

# Making Cooperation Work

# CÔMCEC STRATEGY

# For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

## ***RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE POLICY QUESTIONS***

# ***Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in Islamic Countries in the Face of Future Food Crises***



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- 1. Formulation of Policy Recommendations**
- 2. Policy Questions and Responses of the Member Countries**
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# 1. Formulation of Policy Recommendations

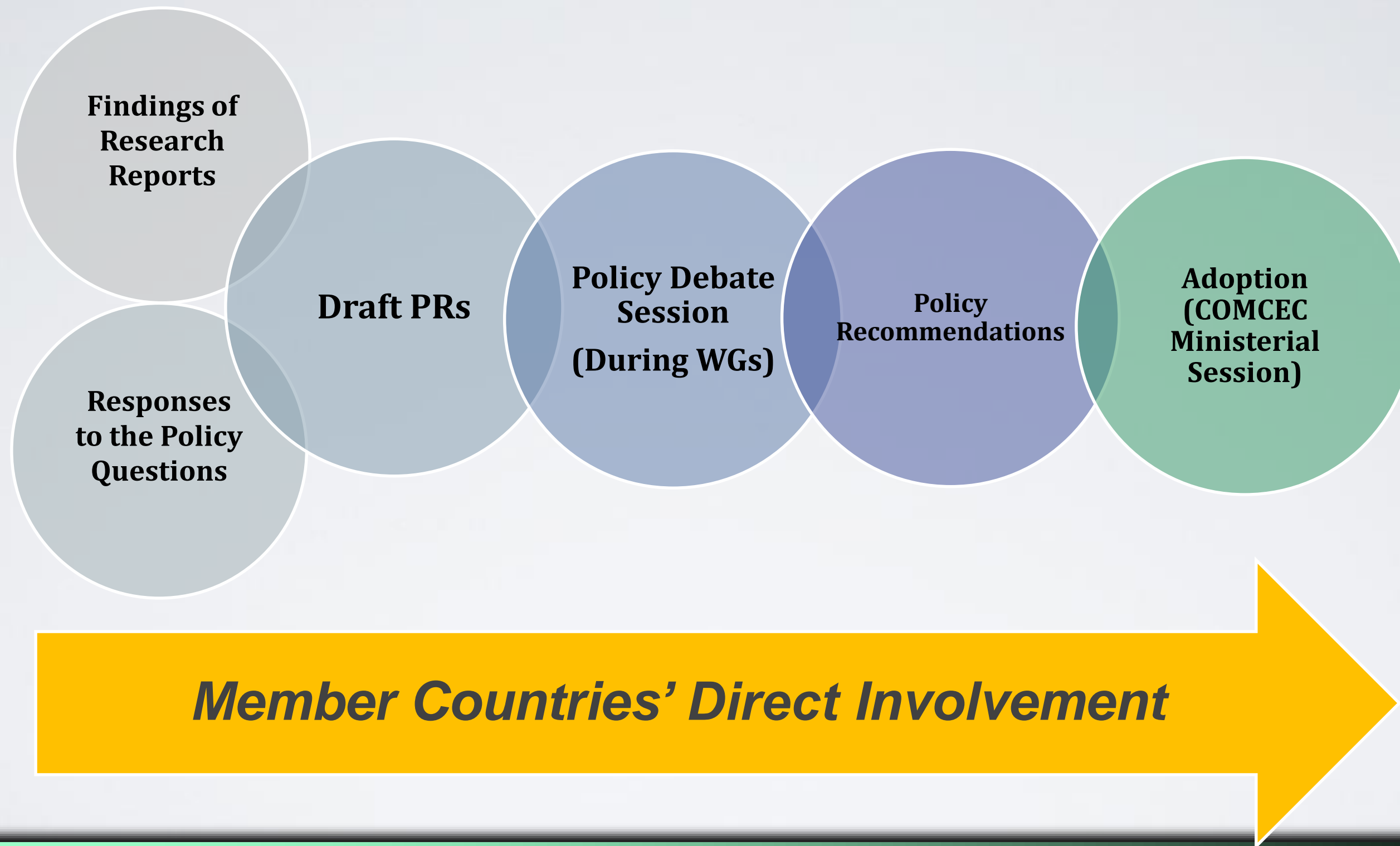
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«..... **approximate policies** in the cooperation areas to address and find solutions to the economic and social challenges of the Islamic Ummah» **(COMCEC Mission)**

## **Policy Recommendations:**

- Research reports, policy questions, discussions during the WGs
- Adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions
- Serve to policy approximation

