



*Organization of Islamic Cooperation
Islamic University in Niger*

**TEN-YEAR PLAN OF WORK FOR THE ISLAMIC
UNIVERSITY IN NIGER**

2015 – 2025

(SUMMARY)

In the name of Allāh, Most gracious, Most Merciful.

A- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY (BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND)

The Islamic University in Niger is a Higher Education Institution affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It was created in 1974 corresponding to 1397 AH following recommendations at 2nd Islamic Summit of Kings and Heads of States and Governments held at Lahore (Pakistan) in February 1974.

It started activities in November 1986 corresponding to 1407 AH.

Objectives of the University

The Islamic University in Niger aims at:

- a) Contributing to strengthen the Islamic identity through the study of Islamic and Arabic heritage; enriching the way of life of Muslims in all of its civilization aspects with a view to serving society.
- b) Enabling the students to acquire science and technology in order to utilize their knowledge for the benefit of the Islamic society.
- c) In the framework of its programmes, applying the philosophy of Islamic solidarity through academic research; attaching Importance to social problems in conformity with the Islamic thought, thus responding to the needs of the environment.
- d) Providing teaching and Higher Education in all diverse fields of science and knowledge, with on ideal formework and necessary means.
- e) Playing a particular attention to Islamic studies, research, and spread of the Arabic language within the peoples of the region.

B- TEACHING SYSTEM

The Board of Trustees, during its 22nd session (- 4 Feb. 2010), has set up an acting, advisory, academic committee having as Chairman Cheick Abderrhamane Ibn Ali Al Djarwane.

The committee was trusted with fostering the efforts made by the University on the academic level. It hold its meetings at the ISESCO'S Headquarters in Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco). After several working meetings in collaboration with the Experts from ISESCO and the University of Sharjah, the advisory, academic committee presented the outcome of their work at the 23rd session of the Board of Trustees (10 - 17 Feb. 2011). The Board of Trustees availed itself of the opportunity to express its gratitude to the Committee and adopted, at the same time, the University new teaching system.

The Board of Trustees also asked the Committee to carry on working and to confirm the other articles of the University statutes without referring to the Board of Trustees.

After several meetings held by the advisory academic Committee at Rabat (Morocco) and Niamey (Niger), the Board of Trustees adopted the new statutes of the University during its 25th session in January 2013.

C. THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The University has got over 1,500 male and female students coming from more than fifteen (15) African countries.

It has two (2) campuses: one is located in the region of Say at more than 50 km away from Niamey the capital of Niger, the second campus is in Niamey, the Capital city.

The majority of the students receive scholarships from the University, certain Islamic institutions and charitable foundations or from certain benefactors.

The students enrolled in the scientific faculties do not receive any grants. They pay fees for their training in these faculties.

D. NUMBER OF FACULTIES

The Islamic University in Niger has four (4) faculties.

1) Faculty of Sharia and Law:

It disposes of one section in Niamey for female students and also has two academic departments: the department of jurisprudence and its foundations and that of the foundations of the religion.

2) Faculty of Arabic Language and Arts:

It has a branch in Niamey for female students. It has got only one department: the department of Arabic Language and Literature.

3) Faculty of Economics and Administration:

It is located at Niamey and has two (2) departments: the department of General Administration and the department of Accountancy Science.

4) Faculty of Science and Technology:

Located at Niamey, it has only one department, that of computer science.

It is worth mentioning that the medium of teaching is French in the scientific faculties (Economics, Science and Agronomy).

We should also mention that one third (1/3) of the training in these faculties is devoted to Arabic language and Islamic culture.

From 1989 – 1990 session to 2013 – 2014 session the total number male and female of graduates from these academic institutions reaches 3,631, as shown in the following table:

Male students	Female students	Total
3173	458	3631

E. THE NECESSITY OF A TEN-YEAR PLAN OF WORK FOR THE UNIVERSITY

The success of any action undoubtedly requires setting up a mechanism able to put into practice the objectives assigned to this action. The plan work is the core in the process of happy issue and success of any action.

His Excellency the Secretary General of OIC, Mr Lyard Madani visited the University in November 2013. During a working session in the presence of Deans of Faculties, heads of departments and representatives of the teaching staff, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed the need of setting up a Ten-year plan of work at the University giving and dwelling on priorities and necessities so as to allow the OIC to place adequate means at the University's disposal to carry out the plan, which should cover a period of ten years.

