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Programme for the Celebration of Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development



1- Introduction:

ISESCO drafted this document as part of the follow-up to the relevant Decision of the 4th Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, held in Rabat, at ISESCO headquarters, on 9-10 May 2017, which mandated ISESCO to draw up a Programme for Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

This festivity will be an opportunity to show the progress made regarding the best environmental practices in the Islamic world and acknowledge Member States' efforts and commitments to environment protection.

Having the set role of raising environmental awareness in the Islamic world, this celebration will be an opportunity to draw the attention of Member States to the issues of the environment and sustainable development. In this connection, intense discussions will revolve around the themes related to the environment and address key issues pertaining to the protection of the environment and its consequences on the quality of life of populations and the preservation of our planet. It will also provide an opportunity to conjugate the efforts of the Islamic world to provide a more promising and greener future for the future generations.

2- Broad lines of the programme of the celebration of the Islamic capitals of the environment and sustainable development

The selection of the Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development will take place biennially in accordance with the criteria specified below. Every two years, a list of three Islamic capitals will be adopted throughout the period 2018-2028. The three capitals will represent the Arab, Asian and African regions, respectively. The nomination will be adopted and announced simultaneously with the Green City Prize, which is the 5th component of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World (KSAAEM) and with the convening of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers.

To this end, intensive activities and colloquia will be organized during the year of celebration to address key environmental issues and foster the commitment of Islamic countries to sustainable development. The necessary preparatory arrangements for this event will be discussed in detail in this section.

2-1 Selection criteria of the Islamic capitals of the environment and sustainable development:

Each Member State will nominate, through its National Commission and its Ministry of the Environment, a city for selection as "the Islamic Capital of the Environment and Sustainable Development". This nomination will be accompanied and supported by the provision of a nomination dossier containing the following documents:

- A report (20 pages) describing the achievements and efforts made by this city to preserve the environment and promote sustainable development. This report must address the following topics:
 - Management and recirculation of water and waste water;
 - Waste management and recycling;
 - Climate change, mitigation and adaptation;
 - Nature and biodiversity preservation;
 - Energy saving and renewable energy;
 - Land sustainable management;
 - Air quality and acoustic environment;
 - Sustainable green building;
 - Clean and smart transportation.
- A description (detailed according to a specific outline) of future actions whereby the city plans to improve the current state of the environment.
- A detailed programme of the celebration of this event.

Any candidacy that receives a score below 50 points will not be selected. A list of cities will be set chronologically based on the score that will be awarded to each city.

Selection criteria	Score
Report describing the achievements and efforts made by this city to preserve the environment and promote sustainable development	30 points
Description of the future actions whereby the city plans to improve the current state of the environment	30 points
A detailed programme of the celebration of this event.	40 points

The cities nominated for the Green City Prize as part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World (KSAAEM), are highly encouraged to submit their candidacy to be selected as the Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Their candidacies will be prioritized in the selection.

2-2 ISESCO's Contribution to the programme of the celebration of the Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development:

In order to support the relevant actions of the Member States whose cities will have been selected as Islamic Capitals of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and contribute to the festivities related to this event, ISESCO will organize a series of activities, colloquia, training workshops,

fairs and sensitization activities on the environment and sustainable development. ISESCO may also take part in the programme of the celebration with other activities which will be part of a prior agreement between the Organization and the parties concerned in the Member States.

2-3 Measures to be taken by the different parties:

In order to ensure a successful organization of this festivity, there are two key preparatory steps to be taken: one before the year of celebration and another during the said year. For each step, there are necessary arrangements to be undertaken for the preparation of the event.

2.3-1 Arrangements to undertake before the year of celebration

In cooperation with ISESCO, the State whose nominated city is selected as the Islamic Capital of the Environment and Sustainable Development will be requested to make the following arrangements:

- 1- Create a supreme committee for the celebration of the Islamic Capital of the Environment and Sustainable Development;
- 2- Appoint the Bureau of the supreme committee and sub-committees and determine their respective mandates;
- 3- Designate the national coordinator of the celebration and of the focal point with ISESCO General Directorate;
- 4- Design the logo of the celebration, in coordination with ISESCO;
- 5- Prepare a complete set of advertising materials of the celebration (leaflets, badges, banners, videos, etc);
- 6- Prepare an introductory academic material on the Capital to ensure its media reach and publication on ISESCO website and other websites dedicated to the celebrations;
- 7- Draw up a national programme of the activities scheduled for the celebration and ensure the follow-up of its implementation;
- 8- Set the official launch date of the celebration, in coordination with ISESCO;
- 9- Set the official closing date of the celebration, in coordination with ISESCO.

For its part, ISESCO will make sure to:

- 1- Contribute to the preparations relating to the official opening and closing ceremonies of the celebration;
- 2- Ensure the coordination, follow-up and counsel on the celebration's implementation steps to guarantee the success of the event ;
- 3- Develop, in coordination with the supreme committee for the celebration, a programme of scientific, educational and communicative activities to contribute to the celebration.

2.3-2 Arrangements to undertake throughout the celebration year

Throughout the celebration year, the activities must be carried out in an intensive and balanced manner. However, in order to keep abreast of the annual international and national events

relating to the theme of the environment, particularly the World Environment Day, Tree Day, Earth Day, World Forest Day, and others, activities may be implemented throughout the year on the occasion of these events.

The celebration programme may include the following activities:

- Holding conferences and colloquia under themes related to the preservation of the biosphere, climate change and sustainable development;
- Organizing exhibitions of books, manuscripts, documents and posters;
- Organizing sensitization campaigns and educational activities or field trips for students, in collaboration with schools in order to sensitize the future generations to the protection of the planet.
- Designing billboards advertising the event and the activities to be held;
- Organizing a painting contest for students on one of the themes related to environment protection and sustainable development;
- Organizing an exhibition of painting, wood art and recycled items;
- Screening movies and organizing musical concerts on the theme of the environment;
- Organizing visits to natural parks and reserves and to key infrastructure projects for the protection of the environment, for the benefit of the participants;
- Organizing information and open days in several institutions operating in the field of applied research on themes related to the environment and sustainable development;
- Organizing a contest for young creators of the Islamic Capital of the Environment and Sustainable Development in the field of research and scientific production. This contest will be an opportunity to pay tribute to key figures of the city who will be recognized for their contributions in this field;
- Organizing a contest for the best community work in the environmental field in order to encourage civil society and environmental associations to exert more efforts and reward the associations most active in this field.

It is worth noting that these activities are given as examples. Each Capital of the Environment and Sustainable Development may prepare and suggest its own programme, tailored to its vision and priorities in this field.