

**SPECIAL SESSION 2:  
ADAPTATION STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE  
CHANGE ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD**

<i>Brief Note</i>	<p>The cumulative effect of extreme climatic events is undermining all components of sustainable food systems –production, distribution, consumption and even to waste disposal. It is known that the frequency, intensity or duration of these events have been changing substantially and they threaten the sustainability of food systems having negative economic, social and environmental impacts reversing gains made in ending hunger and malnutrition. Around 200 million (approximately 25% of all undernourished people) of the world food insecure individuals live in OIC member countries and most OIC member countries spend a large share of their income on food imports; having a trade deficit in agriculture with exports meeting only two-thirds of the imports.</p> <p>Climate adaptation is an approach that helps to guide actions needed to transform and reorient agricultural systems to effectively support the development and ensure food security in a changing climate. It aims to tackle three main objectives: sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes; adapting, building resilience and mitigating to climate change; and reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emissions, where possible.</p> <p>In order to achieve the goal of world without hunger by 2030 and “leave no one behind”, the panel will analyze and discuss the possible strategies for reducing risks related to climate change on the sustainability of food systems in OIC Member Countries applicable in short-, medium- and long-term policies, programmes and practices.</p>
<i>Objective of the Panel</i>	<p>The main objective of this panel is to summarize the adverse effects of Climate Change on Sustainable Food systems in Islamic World focusing on different adaptation strategies. The panel also will aim to provide insight into international/regional efforts in this respect covering ongoing-recent initiatives with existing constraints and possible opportunities for collaboration in this regard.</p>
<i>Issues and Topics</i>	<p>Possible points of discussion include but not limited to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the approaches and methodologies to adapt to and minimize the effects of climate change on Sustainable Food Systems at the regional level?</li> <li>• What role can adaptation strategies play against the adverse effects of climate change?</li> <li>• To what extent OIC members contribute to climate change? To what extent OIC countries are affected from climate change originated from outside OIC Member Countries?</li> <li>• What lessons could be drawn, from the OIC experience and from the academic literature and the best practices in the World to better deal with minimizing adverse effects of climate change on sustainable food systems?</li> <li>• What opportunities (if any) and challenges are implied on OIC member countries in terms of sustainable food systems as affected by changing climate patterns?</li> <li>• What obstacles are driven by changing climate effects on economic-social and environmental sustainability?</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>İstanbul 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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November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 / 09.00 – 10.15  
Istanbul Congress Center  
(Beylerbeyi 1 Hall)

<b>09:15-10:15</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Gökhan ÖZERTAN</b> Head of Department of Economics Bogazici University İstanbul/Turkey</li></ul>
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Ashraf HAMOUDA</b> Head of Office United Nations World Food Programme Riyadh/Saudi Arabia</li><li>• <b>Prof. Dr. M. Levent KURNAZ</b> Center for Climate Change and Policy Studies Bogazici University İstanbul/Turkey</li><li>• <b>Ms. Begüm MUTUŞ</b> General Manager Yıldız Holding İstanbul/Turkey</li></ul>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	