His Excellency the President of the Board of trustees and certain members of the Board expressed the absolute necessity of setting up a programme converging a whole decade in order to limit the university welcoming capacity during this period of time and take an interest in the new proposed training programmes. The University has worked for a whole academic year to complete the " quality supporting programme".

It is an internal process of assessing all ongoing programmes. The University Executive Council adopted the plan last year.

Thus the University Administration and teaching staff stated the first steps and adopted performance in all that is done.

This first stage has now resulted in a second stage namely a future vision based on a ten-year plan of work for the development of the University at academic level and the expansion of the University welcoming capacity.

F. ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT PRESENT IN 2014 – 2015 SESSION

1. Faculty of Sharia and Law in 2014 - 2015:

Academic departments:

- Department of the foundations of the Religion at Say
- Department of Jurisprudence and its Foundations at Say and a section at Niamey for female students.

In the Ten-year Plan of work, we have considered to open new academic department in this faculty. We can cite, among others: The department of Law, the department of theology and Contemporary sects, the department of Magistracy and Legislative policy, and department of the Da'wa.

We have also planned to open a section of Doctorate studies in Islamic studies.

You will find, in the Plan of work, the necessary required needs to carry out these projects.

2. Faculty of Arabic Language and Arts in 2014/2015 session:

Academic departments:

There is only one department:

- Department of Arabic Language and Literature with two sections:
 - Section of Arabic Language at Say
 - Section of Arabic Literature at Say for male students and at Niamey for female students

Among the academic projects in this faculty, it has been planned to change the sub-departments (section) in full department called: department of Arabic Language and department of Literature.

It is also planned to open a section of doctorate studies.

You will find, in the Plan of work, the necessary required needs to carry out these projects.

3. Faculty of Economics and Administration in 2014/2015 session:

Academic departments:

There are two (2) departments:

- The department of General Administration at Niamey
- The department of Accountancy at Niamey.

In the Plan of work we have provided for opening of several academic departments as the department of the Bank Administration, the department of the Management of Local Communities, the department of Marketing and International Trade, the department of Human resources, the department of Management of Societies, the department of Financial Audit.

It is also planned the opening of the cycle of Magister in general Administration and Accountancy Science and the creation of doctorate studies in General administration.

We will find, in the Plan of work the necessary required needs to carry out these projects.

4. Faculty of Science and Technology in 2014/2015 session:

Academic departments:

there is only one department:

- The department of computer science at Niamey

It is also planned to create the department of Electricity and electronics and the department of Networks and Telecommunications

5. Higher Education Institute of Pedagogy and Teachers' Training in 2014/2015 session:

Academic departments:

there are two departments in this Institute:

- Department of Islamic Studies at Say
- Department of Arabic Language at Say male students and at Niamey for female students.

This Institute will become a faculty of Pedagogy with three (3) academic departments:

Department of Education, the department of educative psychology , and the department of teaching methodology and programmes.

G. NEW ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS QUOTED IN THE TEN YEAR PLAN

N°	Academic years	Academic projects	Number of male and female students	
			Male students	Female students
1	2015/2016	Faculty of Agronomy (new)	40	00
2	2016/2017	Faculty of Agronomy (extension)	160	00
3	2017/2018	Faculty of Medical Sciences for female students (new)	00	150
4	2018/2019	Faculty of engineering with 2 academic departments: Department of civil Engineering Department of architecture engineering	150	20
		Faculty of Arts with two (2) academic departments and one center: Department of History and civilization Department of Geography African center for the manuscripts and heritage	200	100
5	2019/2020	Faculty of information at Niamey	50	20
6	2020/2021	Faculty of Languages and Translations with two (2) academic departments: Department of Languages Department of Translations	200	100
7	2023/2024	Faculty of medicine	100	50

H. SYNTHESIS OF THE WELCOMING CAPACITY AT THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGER UP TO 2025

I. ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT PRESENT AND THEIR ANNUAL GROWTH IN WELCOMING CAPACITY AS FAR AS 2025

N°	Academic institutions	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Faculty of Sharia and Law	694	700	850	1150	1400	1800	2100	2500	2900	3200	3500	4000
2	Faculty of Arabic Language and Arts	536	600	800	1050	1350	1700	2050	2400	2750	3100	3450	3800
3	Faculty of Economics and Administration	175	190	250	290	350	390	450	520	570	620	700	740
4	Faculty of Science and Technology	107	120	130	160	200	230	270	330	360	400	420	440
5	Higher Education Institute for Pedagogy and Teachers' Training	47	50	120	140	160	180	200	240	260	280	300	320
6	Higher Education Studies	-	62	-	90	-	30	60	-	30	60	30	-
-	TOTAL	1559	1722	2150	2880	3460	4330	5130	5990	6870	7660	8400	9300

