OIC-15 Dialogue Platform Meeting Declaration
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We, the Ministers/Representatives of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation-15 (OIC-15) Dialogue Platform, convened at the 2nd Meeting in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on the 18th and 19th of May 2025, appreciate the proposal by IR Iran on artificial intelligence as the central topic of our meeting in Tehran, following the agreed initiative of the 1st Ministerial Meeting in Almaty, preparing OIC member states for the Fourth Industrial Revolution by harnessing artificial intelligence.

We reiterate our commitment to implement the decisions of the meetings leading up to the Almaty Ministerial Meeting on May 25-26, 2023, including the crucial decision of establishing and activating the Technical Committees.

We reaffirm our collective commitment to advancing Trustworthy and Ethical Artificial Intelligence as a transformative force for sustainable development, economic prosperity, societal progress, scientific and technological innovation, and inclusive growth within our organization.

Acknowledging AI's pivotal role in reshaping global economies, improving governance, and addressing pressing societal challenges, we recognize the imperative for greater collaboration among OIC-15 Member States in education, research, technology, and the voluntary sharing of data, computing, and human resources. We further emphasize that these collective efforts are essential for improving the global AI index rankings and ensuring AI's transformative potential is fully harnessed for our nation's sustainable development and prosperity.

1. Advancing AI Education for Society and Workforce Development

- We acknowledge that AI may deepen the so-called socio-economic divides. Bearing this in mind, the OIC-15 member states have a fundamental responsibility to raise awareness of the features of an AI-driven society without exaggerating its challenges and opportunities. This awareness should be carried out through the support of civil society, academia, industry, and other relevant stakeholders at different levels to provide a realistic picture of AI's role in the world that potentially makes people and governments better prepared for future opportunities and challenges of AI.

- We pledge to enhance cooperation in AI education and workforce development by establishing comprehensive cross-border educational initiatives, collaborative research programs, and professional exchange platforms. These initiatives will equip our populations with critical skills toward an AI-driven economic growth in an increasingly AI-driven global economy.

- We will collectively expand AI-focused academic programs, including AI-specialized university degrees, interdisciplinary AI applications in various fields, and AI-driven research centers of excellence. We will also scale up AI-focused MOOCs, vocational training, and professional development opportunities across the OIC-15 Member States, thereby fostering a skilled workforce capable of addressing the diverse needs of our economies and societies.

- Recognizing the importance of inclusivity, we commit to advancing AI literacy across all levels of education, ensuring equitable access to knowledge and opportunities for

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innovation. Special emphasis will be placed on promoting AI education for women and vulnerable groups from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to bridge the digital divide and foster inclusive growth.

- To strengthen workforce readiness, we will collaborate with industries, startups, and government agencies to establish AI talent incubation programs, mentorship networks, and internship opportunities that bridge the gap between education and employment in the AI sector.

2. Driving Collaborative Research and Innovation

- We resolve to promote and support collaborative AI research and technological innovation across our Member States, focusing on addressing shared challenges such as healthcare, agriculture, climate change, energy, disaster resilience, smart cities, and cybersecurity. By leveraging AI's potential in these critical areas, we aim to drive sustainable development and improve the well-being of our populations.

- We will establish a network of AI research centers and innovation hubs to serve as platforms for knowledge exchange, joint research, and AI solutions tailored to the unique needs of OIC-15 Member States. We aim to position our Member States at the forefront of AI research and innovation through strategic partnerships with academic institutions, industry leaders, and international research organizations. We will actively support joint AI research grants, fellowships, and technology incubation programs to foster a culture of scientific excellence and technological leadership.

- We are committed to enhancing open-access AI research and knowledge-sharing frameworks, ensuring that AI advancements are accessible to researchers, policymakers, and entrepreneurs across the OIC-15. This includes special emphasis on multilingual AI models, AI for low-resource settings, and culturally relevant AI applications that reflect the diversity of our Member States.

- To accelerate AI-driven economic growth, we will encourage venture capital investments, AI startup accelerators, and public-private partnerships that translate research into commercially viable AI applications, fostering a dynamic AI innovation ecosystem across OIC-15 nations.

3. Promoting Technology Transfer and Exchange of Knowledge and Best Practices

- We acknowledge the necessity of greater collaboration in transferring AI technologies and sharing best practices among OIC-15 Member States. To this end, we commit to establishing structured mechanisms such as technology sharing frameworks and open access knowledge platforms that facilitate access to cutting-edge AI tools, resources, and expertise.

- These initiatives will seek to bridge the digital divide, ensuring that all Member States, regardless of their current level of technological development, can efficiently adopt, integrate, and scale AI within their governance systems, industries, and societies.

- Special emphasis will be placed on fostering equitable and inclusive AI adoption, with targeted support for low-resource nations, emerging AI ecosystems, and vulnerable

groups. We will promote AI solutions that address socio-economic disparities and enhance digital inclusion across all sectors.

- To accelerate responsible AI deployment, we will facilitate partnerships between governments, academic institutions, industry leaders, and startups to encourage co-creation and adaptation of AI-driven solutions tailored to local and regional needs.

- We recognize the importance of ethical and secure AI practices in technology transfer. We ensure that AI innovations align with global best practices in safety, transparency, and accountability while respecting cultural and ethical values.

- AI4Science will be one of the main pillars of the initiative to foster the integration of AI tools and technologies into science education, science promotion, and scientific development.

- We will endeavour to facilitate and establish the effective mechanisms/entities to ascertain support and achievements for the benefit of the member states.

