INFORMATION BOOKLET

THIRTY FIFTH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (COMCEC)

25-28 November 2019

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ABOUT COMCEC

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) was established by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca/Taif in 1981 and has become operational at the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference held in 1984, with the election of the President of the Republic of Turkey to its chairmanship. COMCEC has been working for enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the 57 Member Countries of the OIC for 35 years.

In order to make the COMCEC a more fruitful platform to meet the growing needs of the OIC Member States, the COMCEC Strategy and Revised Statute were adopted at the 4th Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 August 2012 in Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and have become operational since 2013. Accordingly, COMCEC activities are guided by its Strategy.

The main objective of the COMCEC is to address the economic challenges of the Islamic Ummah and to contribute to the development efforts of the Member Countries. Furthermore, COMCEC is a policy dialogue platform for producing and disseminating knowledge, sharing experience and best-practices, developing a common understanding, and approximating policies among the Member Countries. Accordingly, COMCEC draws up programs for joint action, and coordinates and follows up activities for enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member Countries.
ABOUT 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

The Ministerial Session of the 35th Session of the COMCEC, to be preceded by the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting on 25-26 November 2019, will commence on Wednesday, November 27th, 2019 with the Opening Ceremony which will be chaired by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC.

Ministerial Exchange of Views Session, which will take place in the afternoon of November 27th, 2019, will be held with the theme of “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems in Islamic Countries”. The attending Ministers will have the opportunity to share their views and experiences with their colleagues.

Given the importance of this subject, as the Special Sessions, the following high-level panels will be organized on the sidelines of the 35th Session of the COMCEC:

- Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World: Ongoing Dynamics and Constraints
- Adaptation Strategies to Minimize the Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World
- Governing Food Security in the Islamic World
- Food and Agriculture in Times of Crisis: NGOs’ Emergency Response
- Innovative Financing and Investment Opportunities for Sustainable Food Systems
- The Role of Arbitration in Enhancing Trade and Investment in the Islamic World
- Special Forum on the Sustainable Food Systems

The Special Sessions will be held on November 28th, 2019 with the participation of high level representatives from the Member States and the OIC institutions as well as other international organizations, NGOs, think-tanks, private sector organizations and the academia around the globe.

The Ministers attending to the 35th Session of the COMCEC will also have the chance to conduct bilateral talks with their counterparts. COMCEC Coordination Office will make necessary arrangements if requested in advance.

This booklet aims at giving general information on the arrangements for the 35th Session of the COMCEC as well as some practical information for the participants.
DRAFT AGENDA
OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

1. Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda
2. Report on the COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation
3. The Implementation of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action
4. World Economic Developments with Special Reference to the OIC Member Countries
5. Intra-OIC Trade
6. Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation
7. Improving Transport and Communications
8. Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector
9. Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security
10. Alleviating Poverty
11. Deepening Financial Cooperation
12. Exchange of Views on “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems in Islamic Countries”
13. Date of the 36th Session of the COMCEC
14. Any Other Business
15. Adoption of the Resolutions
DRAFT PROGRAMME
OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC
(İstanbul, 25-28 November 2019)

24 November 2019 (Sunday)
10.00-13.00  Side Event: 35th Meeting of the Sessional Committee

25 November 2019 (Monday)
09.00 - 18.00  Senior Officials Meeting
22.00 - 24.00  Drafting Committee Meeting

26 November 2019 (Tuesday)
13.00 – 14.45  Side Event: “COMCEC Project Funding: Experiences of the Project Owners”
15.00 - 16.00  Closing Session of the Senior Officials Meeting

27 November 2019 (Wednesday)
10.00  Ministerial Opening Ceremony
11.55  Reception of the Heads of Delegation by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC
13.00  Lunch
14.30 - 18.00  Ministerial Working Session
20.00  Official Dinner

