

***PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT
CORRIDORS***

<i>Brief Note</i>	<p>Accessibility to fast, affordable, and reliable transport networks has become a major factor in formulating the business strategies of firms in the global markets. Accordingly, the availability of well-performing transnational transport corridors directly affect the decisions of the firms regarding manufacturing, stocking, and distribution and problems in this regard sometimes leads to location changes.</p> <p>Being the primary beneficiaries, the perspective of the private sector is therefore crucial in governing and investing in transnational transport corridors. On the one hand, investing in transport corridors having limited potential to attract significant traffic and trade may result in failing to achieve the desired economic benefits and wasting public money. On the other hand, the continuation of problems associated with the corridor in terms of capacity bottlenecks, poor governance, and inefficient border crossings will bring about higher costs, longer travel times, and unreliable scheduling. These will, in turn, encourage the private parties to seek alternative routes.</p> <p>In conclusion, this session will help take into consideration the significant role of private sector for enhancing the transnational transport corridor operations.</p>
<i>Objective of the Panel</i>	<p>The main objective of this panel is to discuss how the major players and beneficiaries of the transport corridors, such as logistics companies, rail operators, global manufacturers as well as development banks evaluate the current state, existing barriers, and future prospects of the corridor operations.</p>
<i>Issues and Topics</i>	<p>Possible points of discussion include but not limited to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the significant barriers for efficient use of transnational transport corridors? • How can the problems faced by the private sector regarding transnational transport corridors be addressed by the governments? • What should be the role of the private sector in improving the overall performance of the transport corridors? • What should be the role of the development banks in financing the transnational transport corridors' projects? • To what extent should the private sector be involved in the planning and governance mechanisms of the transnational corridors? • The role of private sector as financier and contractor of transport infrastructure and corridors
<i>Participation</i>	<p>All delegations of the OIC Member States, the representatives of the OIC Institutions and various International Organizations attending the 33rd COMCEC Ministerial Session are invited to participate in the special session. Representatives of civil society, businessmen, academicians and other relevant stakeholders will also be invited to attend this Session.</p>
<i>Venue & Date</i>	<p>İstanbul Congress Center, İstanbul / Turkey, November 23rd, 2017 For more information, please contact: Eren SÜMER, Expert, COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 12 E-mail: esumer@comcec.org</p>



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Questions and Answers