd session as contained in Document 1.1 (adopted).



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Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:

Programme

The Executive Council,

- Considering Decision 1.1, adopted by the Executive Council regarding the Agenda of its current 23rd session;
- Having examined the Draft Programme as contained in Document 1.2; and
- Based on the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

- **Adopts** the Programme of its current 23rd session as contained in Document 1.2 (adopted).



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

General Report on the Activities of the FUIW General Secretariat between the 22nd and 23rd Sessions of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article (12) (Functions of the General Secretariat), paragraph (a) of the Federation's Charter;
- Pursuant to Article (21), paragraph (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation's Executive Council;
- Having listened to the presentation of the Federation's Secretary General; and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the suggestions and observations of the Executive Council members,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the General Report on the Activities of the FUIW General Secretariat between the 22nd and 23rd Sessions of the Executive Council, as contained in Document (E.C.23/2020/2.1), taking into consideration the observations of the Council members;
- 2. Invites** the Secretary General to pursue his efforts aimed at expanding the scope of cooperation and partnership with Member Universities, similar federations, Islamic and international specialized organizations, and scientific research institutions in the fields of common interest; and sustain the implementation of the FUIW academic projects;
- 3. Urges** Member Universities to provide further financial support and technical assistance to the FUIW General Secretariat in order to promote the Federation's activities and improve its programmes' implementation;



4. **Thanks** the Member Universities that paid their subscription fees, and **urges** the other universities with arrears to settle their contributions;
5. **Suggests** raising the fees of membership to the Federation from US\$3000 to US\$5000,
6. **Mandates** the Secretary General of the Federation to develop a new strategic vision to develop the Federation and transmit it to the Chairman of the Executive Council and its Members to express their opinions thereon prior to submitting it to the next session of the General Conference of the Federation for adoption.
7. **Thanks** the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) for the facilitations and services it provides for the implementation of the Federation's activities.



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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

Report on the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) over the period 1987-2019 and its future prospects

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article (12) (Functions of the General Secretariat), paragraph (a) of the Federation's Charter;
- Pursuant to Article (21), paragraph (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation's Executive Council;
- Having listened to the presentation of the Federation's Secretary General; and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the suggestions and observations of the Executive Council members,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the Report on the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) over the period 1987-2019 and its future prospects, as contained in Document 2.2, taking into consideration the observations of the Council members;
- 2. Mandates** the Secretary General of the Federation to take the necessary legal, technical and administrative measures to implement the contents of the Document; and commissions him to prepare a new vision for the Federation in order to develop and renew the Federation's working mechanisms, expand its areas of interest and define its future roles to contribute to developing the sector of higher education and scientific research in the Islamic world



3. **Approves** the proposal of the Secretary General of the Federation to admit the membership of universities renowned for expertise and international reputation outside the Islamic world;
4. **Suggests** that every university of the Federation grant 10 full scholarships to students that the Federation shall nominate;
5. **Approves** the organization of the Federation's General Conference once every four (4) years as was decided for ICESCO;
6. **Approves** the establishment of a fund for supporting the Federation' activities;
7. **Thanks** the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) for the services it provides for the Federation.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

Relocation of the headquarters of the Federation

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article 12 (Functions of the General Secretariat), paragraph (a) of the Federation's Charter;
- Having listened to the report presented by the Secretary General on the situation of the FUIW over the period 1987-2019 and its future prospects;
- Based on the proposals included in this report with a view to developing the Federation; and,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the suggestions and observations of the Executive Council members,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Mandates** the Secretary General of the FUIW to undertake the necessary communications and consultations with the competent parties in the Islamic world in order to host the permanent headquarters of the Federation and set conditions thereof, inform the chairman and the members of the Executive Council about the outcomes of such communications, and submit a report thereon to the coming General Conference of the Federation to take the appropriate decision thereon;
- 2. Stresses** the importance of the relationship between the Federation and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) which shall continue to be in charge of its General Secretariat wherever it is headquartered;
- 3. Commissions** the Secretary General to prepare a new strategic vision for the Federation, revise its Charter, internal and financial regulations, submit such draft amendments to the members of the Executive Council and to the coming session of the General Conference.



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Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:

Examination of membership applications submitted by universities

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article (11-C), paragraph (4) of the Federation's Charter;
- Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph (I) of the FUIW Executive Council's Rules of Procedure;
- Having examined Document 3.2;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the suggestions and observations of the Executive Council members,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Approves** the membership of the following universities in the Federation in accordance with the attached list;
 - University of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates;
 - Al-Kunooze University College; Republic of Iraq;
 - Bolgar Islamic Academy, Russian Federation.
- 2- Agrees** to submit this document to the General Conference with a recommendation for approval.



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Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

Date and Venue for the 24th Session of the Federation's Executive Council

The Executive Council,

- Pursuant to Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation's Executive Council, whereby the Council determines the date and venue of the following session; and,
- Considering the deliberations of the Council thereon;

Decides as follows:

- 1- Mandates** the Secretary General of the Federation to undertake the necessary contacts with FUIW Member Universities to host the 24th session of the Executive Council in the first quarter of 2021. In the event no university offers to host it, it shall be held at ICESCO headquarters and the general Secretariat in Rabat.