



10th MEETING OF THE COMCEC TRADE WORKING GROUP

(November 2nd, 2017 Ankara)

“Special Economic Zones in the OIC Member States”

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.05 **Recitation from the Holy Quran**

09.05-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

COMCEC Trade Outlook

09.15-09.40 - *Presentation: Ms. Vildan BARAN
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)*

09.40-09.50 - *Discussion*

Special Economic Zones: Conceptual Framework and Global Trends and Practices

09.50-10.20 - *Presentation: Prof. Dr. Jim COLEMAN
Head of Economics
Burohappold Engineering*

10.20-10.45 - *Discussion*

10.45-11.00 *Coffee Break*

Special Economic Zones in the OIC: Current Situation, Selected Case Studies and Recommendations

11.00-11.45 - *Presentation: Prof. Dr. Jim COLEMAN
Head of Economics
Burohappold Engineering*

11.45-12.30 - *Discussion*

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

Policy Options for Special Economic Zones in the OIC Member Countries

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advice for developing Special Economic Zones in the OIC Member States.

- 14.00-14.15 - Presentation: *“Responses of the Member Countries to the Policy Questions on Developing Special Economic Zones in the OIC Member States”*
Mr. Selçuk KOÇ
Director
COMCEC Coordination Office

- 14.15-15.30 - Discussion

Utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding

- 15.30-15.45 - Presentation: Mr. Burak KARAGÖL
Director
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)

- 15.45-16.00 - Discussion

16.00-16.15 *Coffee Break*

16.15-17.15 Member Country Presentations

- *Presentation(s)*
- *Discussion*

The Efforts of the International Institutions / Private Sector

- 17.15-17.30 - Presentation: *“An Economic and Evolutionary Perspective on SEZ: the WEPZA View”*
Mr. Jean-Paul GAUTHIER
Secretary General
World Economic Processing Zones Association (WEPZA)

- 17.30-17.45 - Presentation: *“Private Sector Perspective on SEZ: the Case of Penang Free Zone and Industrial Estates”*
Penang Development Corporation (PDC)

- 17.45-18.00 - Presentation: *“Private Sector Perspective on SEZ: the Case of MESBAŞ”*
Mr. Bora GEDİK
Mersin Free Zone Founder and Operator Inc (MESBAŞ)

- *Discussion*

18.00-18.15 *Closing Remarks*
