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**COMCEC**  
MINISTERIAL SESSION

**SPECIAL SESSIONS**

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## ABOUT COMCEC AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) has been working to enhance cooperation among its 57 Member States since 1984. The COMCEC is chaired by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Turkey and brings together the ministers of economy, trade or in charge of development matters of the member countries. It is the main decision-making body, as well as the high-level platform for discussing common challenges in development.

Each year, Ministers attending the COMCEC Sessions exchange their views under a specific theme. This year's theme is "Improving Transnational Transport Corridors in the OIC Member Countries". Moreover, on the sidelines of the Ministerial Session, a series of important events will be organized on this crucial theme:

- *Private Sector Perspective on Transnational Transport Corridors*
- *Governance of Transnational Transport Corridors: A Managerial Perspective*
- *Economic Impacts of Transnational Transport Corridors*
- *Developing Special Transnational Transport Corridors*
- *Forum*

The speakers and moderators of the special sessions include dignitaries from the Member States, representatives of international and OIC institutions, civil society and private sector organizations, think-tanks and the academia. The special sessions will be attended by ministers, academicians, the representatives of the OIC institutions, international organizations, civil society, businessmen and delegations attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> COMCEC Session.

There will be a Forum at the end of the special panels each of which will focus on a different dimension of the transnational transport corridors. The main aim of this Forum is to accumulate all discussions taken place in each panel and give a special opportunity to the audience, who are not able to attend panels held concurrently, to be informed about the discussions.

At the outset, the moderators of the special panels will brief (5 min.) the audience on the main discussions taken place in the respective panel. Accordingly, the audience will be able to make comments and raise questions on the various dimensions of transnational transport corridors. This forum is expected to facilitate the exchange of ideas among the participants.

Furthermore, there will be a sideline event related to the COMCEC Project Funding. In this session, successfully implemented projects in the third implementation period will be introduced by distinguished participants from the respective countries and OIC Institutions.

**Note:** *The lunch box will be offered to the participants during the Forum (12:15- 13:30 pm).*





# COMCEC PROJECT FUNDING

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## EXPERIENCES OF THE PROJECT OWNERS

**21 November 2017 / 13.30 – 15.45 pm**

**İstanbul Congress Center, Beylerbeyi Hall**

### AGRICULTURE

#### The Gambia

Reduction of Post-Harvest Losses in Cereals for Improving Rural Livelihood

#### Indonesia

Improving Income of Small and Medium Scale Farmers in OIC Member States through Reducing Losses of Livestock Production

### POVERTY ALLEVIATION

#### Albania

Creation of a Road Map for an Integrated Social Service for Housing

#### The Gambia

Training on Entrepreneurship and Management of Small Business for Women in The Gambia, Senegal and Sierra Leone

#### Indonesia

Strengthening Community-Based Sustainable Livelihood for Activating Poor by Opening Marketing Channel through E-Commerce

#### Suriname

Professionalization of Childcare in Selected OIC Countries

## TOURISM

### The Gambia

Developing a Training and Certification Program for the Muslim Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry

### Mozambique

Enhancing Capacity of Muslim Friendly Tourism Workforce

### Sudan

Enhancing the Capacity of Craft Producers & Customers Service in OIC Member Countries

### SESRIC

Training Program on the Development and Promotion of Muslim Friendly Tourism in OIC Member Countries

## TRADE

### Palestine

Facilitating Trade Relations between Palestine and Islamic Countries

### Suriname

Strengthening SME Support Services in Suriname and Guyana to Enhance Participation in Global Value Chains

### ICDT

Facilitating Trade: Identifying Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) among the OIC Member States

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

### Cote d'Ivoire

Improving the Capacity on Road Safety in Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Mali



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## PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

09:15-10:15

*Moderator*

**Mr. Turgut ERKESKİN**

Chairman of Logistics Business Council  
Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK)  
Turkey



*Speakers*

**Mr. François DAVENNE**

Secretary General  
OTIF  
Switzerland



**Mr. Khaled Mohammed AL-ABOODI**

CEO and General Manager of ICD  
IDB Group  
Saudi Arabia



**Mr. Medih DİZDAR**

Director  
Oyak-Renault  
Saudi Arabia



10:15-10:30

*Questions and Answers*

### **Mr. Turgut ERKESKIN**

Turgut ERKESKİN is Chairman of Logistics Business Council of Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) of Turkey. He is also a member of Logistics Advisory Board of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communications, TOBB Transport-Logistics Assembly and Logistics Council of the Turkish Exporters Assembly. He graduated from Istanbul University, Faculty of Economics, in 1984. He has more than 30 years' experience in the field of transport and logistics sector.

