Dear Sir/Madam

With this letter I am applying to the position for the Director General of Department of Science and Technology.

It will be a great honor and pleasure for me to have opportunity to work with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. I reviewed the document which explain the job description and other requirements and also take a look other related websites for this position. I would like to explain my background and skills for that in briefly.

As announced, I fulfil the important conditions;

·            I am forest engineer and was graduated from engineering department in the Karadeniz Technical University- <http://www.ktu.edu.tr/en> . Also, I got my master degree in Natural Science in the same university-<http://www.ktu.edu.tr/ins>.

·            Soon after, I got my second master degree in Public Management in the Public Administration Institute for Turkey and Middle East.( <http://www.todaie.edu.tr/index_en.php>)  In 2013, I attended the Senior Manager in Government Training Program at the Harvard University. <https://exed.hks.harvard.edu/Programs/smg/overview.aspx>

·            I have had 22 years’ experience in related profession as an Engineer, Departmental Manager, Head of Department, Chief of Cabinet of Minister, Deputy Director General. Currently, I am working with my government as a Deputy Director General of General Directorate of Combatting Desertification and Erosion.

·            As an international work experiences, I had worked Deputy Director General who were responsible Bureau of Foreign Affair since 2003. Additionally, I was participated numbers of international projects and committee as a president, chair and member as shown my curriculum vitae.

·            I have assigned as a President of Silva Mediterranean by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations since 2012. http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/  Silva Mediterranean comprise of 27 member countries where some of them are already members of Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

·            I also worked as Vice Cahir of the European Forestry Commission and UNECE Forestry Commission. [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org/)

·            I got involved several international projects and visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Azerbaijan.

·            My language learning ability is pretty impressive. I fluently speak English and hammer away at French and Arabic and I am pretty sure I will use these languages fluently within two months.

·            In 2013, I was nominated to be United Nations Deputy General Secretary of UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) Executive Directory. [www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int/)  I won first qualifying heat and got written my name to “Short List” but the President of GEF were assigned this position. Additionally I attached the letter of support letter of mine written by United Nations Permanent Represent of Republic of Turkey for the position.

If the venerable committee deem me worthy of the short list, I am quite sure I can get support from Turkey and other countries.

Also, I believe that I contribute and do useful things for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation because I philosophically participate same vision of the organization. Additionally, I took charge in several projects which were related with environment, climate change and water as the organization is looking for. I assure that I ensure plan and foster cooperation and collaboration among member states and international partners about science and technology, higher education and health.

Further, as I mentioned before, I have been working for the General Directorate of Combating Desertification since 2011. Dust transformation, drought, land degradation and desertification are amongst the curial problem for the region. I have good experience on these subjects. This year in October, we are organizing the Twelfth Conference of the Parties of UNCCD in [Turkey](http://www.unccd.int/en/about-the-convention/the-bodies/the-cop/COP_12/Pages/default.aspx?HighlightID=391" \t "_blank)and I have been involving for the preparations.

In this context, I would like to be candidate for Director General of Department of Science and Technology of Organization of Islamic Cooperation. It will be an honor and highly appreciated if my participation is confirmed.

I submit the requisition for your approval and appropriation.

Yours Sincerely

Ismail Belen

Please see attached;

·            Application form

·            Curriculum vitae

·            Letter of Endorsement and Statement of Support for UNCCD Executive Secretary