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The Secretariat of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and has the honor to inform of the following.

Within the Fourth General Assembly meeting of the IOFS held on 8-9 September 2021 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, OIC member states adopted the IOFS Strategic Vision 2031 that included the implementation of 16 programs in the long-term perspective, one of which is “OIC Food System Talent Development”. In the implementation of this Program, the IOFS pays the significant attention to the development of human capital for sustainable food security, supporting smallholder farmers through extension, strengthening the role of universities, raising awareness on food and nutrition security from the early ages among member states of OIC.

Following this commitment, the IOFS Secretariat in cooperation with the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) plans to organize an OIC Food Security Education Forum in May 2022 in Dubai, UAE, in cooperation with OIC Institutions, international organizations and agricultural universities of member states. The Concept Note of conducting the Forum is attached.

Considering the high importance of attending this activity by agricultural universities and government officials (responsible for mainstreaming the component of food security and agriculture in the education system) in OIC member countries, the IOFS kindly requests the Embassy to help identifying the list of universities, colleges or faculties that provide education in the domain of food security and agriculture, as well as nominating the focal points from these institutions (*full name, email, mobile*).

The IOFS focal point on this subject is Mr. Bakytzhan Arystanbek, Program Manager, +77018812532, b.arystanbek@iofs.org.kz.

The Secretariat of the Islamic Organization for Food Security avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Annex: Concept Note – 10 pages.



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To: Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia