

Report
**The 7th Meeting of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture,
Rural Development and Food Security**
(Istanbul, October 4th, 2011)

1. The 7th Meeting of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security was held on October 4th, 2011, in Istanbul and hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Livestock of Turkey. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Metin EKER Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office.
2. The Meeting was attended by the members of the Task Force, namely OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and representatives of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)(invited). (*The list of participants is attached as Annex*).
3. The Meeting considered the following agenda items:
 - I. Consideration of the progress for the preparation of the Draft Executive Framework on Agriculture, Food Security, and Rural Development in OIC Member States (EFA)
 - II. Discussion on the timetable and the work to be done for the preparation of EFA

Agenda Item I

4. The Meeting following the briefing by the lead FAO consultant on the outline of EFA, discussed various aspects and issues pertaining to the content and structure of EFA. It decided that the members circulate their views on the proposed outline to each other in 10 days.
5. The Meeting reiterated the decision of the last meeting on submission of any draft document to be considered by the Task Force meeting at least two weeks in advance.
6. The Meeting requested IDB and SESRIC to review documents that are prepared by the consultant team from a technical point of view, before their circulation to the members for consideration, with a view to producing more elaborated documents.
7. Elaborating on the website created by FAO under its domain for compilation and publication of data and inventory of OIC member states, the participants concluded that the content of the website could also be transmitted under OIC or COMCEC domains for the purpose of ownership and visibility.

Agenda Item II

8. The Meeting agreed that the data and inventory studies along with the draft framework be conveyed by the consultancy team to the members by the end of March 2012 for consideration. In the period to this date the lead consultant would submit monthly progress report to the members. The documents will be considered at the Task Force Meeting to be

held on the sideline of the Follow-up Committee Meeting of COMCEC which is scheduled for May 2012, for deciding on their circulation to the OIC member states. Upon compilation of views of the member states on the documents and finalization of the first draft, the Task Force would decide whether to submit them to the 28th COMCEC Session.

Annex

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

I. Members of the Task Force

1. OIC General Secretariat
 - 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. FAO
 - Dr Abdul Qayyum Kobakiwal, Chief;
 - Ms. Barbara Huddleston, Consultant;

II. Guests

1. Turkey
 - Ms. Semiha Akın, Expert.
2. SESRIC
 - Mr. Nabil Dabour, Director of Research Department;
4. IFAD
 - Mr. Fawzi Rihane, Program Manager;
 - Mr. Muhammed Ibrahim, Expert.