



DRAFT PROGRAMME
4th MEETING OF THE COMCEC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP
(September 25th, 2014, Ankara)

"Facilitating Smallholder Farmers' Market Access in the OIC Member Countries"

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15-09.45 **The COMCEC Agriculture Outlook**

- Presentation: "Outlook of Agriculture in the OIC Member States"
*Mr. Taylan KIYMAZ, Director
COMCEC Coordination Office*

Views and Comments

09.45-10.45 **Overview of Agricultural Market Structure and Smallholder Farmers in the OIC Member States**

- Presentation: "Agricultural Markets, Structural Change and the Structure of Smallholding in the OIC member countries"
*Mr. Donald Larson, Expert
The World Bank*

Questions for Discussion

- What is the share of smallholdings in agricultural markets in your country?
- Does your country have a Commodity Exchange Marketing System?
- Are smallholder farmers integrated into Commodity Exchange Marketing System?

10.45-11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00-12.00 **Linking Smallholder Farmers to Markets in OIC Member Countries: Case Studies**

- Presentation: "Linking Small-scale Farmers to Agricultural Markets: Case Studies"
*Ms. Mona Sur
Senior Agriculture Economist
The World Bank*

Questions for Discussion

- What are the main obstacles in facilitating the smallholder farmers' market access in your Country?
- Does your country have a national strategy to establish/improve the Commodity Exchange Marketing System?
- What is the role of producer organizations in linking smallholder farmers to market? Is there any linkage system between producer organizations and national agricultural information system?
- Do producer organizations provide extension services to their members and help coordinate marketing?

12.00-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.30 **The Way Forward: Policy Options for Facilitating Smallholder Farmers' Market Access**

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advice for Facilitating Smallholder Farmers' Market Access. In light of the findings of the research report prepared for this Working Group Meeting and the answers of the Member Countries to the policy questions which have already been sent by the CCO, the Room Document on Policy Options for Facilitating Smallholder Farmers' Market Access was prepared by the COMCEC Coordination Office and shared with the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group focal points to enrich the discussions during the Session and come up with concrete policy advice for the policy approximation among the Member Countries in this field.

15.30-15.45 **Coffee Break**

15.45-17.15 **Member State Presentations: Sharing Experiences and Good Practices in Linking Smallholder Farmers to Agricultural Markets**

Question(s) for Discussion

- Does your country have any long term plan/program to facilitate smallholder farmers' market access?
- What are the main obstacles in smallholder farmers' access in agro-food markets in your country? (Poor Transport Infrastructure, Lack of Trade Logistics, etc.)
- Does your country have a strategy/plan to improve access to agricultural finance?

17.15-17.45 **The Experience of International Institutions/NGOs in Facilitating Farmers' Market Access**

- Presentation on the experience of Islamic Development Bank
*Mr. Demba Ba, Director
Agriculture and Rural Development Department*
- Presentation on "The experience of Polatlı Grain Exchange on Facilitating Smallholder Farmers' market access"
*Mr. Ömer Özel, Expert
Polatlı Grain Exchange*

Questions for Discussion

- Does your country have any specific cooperation experience with international organization or non-governmental organizations for facilitating smallholder farmers' market access?

17.45-18.05 **The Way Forward: Utilizing the New COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism**

- *Presentation on "Utilizing the COMCEC Project Cycle Management" by the CCO*

*Mr. Deniz GÖLE, Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office*

Views and Comments

18.05-18.20 **Closing Remarks**

