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# COMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

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

### *Analysis of Agri-food Trade Structures to Promote Agri-food Trade Networks In the Islamic Countries*



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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

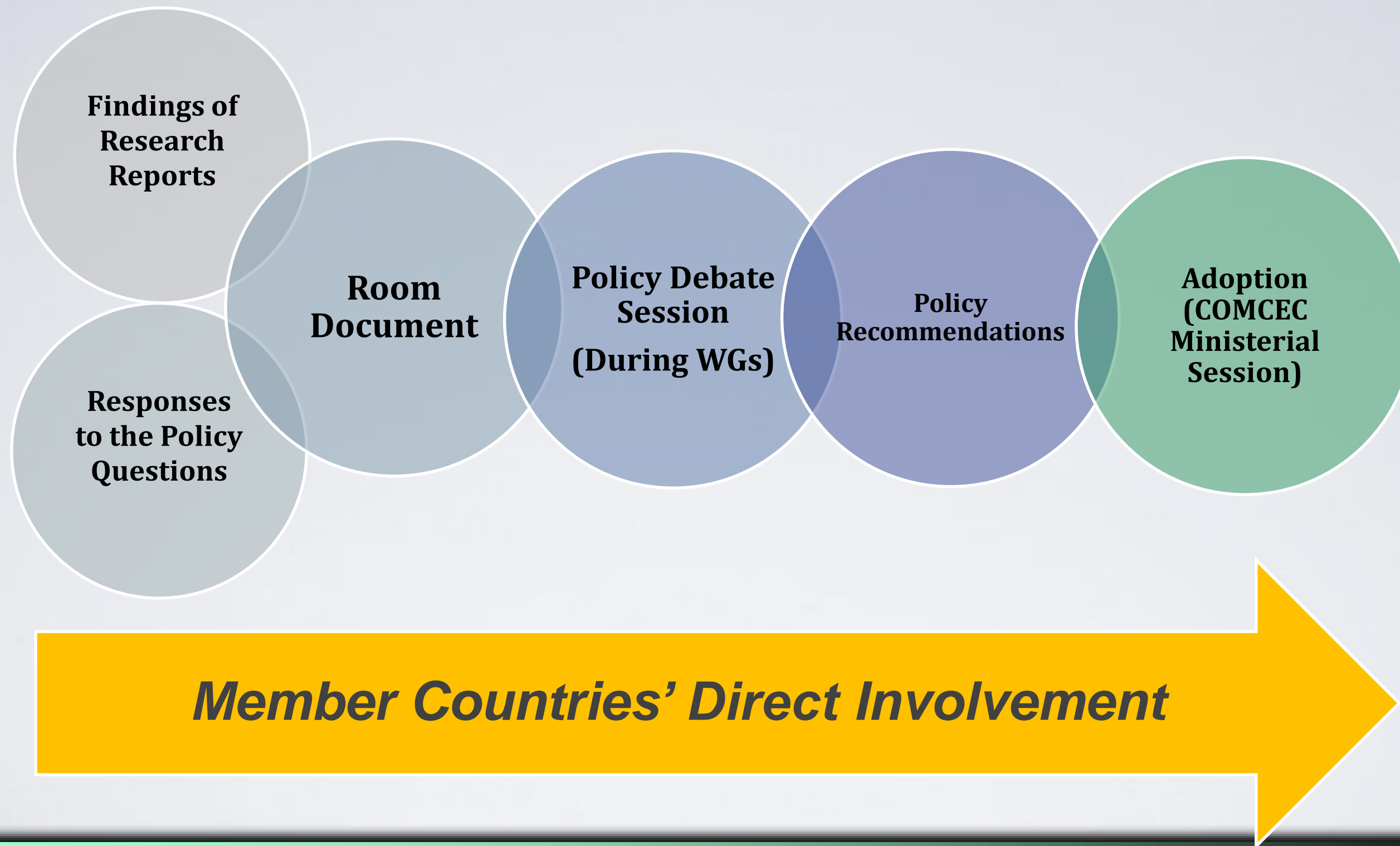
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*«..... **approximate policies** in the cooperation areas to address and find solutions to the economic and social challenges of the Islamic Ummah»*  
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## **Policy Recommendations:**

- 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

**Q 1: Prioritizing the agricultural trade rationalization options.**

Agricultural trade policy rationalization options	Rank
Regional agricultural trade agreements (trade agreements with agricultural preferential market Access provisions)	1
Regional economic communities (agreements with broad economic cooperation with/without preferential market access provisions)	2
Preferential regional trade agreements (trade agreements with agricultural preferential market access provisions)	3
Preferential trade agreements (trade agreements with preferential agricultural market access provisions)	3
Bilateral trade agreements (agreements between two trading parties with agricultural preferential market access provisions)	3
Product-based commodity trade agreements (bilateral or multilateral, intra- or inter-regional agreements with preferential market access provisions)	4
Collaborative agricultural policy liberalization (at multilateral level of WTO or unilaterally)	5

## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

**Q2:** The areas of agricultural trade policies where trade rationalization efforts must be focused on.

Agricultural trade policy areas	Rank
Non-tariff measures – Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	1
Trade facilitation	2
Non-tariff measures – Technical barriers to trade measures	3
Physical connectivity including trade transportation modes and cross-border connectivity	4
Tariff measures	5
Quality & certification including geographical indications and halal certifications	5



## 2. Policy Questions and Responses

*Q3: The priority areas where trade rationalization efforts for reducing agricultural trade costs must be focused on.*

Items for reducing agricultural trade costs	Rank
Market access analysis	1
Institutional/administrative capacity development	2
Agricultural business cooperation and policy coordination platforms	2
Trade potential analysis	3
Organizing buying missions	4
Mutual recognition agreements including regional and/or OIC level approximations	5
Trade fairs	6

### 3- ROOM DOCUMENT

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#### Policy Advice 1

- **Developing and implementing preferential market access schemes and intra- as well as cross-regional trade agreements (e.g. TPS-OIC (Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC)) with a view to contributing to collaborative and inclusive agricultural trade integration.**

#### Policy Advice 2

- **Building supply-side capacity and rationalizing non-tariff measures (NTMs) for a sustained agricultural trade structure among OIC member countries.**



## 3- ROOM DOCUMENT

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### Policy Advice 3

- Developing and increasing economic connectivity as well as physical and information connectivity to reduce trade costs in agricultural trade markets for an inclusive agricultural trade development.



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