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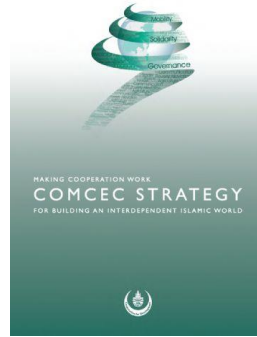
# Outline

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- Essentials of the COMCEC Project Funding
- Supported Themes
- Examples from Previously Funded Projects
- Preparation for Project Submission
- Q & A

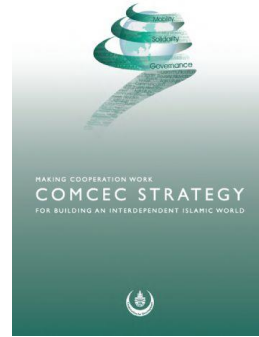
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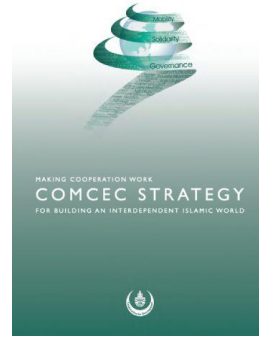


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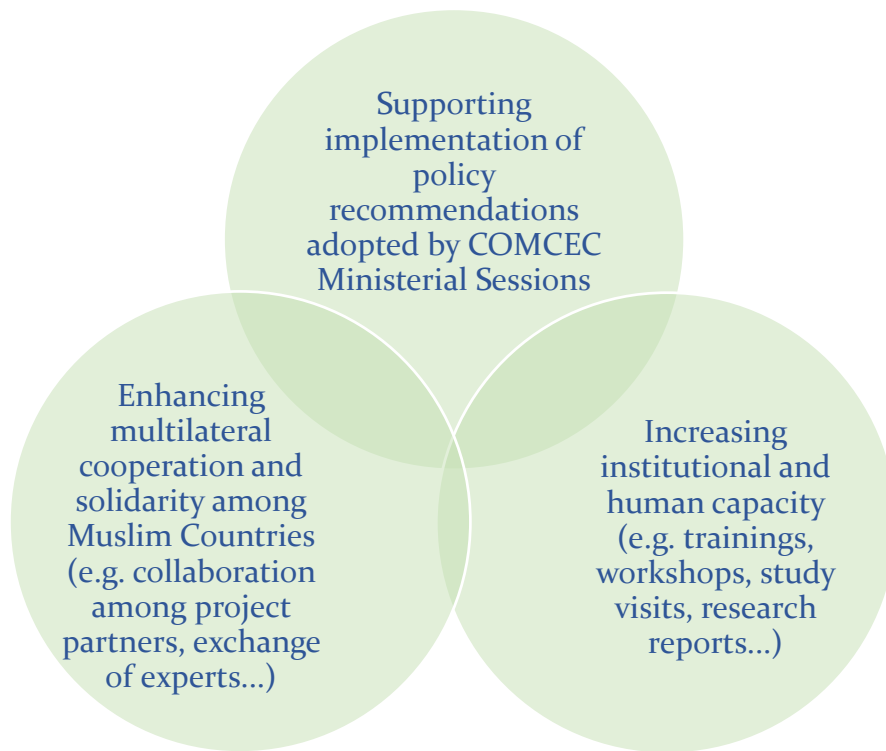
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## PROJECT FUNDING

- Policy Support Instrument
- Financial support for projects of Member Countries and OIC Institutions
- Since 2013

# Objectives of the COMCEC Project Funding

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- Preparation of a research study
- Field trips related to the research

# Project Topics

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- Project topics should be in line with:
  - COMCEC Strategy
    - Principles
    - Strategic Objective of the relevant cooperation area
    - Output Areas of the relevant cooperation area
  - Policy Recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Session
  - Sectoral Themes published on the COMCEC website ([www.comcec.org/en/pcm](http://www.comcec.org/en/pcm))

# Supported Topics in Trade - I

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- Developing/Strengthening National Quality Infrastructure in compliance with the International Standards
- Enhancing active participation in the work of International Standardization Bodies
- Harmonizing national standards with international standards
- Supporting private sector for increasing internationally harmonized standards
- Harmonizing/simplifying rules and procedures related to the cross border trade and logistics operations
- Promoting mutual recognition arrangements/agreements

