

Report
**The 6th Meeting of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture,
Rural Development and Food Security**
(Ankara, September 8th, 2011)

1. The 6th Meeting of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security was held on September 8th 2011, in Ankara and hosted by the COMCEC Coordination Office.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Metin EKER Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office
3. The meeting was attended by the members of the Task Force, namely OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and representatives of Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Turkey and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC). (*The list of participants is attached as Annex*)

The Meeting agreed on the following agenda items for consideration:

- I. Consideration of the Draft Executive Framework on Agriculture, Food Security, and Rural Development in OIC Member States,
- II. Issues related to the 6th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

Under the agenda Item I

4. The Meeting following the briefing by the Consultant Team on the issue, considered the draft OIC Executive Framework on Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development (EFA). It concluded that the draft EFA needs to be improved substantially. Hence, it decided not to submit the draft EFA to the forthcoming OIC Ministerial Conference (3-6 October 2011) and COMCEC Session (17-20 October 2011) for consideration. Instead, the Task Force agreed on the submission of two presentations to the Ministerial Conference. The former one would be a progress report on the preparation of the EFA and the latter on the outcome of the research on various aspects of the food and agriculture and rural development situation of the OIC member countries. The Meeting agreed that the presentations will be circulated to the Task Force Members well before the Ministerial Conference.
5. The Meeting decided that any draft document to be considered by the Task Force Members should be sent them at least two weeks in advance.
6. The Meeting also decided that the Task Force members will convey their observations on the draft EFA to the Consultant Team, by September 10th, 2011. Afterwards, the Team will circulate their views on the observations made by the Task Force Members by September 20th, 2011. The Task Force will convene on October 4th, 2011, on the sideline of the Ministerial Conference, to consider the progress and the timetable for the preparation of the Framework Document.

7. The Meeting recalled that the Task Force consists of four members, namely OIC General Secretariat, CCO, IDB and FAO and extension of its membership would require a COMCEC decision. It decided that, in case of need, invitation of any other party to Task Force meetings would be after prior consultation and consent of the Task Force members.

Under the Agenda Item II

8. The Meeting was briefed by the representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkey on the subject. The Meeting reviewed the agenda of the Conference and other related issues.

Annex

List of participants of the Sixth Meeting of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security

I. Members of the Task Force

1. OIC General Secretariat

- H.E. Hameed Opeloyeru, ASG (Economic Affairs);
- Mr. Jakhongir Khasanov, PO.

2. COMCEC Coordination Office

- Mr. Metin Eker, General Director;
- Mr. Selcuk Koc, Director;
- Mr. Metin Gençkol, Planning Expert;
- Mr. Erdoğan Emrah Hatunoğlu, Planning Expert;
- Mr. Mehmet Fidan, Assistant Planning Expert.

3. Islamic Development Bank

- Mr. Nur M. Abdi, Senior Agricultural Development Specialist.

4. FAO

- Dr Abdul Qayyum Kobakiwal, Chief;
- Ms. Barbara Huddleston, Consultant;
- Dr. Aysegul Akin, FAO Ankara Office;

II. Guests

1. Turkey

- Ms. Deniz Berber, Head of Department;
- Mr. Ayhan Baran, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Engineer.

2. SESRIC

- Mr. Nabil Dabour, Director of Research Department;
- Mr. Mazhar Hussain, Researcher.