### **Mr. François DAVENNE**

François DAVENNE is Secretary General of OTIF (Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail). He was in charge of railway safety and regulations in the French Ministry of Transport. He graduated from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications d'Evry in 1988 and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in 1999.

### **Mr. Khaled Mohammed AL-ABOODI**

Mr. Khaled Mohammed AL-ABOODI serves as Chief Executive Officer and General Manager at Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) at Islamic Development Bank. He has over 25 years of experience in the economic and finance industry in the Middle East and the United States. He has received his master degree in Economics from the University of North Eastern in Boston in 1987.

### **Mr. Medih DİZDAR**

Medih DİZDAR is Director for operational logistics in Oyak-Renault. He graduated from Istanbul Technical University in the department of General Mechanical Engineering and received his Master Degree from the same university in the Department of Machine and Energy. He has more than 20 years' experience in the field of the transport sector.



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## GOVERNANCE OF TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS: A MANAGERIAL PERSPECTIVE

*09:15-10:15*

*Moderator*

**Mr. Mircea CIOPRAGA**  
Secretary General  
TRACECA  
Azerbaijan



*Speakers*

**Mr. Elias Leju LEONARDO**  
Director for Monitoring and Evaluation  
NCTTCA  
Kenya



**Mr. Ali Haider ALTAF**  
Director of ETS  
SAARC Secretariat  
Nepal



**Mr. Sinan KUŞÇU**  
Deputy Director General  
Ministry of Transport,  
Maritime Affairs and Communications  
Turkey



*10:15-10:30*

*Questions and Answers*

### **Mr. Mircea CIOPRAGA**

Mircea CIOPRAGA is the Secretary General of Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA). He has been also the chairperson of the Delegation of the Parliament of Romania to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation since 2005 and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for Industries and Services under the Black Sea Economic Cooperation since September 2006.

### **Mr. Elias Leju LEONARDO**

Elias Leju LEONARDO is the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation at the Permanent Secretariat of the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA). He has a professional background in economics, project management, as well as agricultural development economics. Prior to joining the Secretariat, he worked for public institutions and international non-governmental organizations.

### **Mr. Ali Haider ALTAF**

Ali Haider ALTAF is serving as Director of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretariat and dealing with matters relating to Energy, Transport and Science & Technology initiatives in the South Asia region. He joined foreign services of Pakistan in 2000. He held various diplomatic assignments in Pakistan Missions abroad: Japan, Brazil, and Germany. He also served as Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan.

### **Mr. Sinan KUŞÇU**

Sinan KUŞÇU is the Deputy General Manager of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, Regulation on Dangerous Goods and Combined Transportation. After graduating from Ataturk University (Turkey), Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Department of Economics, he received his master degree in the same university. He has over 15 years of experience in maritime, transportation and logistics-intermodal sectors.





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## ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

10:45-11:45

*Moderator*

**Prof. Dr. Roger VICKERMAN**  
University of Kent  
United Kingdom



**Speakers**

**Prof. Dr. Eduardo HADDAD**  
University of Sao Paulo  
Brazil



**Prof. Dr. Kim EUIJUNE**  
Seoul National University  
South Korea



**Prof. Dr. Carolina Cosculluela-MARTÍNEZ**  
King Juan Carlos University  
Spain



11:45-12:00

*Questions and Answers*

### **Prof. Dr. Roger VICKERMAN**

Roger Vickerman is Emeritus Professor of European Economics at the University of Kent. He holds degrees in Economics from the Universities of Cambridge and Sussex and an honorary doctorate from the Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Germany). His research focuses on the relationship between transport, land use and regional economic development. He is the author of 6 books and more than 150 journal articles and chapters. He was awarded the Jules Dupuit Prize of the World Conference on Transport Research Society in 2016.

