



5th MEETING OF THE COMCEC TOURISM WORKING GROUP
(February 5th, 2015, Ankara, Crowne Plaza Hotel)

“Travel Facilitation for Enhancing Mobility in the OIC Member Countries”

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15-09.45 **The COMCEC Tourism Outlook**

- *Presentation: Ms. Aslı TAŞMAZ DADAKOĞLU*
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)

09.45-10.45 **Travel Facilitation in Tourism Sector: Instruments, Recent Trends and Success Factors**

- *Presentation: Ms. Helen MARANO*
Vice President of Government & Industry Affairs
World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC)
- *Discussion*
- *Questions for Discussion*
 - *How does your country perceive the recent global trends regarding travel facilitation and how does it respond to these trends?*

10.45-11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00-12.30 **Travel Facilitation in the Member Countries: Current Situation, Main Challenges, Recommendations and Prospects**

- *Presentation: Mr. David GOODGER*
Director, Europe & Middle East
Tourism Economics
- *Discussion*
- *Questions for Discussion*
 - *What are the travel facilitation policies in your country?*
 - *What are the instruments utilized in your country for facilitating travel?*
 - *What are the challenges faced by your country regarding travel facilitation?*

12.30-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Policy Options for Facilitating Travel in the Member Countries**

Presentation: *“The Responses of the Member Countries to the Policy Questionnaire on Travel Facilitation”*

- Mr. Mustafa Adil SAYAR

Expert

COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advice for Facilitating Travel in the Member Countries. *The Room Document on Policy Options for Facilitating Travel in the Member Countries* was prepared by the CCO, in light of the findings of the analytical study prepared specifically for the Meeting and the answers of the Member Countries to the policy questions which have already been sent by the CCO. This Document has been shared with the Tourism Working Group focal points before the Meeting with a view to enriching the discussions during the Session and coming up with concrete policy advice for the policy approximation among the Member Countries in this important field.

- *Questions for Discussion*

- *How can the cooperation be furthered among the Member Countries in travel facilitation?*
- *What are the cooperation opportunities among the Member States with regards to visa facilitation?*
- *What kind of policies does your country implement in aviation sector for developing air linkages with the other Member Countries?*

15.30-15.45 **Coffee Break**

15.45-17.15 **Success Stories of the Member States**

- *Presentation(s)*
- *Discussion*

17.15-17.45 **Private Sector and Multilateral Efforts for Travel Facilitation**

- Presentation: *“IATA Passenger Experience Overview”*
Mr. Erkan DURSUN
Aviation Solutions Manager
International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Presentation: *“Developing Air Linkages in the OIC Member Countries: The Case of Turkish Airlines”*
Dr. Taner ERİM
International Relations and Agreements Manager
Turkish Airlines
- Presentation: *“OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum”*
- *Ms. Aylin ŞENOL GÜN*
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)
- *Questions for Discussion*
 - *What are the success factors and challenges for private sector and multilateral initiatives in travel facilitation?*
 - *What lessons can be learned from private sector and multilateral experiences?*

17.45-18.05 **Utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding**

- *Presentation: Mr. Deniz GÖLE*
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office
- *Discussion*

18.05-18.15 **Closing Remarks**