28 November 2019 (Thursday)
09.00 - 10.15  Special Session 1: “Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World: Ongoing Dynamics and Constraints”
09.00 - 10.15  Special Session 2: “Adaptation Strategies to Minimize the Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World” (concurrent events)
10.30 – 11.45  Special Session 3: “Strengthening Food Security Governance in the Islamic World”
10.30 – 11.45  Special Session 4: Food and Agriculture in Times of Crisis: NGOs’ Emergency Response (concurrent events)
12.00- 13.15  Special Session 5: “Innovative Financing and Investment Opportunities for Sustainable Food Systems”
12.00- 13.15  Special Session 6: “The Role of Arbitration in Enhancing Trade and Investment in the Islamic World” (concurrent events)
13.30- 14.45  Forum Discussion: Sustainable Food Systems
15.00 – 16.00  Closing Session of the Ministerial Session
25 November 2019 (Monday)

09.00  First Working Session
       Item 1: Opening of the Meeting and Review of the Agenda
           Item 2: Report on the COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation

       Item 3: The Implementation of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action
           Item 4: World Economic Developments with Special Reference to the OIC Member Countries

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15  Item 5: Intra-OIC Trade

12.45  End of the Session

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00  Second Working Session
       Item 6: Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation
       Item 7: Improving Transport and Communications
       Item 8: Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector
       Item 9: Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security

16.00-16.15 Coffee Break

16.15  Item 10: Alleviating Poverty
       Item 11: Deepening Financial Cooperation
       Item 12: Exchange of Views on “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems in Islamic Countries”
       Item 13: Date of the 36th Session of the COMCEC
       Item 14: Any Other Business

18.00  End of the Session

22.00-24.00 Drafting Committee Meeting

26 November 2019 (Tuesday)

15.00-16.00 Adoption of the Draft Resolutions
              (to be submitted to the Ministerial Session)
DRAFT PROGRAMME
OF THE OPENING CEREMONY
OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC
(İstanbul, 27 November 2019)

27 November 2019 (Wednesday)

10.00 Entrance of H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC into the Conference Hall
10.05 Photo Session for the Press
10.10 Recitation from the Holy Qur’an
10.15 Inaugural Address by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Turkey
10.45 Statement by H.E. Dr. Yousef A. AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General of the OIC
11.00 Statements by the Representatives of the Three Geographical Groups of the Member States
11.30 Statement by H.E. Dr. Bandar M. H. HAJJAR, President of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
11.40 Statement by Mr. M. Rifat HİSARCIKLIOĞLU, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and the Vice-President of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)
11.50 End of the Opening Ceremony
11.55 Reception of the Heads of Delegation by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC
27 November 2019 (Wednesday)

14.30 Opening of the Ministerial Working Session
   - Adoption of the Agenda
   - Presentation by the Chairman of Senior Officials Meeting

14.40 Exchange of Views on “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems in Islamic Countries”
   - Key Note Speaker: Mr. Daniel J. GUSTAFSON
     Deputy Director General (Programmes)
     FAO
   - General Discussion (Moderation Session)
     Chair: H.E. Fuat OKTAY
     Vice President of Turkey

16.15-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 Exchange of Views on “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems in Islamic Countries”
   - General Discussion (Cont’d)
     Chair: H.E. Fuat OKTAY
     Vice President of Turkey

18.00 End of the Session

20.00 Official Dinner
DRAFT PROGRAMME
OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY
OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC
(İstanbul, 28 November 2019)

28 November 2019 (Thursday)

15.00 Entrance of H.E. Fuat OKTAY, Vice President of the Republic of Turkey into the Conference Hall
15.05 Photo Session for the Press
15.08 Opening of the Session by H.E. Fuat OKTAY, Vice President of the Republic of Turkey
15.10 Presentation of the Draft Resolutions of the 35th Session of the COMCEC by the Rapporteur, Head of Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
15.15 Adoption of the Resolutions
15.20 Signing of Agreements/Awards Ceremony (If so requested)
15.40 Statement by the Representative of the OIC
15.50 Statement on behalf of all Participating Member States
15.55 Closing Address by H.E. Fuat OKTAY, Vice President of the Republic of Turkey
16.00 End of the Closing Ceremony
DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE SIDE EVENTS
OF THE 35th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

25 - 28 November 2019

COMCEC Project Funding Exhibition- Istanbul Congress Center, Floor B2

26 November 2019 (Tuesday)
13.00-14.45 “COMCEC Project Funding: Experiences of the Project Owners”
Project owners will make presentations about their projects and share their outcomes. They will also underline the critical factors for implementing a successful project.

