

## A brief Proposal for launching a digital platform

### "Developmental Impact Observatory for IsDB Scholarship Programmes – DIOISP"



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Monitoring developmental impact for IsDB scholars and presenting their views

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#### **Introduction**

In line with the Five-Year Programme of the president of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) which is drawn from the Bank's Ten-Year Strategic Framework and represents the transformative vision of the IsDB's president, Scholarships will launch an online "Developmental Impact Observatory for IsDB Scholarship Programmes – DIOISP" with the motto (Presenting IsDB scholar views and monitoring their developmental impact).

DIOISP will be a direct translation for some of the key pillars of the IsDB president Five-Year Programme that used to deal with challenges facing IsDB member countries, namely, awareness, linkage, partnerships and delivery.

DIOISP as a digital platform is an effective low-cost digital communication tool that will increase IsDB visibility, strengthen relationships with key stakeholders and facilitate partnerships with universities and education institutions at national, regional and international levels.

#### **ODIIS Rational**

At present, the scholarship programmes has been focusing on awarding the scholarships and measuring its impact by the number of scholars selected-graduated and number of countries and institutions benefited.

However, measuring the programme impact by following the graduated IsDB scholars to know whereabouts and their utilization is not the right way to follow.

The professional, scientific, economic and community impact of the IsDB scholarships programmes should be measured by assessing the research work which IsDB scholars have done during their IsDB fellowship and how we can transform this research work into viable development projects as well as detecting its impact on achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).

**To fill this gap, DIOISP** will focus at monitoring IsDB scholars' research work during their studies and after their graduation and returning to their home countries in order to detect the impact of their scientific research and professional development on economic and community development on their home countries as well as IsDB member countries and beyond.

**DIOISP** will also facilitate making use of IsDB graduates in industrial, higher education, and technological sectors as well as providing scientific consultancy to IsDB member countries.

## **Proposed structure and contents**

**DIOISP** will monitor IsDB scholar's development impact and publish e-bulletin to document scholars' views and impact as well as activities of IsDB scholarships programmes.

### **(1) DIOISP digital platform :**

Among other things, **DIOISP** website will use innovative means to monitor scholars development impact and trace them to know where they are as well as what they are doing?. These means including the following:

- **Scholars Alumni profiles**  
Featuring development impact of IsDB graduates at scientific, professional, economic & community level in local and global context.
- **Consultancy Database**  
This database will document IsDB scholars research work and projects as well as their biographies.  
Building a strong pool of experts in various scientific and technological fields from IsDB scholars who are highly trained and talented professionals as well as eminent scientists, engineers and technologists to facilitate making use of them in industrial, higher education, and technological and scientific sectors as well as providing consultancy to companies in IDB member countries.  
This demonstrates a practical mean of IsDB's help for its member countries through preparing scientific workforces needed for development
- **Online TV channel for scholars** documenting their research work and impact.
- **Virtual poster exhibition of scholars research work** for knowledge transfer
- **Virtual exhibitions for demonstrating the results of IsDB graduates projects** and ideas as well as presenting models that could be transformed into products and process by investors and private sector with the aim for promoting industrial development in IsDB member countries.
- **Digital world map for IsDB scholars**  
Tracing and locating IsDB graduates along with their positions in IsDB member countries and beyond
- **Digital guide of Community service for IsDB graduates**  
Presenting activities of IsDB as agents for socio-economic change in their societies through contributing and commitment for creating positive social change and improving the lives of others.

Combining higher education with community engagement equips students to be agents of socio-economic change. Through their education, IsDB graduates learn to think critically, grow social capital, and raise the resources their communities need to develop and progress.

Thus, this digital guide will encourage IsDB graduates to volunteer and apply their knowledge in their communities. In what is known as 'service learning' IsDB scholars could formally volunteer, do self-organized community work, set up community-based protection projects, actively participate in projects run by IsDB or partners, or work.

## (2) **The DIOISP outreaching arm**

A new e-bulletin to be called (**IsDB scholars development impact**) will be prepared to act as **DIOISP** outreaching arm .

**The e-bulletin of IsDB scholars development impact (ISDI)** will focus on the followings:

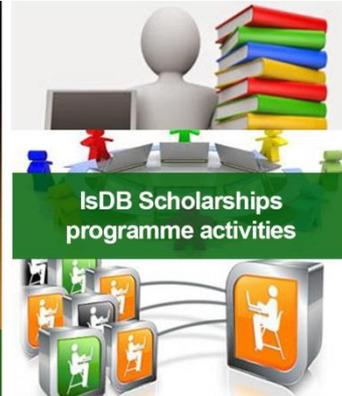
- Enhancing the outcome of IsDB scholarship programmes through outlining IsDB scholarship division's efforts in increasing the efficiency and developmental impact of the scholarships programmes
- Highlighting success stories and research achievements of IsDB graduates as well as presenting their views on the scholarships programmes and its impact on their professional life.

Among other things, the e-bulletin of IsDB scholars development impact (ISDI) will include the following sections:

- **Foreword**  
Messages and short introductory from President, VPs, Senior Advisor to the President for STI, Director of STI , Manager of scholarships division.....etc.
- **IsDB Scholarships programmes activities**
  - Scholarships Division staff
  - Scholarship Team Missions
  - Scholarships meetings and events including committees meetings
  - New development (Partnerships, IsDB and Scholarship Division's efforts in increasing female participation , re-designing scholarship programmes in line with SDGs....etc)
  - Scholarship Initiatives update
- **Activities for IsDB scholars**
  - Technological innovation for IsDB sustainable development
  - Scientific activities (conferences, workshops, published articles in journals)
  - Community development activities
  - Recognitions (Academic or professional awards)
- **Feature stories for IsDB scholars including females**
  - How IsDB Scholarship Programme changed the lives of students, graduates and their families as well as their communities.
- **Interviews of IsDB scholars**
- **Views from IsDB scholars / beneficiaries and partners.**
- **Professional & study Opportunities.** Examples : Call announcements for IsDB joint fellowship programmes
- **Quick links to IsDB academic community news headlines**



Foreword



IsDB Scholarships  
programme activities



Activities for IsDB scholars



Feature stories for IsDB scholars



Interviews of IsDB scholars



Views from IsDB scholars  
beneficiaries / partners



News & events



Professional & study Opportunities

## Action plan

The **DIOISP** and its outreaching arm called e-bulletin (IsDB scholars development impact ) will be produced through the following stages:

- Collection information from IsDB scholars and graduates along with scholarship division. .
- Analyzing and editing the information to select the suitable ones
- Preparing an electronic layout for a website for ODIIS followed by selecting domain name and hosting for the digital platform.
- Preparing an electronic layout for the ODIIS outreaching arm - e-bulletin (IsDB scholars development impact) . A schematic presentation for the content of the e-bulletin is shown.
- Launching the newsletter quarterly then bi-monthly with the hope to become monthly newsletter. . The first issue is expected to be launched by October.