4. Optimizing AI Infrastructure and Talent Mobility

- We recognize the urgent need to enhance the accessibility of high-performance computing resources (HPC and GPU-Farms) and AI talent across our Member States. To this end, we commit to establishing collaborative platforms and regional AI supercomputing hubs that will enable the voluntary sharing of computational infrastructure, cloud-based services, and AI expertise. These efforts will empower researchers, startups, and public institutions to leverage advanced AI capabilities without infrastructure limitations.

- To support the accelerated development and deployment of AI technologies, we will create and promote talent exchange programs, research fellowships, and internship opportunities that facilitate the movement of skilled professionals, researchers, and students within the OIC-15 region.

- We will advocate for developing AI-ready digital infrastructure, ensuring all Member States can access secure, scalable, and sustainable AI computing resources. This includes fostering public-private partnerships to invest in sovereign AI cloud solutions, edge computing, and energy-efficient AI infrastructure tailored to regional needs.

- To bridge the AI talent gap, we will support initiatives that up-skill and re-skill professionals in key AI domains, including machine learning, robotics, AI ethics, and AI for industry-specific applications. These programs will be designed to align with global AI workforce standards and ensure that OIC-15 nations remain competitive in the international AI landscape.

- Recognizing the importance of data accessibility for AI innovation, we will work toward harmonized policies for open and secure AI data governance and sharing mechanisms among Member States. This will include developing data governance frameworks that allow collaboration while maintaining national data privacy and security.

- Harnessing the power of Generative-AI tools to re-educate the human capital and reshape the talent pool according to the necessities of newly emerging AI technologies.

5. Strengthening Safe, Ethical, and Trustworthy AI Governance

- We emphasize the importance of establishing robust AI governance frameworks that promote ethical and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI technologies to address the significant challenges faced by our Member States. We are committed to ensuring that AI systems within our Member States are aligned with the principles of reliability, explainability, transparency, accountability, fairness, and inclusivity.

- Our collective efforts will also focus on harmonizing national AI policies with international standards on data privacy, security, and AI ethics, ensuring that the deployment of AI technologies benefits our societies in a responsible, sustainable, and human-centric manner.

- To strengthen accountability, we will establish clear regulatory guidelines and compliance mechanisms that hold organizations accountable for the ethical use of AI technologies, including implementing audits and impact assessments for AI systems.

- Recognizing AI's dynamic nature, we will prioritize continuously monitoring and evaluating AI governance frameworks to adapt to emerging technologies, ethical considerations, and societal needs.

- To enhance capacity building, we will promote educational initiatives to equip policymakers, industry leaders, and the general public with the knowledge and skills to understand and navigate AI technologies and their implications for society.

- We commit to sharing the best practices and lessons learned among the OIC-15 Member States to strengthen our collective governance frameworks and ensure that our approach to AI is coherent, effective, and aligned with global efforts to promote ethical AI.

6. Encouraging Public-Private Partnerships for AI Development

- We recognize the critical role of the private sector in driving innovation and scaling AI solutions. Accordingly, we pledge to facilitate the development of stronger public-private partnerships that will accelerate AI adoption, foster entrepreneurship, and stimulate the growth of AI-based industries within our region.

- We will work together to encourage investment in AI infrastructure, research, and development by creating a supportive environment for AI startups, research institutions, and technology companies.

- To strengthen collaboration, we will establish dedicated platforms for dialogue between public institutions and private enterprises. These platforms will foster a shared vision for AI development that aligns with national priorities and societal needs. They will also facilitate regular stakeholder meetings, workshops, and innovation forums to encourage knowledge exchange and collaboration.

7. Enhancing Global AI Competitiveness of OIC-15 Nations

- In line with the well-known global AI indices, we commit to taking coordinated action to improve OIC-15 Member States' AI readiness and governance frameworks. This will involve strengthening data collection and governance mechanisms, enhancing digital

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infrastructure, and increasing governments' capacity to adopt and integrate AI into public service delivery.

- Recognizing that AI readiness encompasses multiple dimensions, we will also focus on enhancing our performance in areas such as talent development, research output, and industry collaboration. We aim to create an environment conducive to sustainable AI growth and innovation by fostering a holistic approach.

- A detailed action plan will be developed to guide our collective efforts in improving our global ranking on various AI indices. Specific targets will enhance AI policy frameworks, regulatory environments, and AI-related infrastructure. This plan will include benchmarking our progress against best practices from leading AI nations and identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure our advancements.

- We will prioritize establishing cross-border collaborations and partnerships with global tech companies, research institutions, and other stakeholders to share knowledge, resources, and expertise that can drive AI competitiveness in the OIC-15 region.

- We will implement a mechanism for continuous assessment and feedback on our progress toward improving our global AI competitiveness, ensuring that our strategies remain responsive to emerging trends and challenges in the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

Conclusion

As we look to the future, we acknowledge that Trustworthy and Ethical Artificial Intelligence represents both a profound opportunity and a shared responsibility for the OIC-15 Member States. Through enhanced collaboration, knowledge sharing, and resource pooling, we are confident that our nations can realize AI's full potential to promote economic prosperity, social equity, and sustainable development.

We reaffirm our commitment to positioning the OIC-15 as a global leader in AI governance, innovation, and responsible development. We call upon all OIC-15 Member States to join in this collective effort and advance toward a future in which Artificial Intelligence benefits all people and all nations equally. We will endeavour to facilitate and establish the effective mechanism to ascertain support for the collective benefit of the member states.

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