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RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE POLICY QUESTIONS ON DEVELOPING AND MARKETING MUSLIM FRIENDLY TOURISM (MFT) PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



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1- POLICY DIMENSION LADDER

Follow-Up

Adoption by the COMCEC Ministerial Meeting

Room Document (Policy Recommendations)

Policy Questions



2- POLICY QUESTIONS

- 1. Does your government have a specific strategy/policy/initiative for developing Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT) sector?
- 2. Please indicate the instruments that your government utilizes for marketing MFT products and services.
- 3. What are the challenges your country faces in developing and marketing Muslim Friendly Travel (MFT) products and services?



2- POLICY QUESTIONS

- 4. Please prioritize the sub-areas of MFT that your country shall focus for developing MFT.
- 5. In your country, is there any cooperation between government and private sector on developing and marketing of MFT products and services?
- 6. What are the ways and means to enhance cooperation among the Member Countries on developing and marketing of MFT products and services?



Q1: Does your government have a specific strategy/policy/initiative for developing Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT) sector?

Raising Awareness

- 3 Member Countries (MCs)
- Awareness raising campaigns, halal tourism conferences etc.

Developing MFT products and services

- 4 MCs
- Strengthening the competitiveness

Certifying MFT products and services

Only Indonesia has a certification body

Marketing MFT destinations

- 2 MCs
- Branding and Advertising
- · via tour operators and media



Q2: Please indicate the instruments that your government utilizes for marketing MFT products and services:

- Organizing Exhibitions and Fairs
- Establishing Strategic Partnerships
- Creating Muslim Visitor Guidelines

Q3: What are the challenges your country faces in developing and marketing Muslim Friendly Travel (MFT) products and services?

- 1. Catering and Marketing for Muslim and Non-Muslim Tourists
- 2. Standardization and Certification



Q4: Please prioritize the sub-areas of MFT that your country shall focus for developing MFT:

- 1. Food and Beverage
- 2. Activities and Entertainment
- 3. Accommodation

Q5: In your country, is there any cooperation between government and private sector on developing and marketing of MFT products and services?

3 Member Countries

- Have such cooperation with private sector
- A special team for Halal Tourism (Indonesia)

3 Member Countries

Do not have such cooperation



Q6: What are the ways and means to enhance cooperation among the Member Countries on MFT?

- 1. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation for sharing experiences
- 2. Awareness raising programmes for MFT among the MCs



4- ROOM DOCUMENT

Policy Advice 1

• Developing a national Muslim Friendly Tourism strategy that links to the country's overall tourism goals through focusing on building stakeholder awareness, establishing a dedicated MFT body/committee and developing a national MFT products/services and marketing development strategy

Policy Advice 2

• Conducting government-led MFT-focused destination marketing through developing an MFT branding and positioning for the benefit of local service providers and measuring the potential of a destination for MFT by funding/organizing short-term campaigns.



4- ROOM DOCUMENT

Policy Advice 3

• Supporting SMEs through developing training and mentorship programs

Policy Advice 4

• Developing bilateral tourism cooperation within the OIC through technical knowledge exchange and joint promotion efforts for MFT destinations



4- ROOM DOCUMENT

COMCEC Tourism Working Group

COMCEC Project Funding

OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum





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