

**GOVERNANCE OF TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS:
A MANAGERIAL PERSPECTIVE**

<i>Brief Note</i>	<p>The network characteristic of transportation requires shared efforts and cooperative decision-making processes to plan and manage an effective and efficient transport system both at national and regional level. Transnational transport corridors are typical examples of such shared efforts and cooperative decision-making processes because the smooth transport operations in one country should not be slowed down in the other because of poor infrastructure and management. In addition, the respective public agencies should work together with the stakeholders and the harmonization of the standards and regulations need to be achieved to improve the overall performance of the transport corridor where the most common performance measure will be a reduction in operation costs and travel time.</p> <p>On the other hand, achieving an effective governance of a multinational transport corridor requires intense endeavors. The partnering countries should not only recognize the necessity to coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate, but also they should commit and pool their resources when needed. To handle such problems, partners of the transnational transport corridors use various instruments such as signing bilateral/multilateral agreements, establishing joint committees and panels consisting of experts or higher-level executives, and setting up dedicated secretariats and other executive bodies such as executive/management boards to govern the transnational transport corridors. This might help to achieve an efficient and a well-functioning governance structure and implement a one-stop shop concept.</p> <p>Increasing the awareness on the governance of transnational transport corridors can be a good starting point to launch the policy debate.</p>
<i>Objective of the Panel</i>	The main objective of this panel is to discuss the issues related to governance (the perspective of governments & corridor management organizations) of the transport corridors and the challenges in this respect.
<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 type of governance mechanisms should be adopted for enhancing more effective corridor management? • What are the main requirements for efficient national level governance of transport corridors for better integration to transnational governance? • Is a dedicated secretariat or a central management/coordination body necessary for better governance of the transnational corridors? • How the local authorities and the private sector can be included in the planning, financing, and governance mechanisms? • What type of agreements issued between collaborating countries for effective management of the corridors? • How disputes are settled between partner countries?
<i>Participation</i>	All delegations of the OIC Member States, the representatives of the OIC Institutions and various International Organizations attending the 32 nd 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.
<i>Venue & Date</i>	<p>Istanbul Congress Center, İstanbul / Turkey, November 23rd, 2017</p> <p>For more information, please contact: Okan POLAT, Expert, COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 08 E-mail: opolat@comcec.org</p>



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09:15-10:15	<p>Moderator Mr. Mircea CIOPRAGA Secretary General TRACECA Azerbaijan</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Elias Leju LEONARDO Director NCTTCA Kenya• Mr. Ali Haider ALTAF Director SAARC Secretariat Nepal• Mr. Sinan KUŞÇU Deputy Director General Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications Turkey
10:15-10:30	Questions and Answers