

The 4th Conference on Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries

26-27 November 2013, Mashhad- the Islamic Republic of Iran

1- The "4th Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries" was held on 26-27 November 2013, Mashhad, the I. R. of Iran. The meeting was hosted by the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA), Mashhad, Razavi Hospital in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Medical Council of the I.R. Iran, Organization of Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA).

2- More than 300 Participants from the following countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen attended the meeting. Also representatives from the following International and regional organizations attended the Meeting: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), United Nations Resident Coordinator in Iran, United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

3- The Inaugural Session of the Conference was held in the morning of 26 November 2013. The following invited speakers made statements:

1. Dr Mohammad Reza Karbasi, Director General of the Islamic Chamber at the ICCIMA, Chairperson of the Meeting,
2. Dr. Saeed Abdolhosseini, Managing Director of the Razavi Hospital, Mashhad,
3. Mr. Gary Lewis, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Representative in the Islamic Republic of Iran,
4. Mr. sekindi, Representative of the OIC Secretary General,
5. Dr. Niknam, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
6. Dr. Alireza Zali, Head of the Medical Council Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
7. H.E. Dr. Mohammad Ali Najafi, Vice-President and Head of the Iran Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization.

4- The Meeting elected Dr. Karbasi, Director General of the Islamic Chamber at the ICCIMA, as the Chairperson of the Conference.

5- The Meeting adopted its Agenda as follows:

1- Opening of the Conference

2- Election of the officers

3-Promotion of Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries

a) Panel I: Development of Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries

b) Panel II: Wellness Tourism in the Islamic countries

c) Panel III: Finance, Investment and Infrastructure in Health Tourism

d) Panel IV: Healthcare Accreditation and Initiatives

e) Panel V: Health Tourism Development; Best Practices and Lessons learned

4-Expert Committee Meeting on Accreditation and Insurance

5-Adoption of the final resolution and report of the meeting

6-Closure of the Conference

6- The Meeting also adopted its Programme of Work. In accordance with the Programme of Work, the Meeting decided to organize its work around 5 Panels. The Panels chaired by a Moderator and a number of Panelists.

7- The participants at the 4th Conference on Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries from the participating countries and international and regional organizations expressed their sincere appreciation to the People and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for extending their warm hospitality during their stay in Mashhad.

8- The participants also warmly thanked the Astan Quds Razavi and in particular Ayatollah Vaez Tabassi, the Custodian of the Astan Quds Razavi, Razavi Hospital of Mashhad as well as the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Iran for their excellent arrangements and generous hospitality.

9- The Conference was declared closed in the afternoon of 27 November 2013.