

**SPECIAL SESSION 1:  
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD:  
ONGOING DYNAMICS AND CONSTRAINTS**

<i>Brief Note</i>	<p>Sustainability is one of the key notions in order to achieve the zero hunger goal of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations calling for major transformations in agriculture and food systems in order to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition by 2030. OIC Member Countries -owning over a quarter of world’s agricultural area, producing 20% of world’s agricultural value products and still having a trade deficit in agriculture with exports meeting two-thirds of the imports- will be mainly affected from these transformation need(s).</p> <p>Unfortunately, a food system that delivers food security and nutrition for all in such a way that the economic, social and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generations are still not compromised. To realize this goal in the Islamic World, existing food system(s) needs to be reshaped to be more productive, dynamic, inclusive of poor and marginalized populations, environmentally sustainable and resilient, and be able to deliver healthy and nutritious diets to all. From this point of view, setting up a sustainability framework for each member country seems to be essential.</p>
<i>Objective of the Panel</i>	<p>The main objective of this panel is to discuss sustainable food systems under economic, social and environmental impacts in the Islamic World with current dynamics and constrains. The panel will discuss these complex and systemic challenges that require the combination of interconnected actions at the local, national, regional and global levels. The panel also will aim to provide insight and comparison among international/regional efforts in this respect covering ongoing-recent initiatives and possible opportunities.</p>
<i>Issues and Topics</i>	<p>Possible points of discussion include but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of actions taken by all stakeholders at local, national, regional, and global levels for sustainable food systems</li> <li>• Economic, social and environmental impacts on sustainable food systems globally and in the Islamic World</li> <li>• The impacts of traditional food security programs on sustainable food systems in OIC Member Countries</li> <li>• Are there any applications or new-dynamic approaches for sustainable food systems, like Value-chain development and market systems approach in the Islamic World?</li> <li>• How should the food system be structured in the Islamic World to enable sustainability?</li> <li>• What are the current and near future dynamics and constraints for developing a sustainable food system in OIC Member Countries?</li> </ul>
<i>Participation</i>	<p>All delegations of the OIC Member States, the representatives of the OIC Institutions and various International Organizations attending the 35<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Ministerial Session are invited to participate in the special session. Representatives of civil society, businessmen, academicians and other relevant stakeholders will also be invited to attend this Session.</p>
<i>Venue &amp; Date</i>	<p>Istanbul Congress Center, İstanbul / Turkey, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 For more information, please contact: Selim UYAR COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 07 E-mail: <a href="mailto:suyar@comcec.org">suyar@comcec.org</a></p>

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(Emirgan 2 Hall)**

<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Hami ALPAS</b> Department of Food Engineering Middle East Technical University (METU) Ankara/Turkey</li></ul>
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Jamie MORRISON</b> Strategic Programme Leader FAO Rome/ITALY</li><li>• <b>Dr. Bashir JAMA</b> Global Management Food Security Specialist Agriculture Infrastructure Division Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Jeddah/SAUDI ARABIA</li><li>• <b>Mr. Turgut AĞIRNASLIGİL</b> Investment Project Manager Union of Sugar Beet Growers Cooperatives (PANKOBİRLİK) Ankara/Turkey</li></ul>
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	