28 November 2019 (Thursday)
09.00-10.15 Special Session 1: “Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World: Ongoing Dynamics and Constraints”
09.00-10.15 Special Session 2: “Adaptation Strategies to Minimize the Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Sustainable Food Systems in the Islamic World” (concurrent events)
10.15-10.30 Coffee Break
10.30-11.45 Special Session 3: “Strengthening Food Security Governance in the Islamic World”
10.30-11.45 Special Session 4: Food and Agriculture in Times of Crisis: NGOs’ Emergency Response (concurrent events)
11.45-12.00 Coffee Break
12.00-13.15 Special Session 5: “Innovative Financing and Investment Opportunities for Sustainable Food Systems”
12.00-13.15 Special Session 6: “The Role of Arbitration in Enhancing Trade and Investment in the Islamic World” (concurrent events)
13.15-13.30 Coffee Break
13.30-14.45 Forum Discussion: Sustainable Food Systems
Lunch box will be provided during the Forum Discussion

28 November - 1 December 2019
7th OIC Halal Expo 2019- Eurasia Show and Art Center, İstanbul
INFORMATION ABOUT THE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

Date and Venue of the Meeting
All meetings of the Thirty-Fifth Session of the COMCEC will be held at İstanbul Congress Center, B2 floor on 25-28 November 2019.

HOTEL-ICC MAP
ICC PLAN

Registration
All delegates, whose names are notified to the Organizing Committee through diplomatic channels are requested to register at İstanbul Congress Center.

Identification Badges
Identification badges will be issued to all registered delegates. For security reasons, all participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times during the meetings and social events.

Colours of identification badges:

Red : Ministers
Dark blue : Members of delegations
Green : COMCEC Coordination Office
Yellow : Press
Grey : Security and Medical personnel
Orange : Staff

Working Languages and Interpretation
Simultaneous interpretation among Arabic, English, French, Russian and Turkish will be provided during all sessions. The main documents of the Session will be produced in three OIC languages (English, French and Arabic).

Bilateral Talks
There will be bilateral meeting rooms and a ministerial lounge at İstanbul Congress Center. Ministers attending the meeting may also conduct bilateral talks with their counterparts. COMCEC Coordination Office will make necessary arrangements if the requests are made in advance.

Information Desk
The information desk, located at the lobby of İstanbul Congress Center and the Marmara Hotel will be put at the disposal of the delegates from 24 November to 29 November 2019 from 08.00 a.m. to 00.00 a.m. (midnight) daily.
Secretarial Offices
The offices of the COMCEC Secretariat will be located at İstanbul Congress Center.

Press and Internet Center
There will be a press center located at İstanbul Congress Center for the use of all members of the foreign and local press carrying identification badges. All questions pertaining to press activities will be handled by this center.

A fully equipped internet center will also be at the service of participants at İstanbul Congress Center during the meeting.

Press Accreditation & Badges
All members of the foreign and local press who wish to cover 35th Session of the COMCEC and utilize the Press Center as well as uplink vehicles must be accredited by the Turkish Presidency of Communication. Only accredited members of the press will have access to the Session and the press center.

Applications for press accreditation, including official photographers and official cameramen, must be made online on the following link: http://akreditasyon.iletisim.gov.tr. Applications must be submitted no later than 22 November 2019 (until 18:00 hours Turkish local time).

A confirmation e-mail for successfully completed accreditations will be sent to the applicants. Badges will be delivered to accredited press members at the press center located at İstanbul Congress Center. Badges must be collected in person upon the presentation of identification cards (passports for international press members) and originals of press cards or letters of authorization submitted online. (Information on when and where to collect the badges will be provided to accredited media representatives in due course)

Hall for Press Conferences
Hall for press conferences will be held on B2 floor at İstanbul Congress Center. Please contact with Orhan ÖZTAŞKIN (0090 5326954723) and Nihat AKBALIK (0090 5557157842) about your requests.

Documentation Center
The documentation center will be operated at İstanbul Congress Center during the meeting to produce conference documents in the official languages of the OIC.