# Supported Topics in Trade - II

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- Enhancing information exchange among the border agencies
- Improving infrastructure of land border crossing points to enhance transport connectivity
- Developing integrated Single Window (SW) Strategies
- Identifying and implementing the necessary changes in laws and regulatory framework for improving the effectiveness of SW Systems
- Enhancing flexibility, scalability, safety and interoperability of IT architecture of SW Systems

# Supported Topics in Trade - III

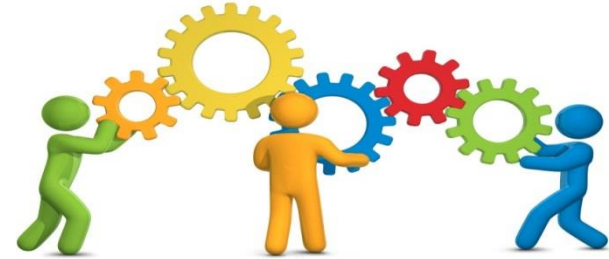
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- Promoting cross-border interconnectivity and interoperability of the national SW Systems
- Developing Special Economic Zones
- Improving Customs Risk Management Systems
- Developing Authorized Economic Operators Program

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- \* Membership to the relevant working group





## Previously Funded Projects

# Funded Projects in the Past Four Years

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- 44 projects were implemented in 2014-2017
  - 8 Trade Projects
- In 2018, 19 projects are final-listed
  - 4 Trade Projects

# Trade Projects in 2018

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- The Feasibility Study on the Interoperability of Selected Single Window Systems in the OIC Region



- Boosting Intra-OIC Trade Through Improvement of Trade Facilitation Measures in the OIC Region



- Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Single Window Systems in the OIC Member States



- Harmonization of National Halal Standards with the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards

# Trade Projects in 2017

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**Project Title:** Strengthening SME Support Services in Suriname and Guyana to Enhance Participation in Global Value Chains

**Project Owner:** Ministry of Trade and Industry of Suriname

**Partner Countries:** Guyana and Turkey

**Project Purpose:** The project implemented by the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Suriname basically aimed at ensuring SME development through capacity and institutional strengthening of the SME support units through not only information and training sessions but also online tools such as ‘One Stop Virtual Center’.

## Activities:

- Training program on business mentoring, integration to global value chains and management of the One Stop Virtual Center
- Comparative study on SMEs in Guyana and Turkey
- Creation of a Virtual One-Stop Shop



# Trade Projects in 2017



**Project Title:** Facilitating Trade: Identifying Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) among the OIC Member States

**Project Owner:** ICDT

**Partner Countries:** Egypt, Morocco and Senegal

**Project Purpose:** ICDT's Project was designed to simplify and facilitate trade procedures in the OIC Member States by establishing an OIC Observatory on NTBs in order to gather the complaints of OIC's Member States exporters and consider the ways and means to enhance trade flows between the Member Countries.

**Activities:**

- Preparation of a Questionnaire
- Improvements on ICDT's Existing Web Portal
- Awareness-raising seminar on NTBs and Non-Tariff Measures



# Preparation for Project Submission

# Timeline for Project Submission

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# COMCEC Project Funding Webpage

## 1. Check out the COMCEC Project Funding Webpage

[www.comcec.org/en/pcm](http://www.comcec.org/en/pcm)

- General Information about the Program
- Supported Sectoral Themes
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Previously Implemented Projects





# Online Project Submission System

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## 2. Visit Online Project Submission System

([project.comcec.org](http://project.comcec.org)) - obtain a username and password

- Reference materials:
  - Project Submission Guidelines
  - CV Templates
  - ToR Template (for Research Projects)
  - Tutorials for Online Fiche
  - Visibility Manual



The screenshot shows the login interface for the COMCEC ProjectFunding system. At the top left is the COMCEC logo with the text 'COMCEC ProjectFunding' and 'Project Management Information System'. Below the logo is a 'LOG IN' button. The login form consists of two input fields: 'Username' with a user icon and the placeholder text 'Your username', and 'Password' with a key icon and the placeholder text 'Your password'. A 'LOGIN' button is located at the bottom right of the form. At the very bottom right, there is a link for 'Forgot Password?'. The entire login area is enclosed in a light green border.



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