### **Prof. Dr. Eduardo HADDAD**

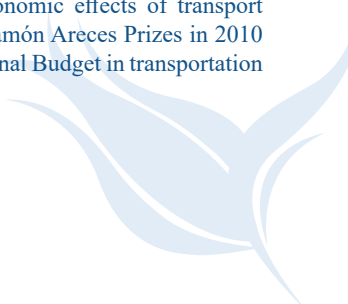
Eduardo A. Haddad is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Economics at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he also directs the Regional and Urban Economics Lab (NEREUS). He also holds a position as Affiliate Research Professor at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory – REAL – at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign in 1997. He has published widely in professional journals on regional and interregional input-output analysis, regional economic development and integration applied to transportation, climate change, and spatial interaction.

### **Prof. Dr. Kim EUJUNE**

Euijune KIM is Professor of Regional and Urban Economics in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development at Seoul National University. He has Ph.D. in Regional Science from Cornell University. He has received numerous awards and prizes thanks to his crucial contribution to the regional science field. He served as the president of the Korean Regional Science Association in 2014/15 and as a chief editor for the Annals of Regional Science and the International Journal of Urban Sciences.

### **Prof. Dr. Carolina Cosculluela-Martínez**

Carolina Cosculluela-Martínez is working in Department of Economics at King Juan Carlos University, Spain. She received Ph.D. with distinction 2nd position of the UNED, National University. She has various publications in the fields of macroeconomic effects of transport investments. She was awarded the Enrique Fuentes Quintana and Ramón Areces Prizes in 2010 and 2011 respectively for macroeconomic tools to distribute the National Budget in transportation investments.





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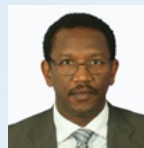
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## DEVELOPING SPECIAL TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

10:45-11:45

*Moderator*

**H.E. Ibrahim Yousif Mohamed ABDALLA**  
State Minister  
Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges  
Sudan



**Speakers**

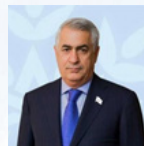
**H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN**  
Secretary General  
Organization of Islamic Cooperation  
Saudi Arabia



**Prof. James Jixian WANG**  
Research Centre of One-Belt-One-Road  
The City University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong



**Mr. Cavid QURBANOV**  
Chairman of Azerbaijan Railways  
Azerbaijan



11:45-12:00

*Questions and Answers*

### **H.E. Ibrahim Yousif Mohamed ABDALLA**

H.E. Ibrahim Yousif Mohamed ABDALLA is the State Minister of Transport, Roads & Bridges of Sudan. He is also Member of the Board of Directors of Export Development Bank. He served as the CEO and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sidgo Group. He received his master degree in Transport Planning and Engineering, Institute of Transport Studies (ITS), University of Leeds, UK and MBA in Strategic Planning, European School of Economics, UK.

### **H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN**

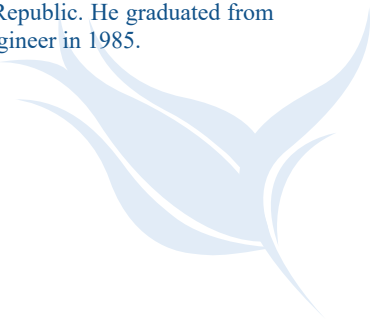
H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN is the Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He has Ph.D. in Political Sociology from the American University in Washington DC. He served as Minister of Social Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Secretary General of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Foundation for Housing Development. He also served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Social Welfare at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Assistant Professor at King Saud University.

### **Prof. James Jixian WANG**

James Jixian WANG is Associate Professor of Department of Management Sciences, City University of Hong Kong. He is also a member of International Geographical Union (IGU) Transport and Geography Commission Steering Committee and council member of Hong Kong Society for Transport Studies. He worked at Department of Geography, the University of Hong Kong for 24 years as special in Transport Geography. He has published widely in many internationally refereed journals and is an editorial board member of Journal of Transport Geography, Transportmetrica A, Transportmetrica B, Transport and Society, Asian Geographer. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

### **Mr. Cavid QURBANOV**

Cavid QURBANOV is the Chairman of the Azerbaijan Railways. He worked as the Chairman of Azerroadservice OJSC of the Ministry of Transport of Azerbaijan Republic. He graduated from the Azerbaijan Construction Engineers Institute as a Mechanical Engineer in 1985.



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## FORUM ON TRANSNATIONAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

12:15-12:35

*Moderator*

**Prof. Dr. Roger VICKERMAN**  
University of Kent  
United Kingdom



**Speakers**

**H.E. Ibrahim Yousif Mohamed ABDALLA**  
State Minister  
Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges  
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**Mr. Turgut ERKESKİN**  
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12:35-13:30

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