Airport Welcoming Services
Welcoming and farewell services for the delegates will be available from November 23rd to November 30th. On arrivals, CCO staff will be waiting for the delegates with COMCEC handboards for hotel transfers at International/Domestic /VIP Terminals. If any COMCEC staff are not present to meet them at the airport, the delegates are kindly requested to apply COMCEC Welcome Desk located at International Arrivals Terminal or call Ferhat TAŞDEMİR (0090 530 321 9326).

Delegates obliged to arrive in İstanbul before 23 November 2019 due to flight restrictions, will also be welcomed at the airport provided that they inform the COMCEC Coordination Office.
in advance.

Participants are kindly requested to notify the COMCEC Coordination Office and/or Organization Company (see Useful Addresses) of their names and flight schedules by 8 November 2019 at the latest to enable the host officers to meet them at the airport and make necessary arrangements.

İSTANBUL AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TERMINAL

İSTANBUL AIRPORT VIP TERMINAL

Transportation

All participants will be transferred from the Istanbul Airport to the Marmara Hotel. Reserved cars will be available only for Ministers who will participate in the meeting.

Shuttle service will be provided between the Marmara Hotel and the Istanbul Convention Center. Information cards for shuttle hours can be obtained from the Information Desk at the hotel and the ICC.

Accommodation for Delegates of Member States

COMCEC will cover the accommodation and meal expenses (excluding all other expenses) of three delegates, including the head of delegation, from each member state from 24 to 29 November 2019 (check-in date: 24 November 2019, check-out date: 29 November 2019, 5 nights in total) at the Marmara Taksim Hotel. COMCEC will also cover the accommodation and meal expenses (excluding all other expenses) of two delegates, including the head of delegation from each observer and guest country from 24 to 29 November 2019 (check-in date: 24 November 2019, check-out date: 29 November 2019, 5 nights in total) at the Marmara Taksim Hotel. Delegates are expected to attend all COMCEC Sessions and panel events during their stay.

**NOTE:** If you have an accompanying person or prefer to stay at a double room, the price difference for double room will not be covered by the COMCEC. Suit rooms are covered by the COMCEC only for Ministers.

MAP OF ALTERNATIVE HOTELS FOR DELEGATES
List of Alternative Hotels for delegates staying on their own account

Delegates may ask assistance of Organizing Company for hotel reservations or make their own reservations.

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**Flight Reconfirmations and Departures**

Delegates should contact with information desk located at İstanbul Congress Center or the hotel as soon as possible to confirm their return flight reservations. To facilitate travel arrangements, the delegates are kindly requested to fill in flight departure forms and return them to the above mentioned desk.
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SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE DELEGATES

Climate

In November, the weather in İstanbul is generally rainy and cool. Coat and umbrella are recommended. The average temperature in November is 9-15 Celsius. The most recent weather forecast for İstanbul may be accessed at: www.meteoroloji.gov.tr

Prayer Times

Prayer times in İstanbul during the Meeting will be as follows:

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Local Time

The time zone in Turkey is G.M.T. plus 3 hours.

Electric Current

The electric current in Turkey is 220 volt, AC 50 cycles. Two prong round plugs are used.

Visas

All participants are advised to check www.evisa.gov.tr or contact with the Turkish Consular Missions (where available) for visa requirements. For participants coming from countries where there is no resident Turkish Consular Mission, visas will be issued upon arrival at İstanbul Airport.

Health Requirements

Guests are not required to bear any vaccination certificates upon entry, provided that they are not coming from a country where there is an epidemic.

Currency and Exchange

The currency unit is Turkish Lira. Exchange rate is 1 USD= 5.69 TL and 1 €= 6.35 TL as of 4 November, 2019. The most recent exchange rate values may be accessed at the website of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; www.tcmb.gov.tr Convertible foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, hotels, exchange offices and at all banks in accordance with the current exchange rates announced daily. International credit cards are widely used in Turkey.
Addresses of Diplomatic Missions

Contact Information of Consular Missions in İstanbul is listed at the diplomatic portal, http://cd.mfa.gov.tr/mission/mission-list?clickedId=3

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM (DOCUMENT FILE)

During the meeting, the document file can be viewed according to Annotated Agenda Items using the Ipads, which will be ready on the desks of the Heads of Delegations. Other delegates can follow the same documents from the link which will be active during the meeting at the addresses given above.

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