# 1. Formulation of Policy Recommendations



## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

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*Q 1: Does your country have any strategy/plan/programme specifically on food security?*


**13 Member Countries**  
(All Responding Countries )

## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

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**Q2: Which of the following factors pose the greatest risk to your country's food and agriculture system?**

### **TOP 5 RISK FACTORS**


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- Climate Shocks (including global warming)
  - Urbanization
  - Food Price Volatility
  - Security-related problems
  - Weather Variability

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**Q3: Which of the following areas should be prioritized?**

### TOP PRIORITIZED AREAS

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- **Enhancing productivity** (water management systems, new technologies, microfinance schemes)
  - **Adoption of Risk and Vulnerability Reduction Measures** (use of smart agriculture, creation of national reserves, etc.)
  - **Social Monitoring** (poverty and vulnerable groups)
  - **Building Human Capital** (enhancing skills and knowledge through investments in education, nutrition education etc.)



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**Q4. Please rank the main components of food sustainability index in terms of their importance for your Country**

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Food Loss and Waste
- Nutritional Challenges



## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

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**Q5: Institutions/authorities responsible for monitoring, adaptation and mitigation, and increasing resilience in terms of food security**

### **Main Stakeholders:**

- Ministry of Agriculture - main responsible authority
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Economy

### **Specialized Agencies:**

- National Agency for Food Security (**Indonesia**)
- Committee for Monitoring and Implementing Food Security Policies (**Qatar**)

## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

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**Q6: Mechanisms for ensuring the effective coordination among the different stakeholders responsible in managing and boosting food security**

- Continuous collaborating meetings & workshops and continuous reviewing for the food security status
- **Special committees/bodies :**
  - Committee of Food and Agricultural Product Markets Monitoring and Evaluation under the chairmanship of the Central Bank of the Republic of **Turkey**
  - Food and Nutrition Council (FNC) as the coordinator body in **Benin**
  - High Commission for the 3N Initiative (HC3N) attached to the Office of the President of the Republic of **Niger**
  - High-level Food and Nutrition Council in **Palestine**
  - Committee for Monitoring and Implementing Food Security Policies in **Qatar**

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**Q7: Good/best practices in terms of monitoring, adaptation and mitigation, and increasing resilience to manage food security**

### **Monitoring Food Security:**

- **Food Crop Production Index** makes it possible to know for each food crop, the volume produced, the national needs and the possible surpluses of productions (**Benin**)

### **Adaptation and Mitigation:**

- **Adopting high yielding agric-techniques** in agriculture like soilless culture (**Bahrain**)
- Design of **social safety net programs** (such as the cash and food transfers and Deprived Families' Economic Empowerment Program) (**Palestine**)

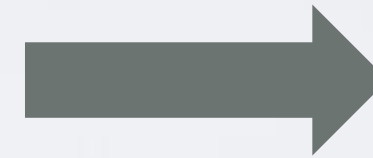
### **Resilience:**

- **Food banking** is a system that delivers donated or surplus foodstuffs to those in need (**Turkey**)

## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

**Q8-Q9: Does your country have experienced any food crises in the last five years? If yes, which groups are mostly affected by food crises in your country?**

**YES**  
**(7 Member Countries)**



### **Mostly Affected Groups:**

- ❖ Women
- ❖ children,
- ❖ Small producers

**NO**  
**(6 Member Countries)**

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### Q10: Bilateral, regional and international level cooperation efforts for boosting food security

#### Bilateral:

- ✓ **Bahrain** invested in a big agricultural project in Sudan (42000 Hectare) for food security
- ✓ Some food assistances (wheat, wheat flour, Rice, lentil) from countries like Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan (**Afghanistan**)

#### Regional:

- ✓ Plans to initiate Save Your Food Campaign at the global scale with FAO (**Turkey**)
- ✓ Cooperation 5 + 5 (Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania and Morocco plus Spain, France, Malta, Portugal and Italy) (**Algeria**)

#### International:

- ✓ Food security projects with various international institutions (i.e. FAO, UNICEF, WFP, WB etc.) (**Afghanistan**)

### 3- Draft Policy Recommendations

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- Legal and regulatory framework
- Improving Agro-production and Agricultural Productivity
- Development of Infrastructure
- Market Performance and Market Access
- Promotion of intra-OIC agricultural trade/ Reducing barriers to trade



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- Human and institutional capacity
- Monitoring and evaluation of food security
- Adaptation and mitigation strategies for reducing the adverse effects of climate change
- International and Regional Cooperation





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