II. NEW ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ANNUAL GROWTH IN WELCOMING CAPACITY UP TO 2025

N°	Academic institutions	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Faculty of Agronomy (Say)	40	160	180	200	210	220	240	250	270	300
2	Faculty of Medical studies (Niamey)	-	-	150	170	200	220	250	270	280	300
3	Faculty of Engineering (Niamey)	-	-	-	170	190	220	240	260	280	300
4	Faculty of Arts (Niamey et Say)	-	-	-	300	320	340	380	400	420	450
5	Faculty of Information (Niamey)	-	-	-	-	70	100	120	150	170	200
6	Faculty of Languages and Translations (Niamey et Say)	-	-	-	-	-	300	320	350	370	400
7	Faculty of Medicine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
-	TOTAL	40	160	330	840	990	1400	1550	1680	1790	2100

III. NUMBER OF FEMALE AND MALE STUDENTS IN THE NEW ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT PRESENT AND THEIR ANNUAL GROWTH IN WELCOMING CAPACITY UP TO 2025

2013- 2014	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025
1559	1722	2150	2880	3610	4570	5440	6420	7365	8210	8995	10110

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CHARGES FOR THE FIRST MID-TERM (2015 - 2020)

N°	INDICATIONS	UNITARY FINANCIAL COST	REQUIRED NUMBER	TOTAL
1	Construction of a students' hostel	792.735 US Dollars	19	15.061.965 US Dollars
2	Construction of a faculty	541.194 US Dollars	11	5.953.134 US Dollars
3	Construction of a specialized library	50.000 US Dollars	03	150.000 US Dollars
4	Construction of a lodging for one lecturer	24.392 US Dollars	04	97.568 US Dollars
5	Construction and equipment of a computer science room	100.000 US Dollars	04	400.000 US Dollars
6	necessary pedagogical and didactic materials	50.000 US Dollars	19	950.000 US Dollars
TOTAL				22.612.667 US Dollars

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CHARGES FOR THE SECOND MID-TERM (2021 - 2025)

N°	DESIGNATIONS	UNITARY FINANCIAL COST	REQUIRED NUMBER	TOTAL
1	Construction of a students' hostel	792.735 US Dollars	06	4.756.410 US Dollars
2	necessary pedagogical and didactic materials	50.000 US Dollars	05	250.000 US Dollars
TOTAL				5.006.410 US Dollars

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CHARGES FOR THE SECOND MID-TERM (2021 - 2025)

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CHARGES FOR THE FIRST MID-TERM (2015 - 2020)	22.612.667 US Dollars
GLOBAL FINANCIAL CHARGES FOR THE SECOND MID-TERM (2021 - 2025)	5.006.410 US Dollars
TOTAL	27.619.077 US Dollars

CONCLUSION

The President of the Board of Trustees approved of this Ten-year Plan of work. The University, therefore, is entirely disposed to carry it out to its end successfully on the academic level if the financial means required for its realization are available.

It is advisable to state right now that we did not mention the financial costs of the new infrastructures of the Faculties for female students at Niamey. In fact, a generous, anonymous benefactor undertook to finance the construction and the equipment of all the infrastructures that should be at the disposal of female students.

It is as well worth mentioning that the academic institutions at Say are too much requested by the newly enrolled students from the sub-region. We have already gone beyond the actual available capacity of these institutions.

In such situation, we cannot even make out the exact increase of the number of students in our institutions, unless we create more teaching infrastructures and students' hostels. We should recall that the existing academic institutions at Say have started to receive the first students' batch in 1986/1987 with only a capacity of 200 students. At present, we have got over 1,200 students on the campus at Say without building any more academic infrastructures namely lecture-rooms and students' hostels, except the existing old ones (since 1986)

As a conclusion, we say that the success of the implementation of this Ten-year Plan of Work depends on two conditions:

- 1) An annual financial support to the budget of the University in order to enable it to cope with the demands of the Plan according to its agreed financial costs.
- 2) Endowing the University with a special budget to create new infrastructures (Faculties, students' lodging, other pedagogical materials) to extend the present academic institutions and build new ones.

A support to the quality training system and performance at all levels, would be necessary to enable the University to achieve, up to 2025, the noble objectives assigned to it at its creation and become one of the best Universities in Africa with performing academic programmes and a professionalism meeting the expectations in training of students; these ones playing later on, important roles in West African region.

Allah is the Guarantor for any success

