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1. Summary of the Resolutions of the 28th Session of the COMCEC

The 28th Session of the COMCEC was held on 08-11 October 2012, in İstanbul, the Republic of Turkey with the participation of representatives from forty-seven member countries, five observer states as well as relevant OIC Institutions and international organizations.

During the 28th Session of the COMCEC, two important initiatives were launched: One was the COMCEC Strategy which is the new Vision document for the COMCEC adopted by the 4th Extra-Ordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference. The second was the S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah Index developed under the OIC Member States' Stock Exchanges Forum.

The Meeting adopted many important resolutions with a view to enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the Member States. Some of them are given below:

Regarding the TPS-OIC, the 28th Session reiterated its request to the Member States which had ratified the TPS-OIC Agreements to submit their concession lists to the TNC Secretariat to make the System operational.

In tourism cooperation, the Session welcomed the establishment of the OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum which would regularly bring together the private sector representatives of the OIC Member Countries and urged the Member States to encourage their private sector representatives in tourism sector to actively participate in the Forum.

The Session welcomed the launching of the S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah Index and requested the Member States and the IDB to lend their support for the promotion of the Index.

Regarding the exchange of views session on "Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Member States", the Session took note with appreciation of the recommendations of the preparatory Workshop which was organized by SESRIC and IDB Group in cooperation with Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of Turkey (KOSGEB) and SME Corp Malaysia on 12-14 June 2012 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

The Session decided on the theme of the Exchange of Views Session of the 29th Session of the COMCEC as "Increasing FDI Flows to OIC Member Countries", and requested the SESRIC and IDB Group, in cooperation with COMCEC Coordination Office and relevant OIC Institutions, to organize a workshop on this theme and submit its report to the next COMCEC Session.

2. Recent Developments in Economic and Commercial Cooperation under the Auspices of the COMCEC

2.1. The COMCEC Strategy

In line with the mandate given by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in November 2009 in İstanbul, the COMCEC Strategy has been prepared under the high patronage of H.E. Abdullah GÜL, the President of the Republic of Turkey and the Chairman of the COMCEC. The Strategy was submitted by H.E. the President to the 4th Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Saudi Arabia on 14-15 August 2012 and was adopted by the Summit.

H.E. the President submitted a comprehensive report to the 12th Islamic Summit held in Cairo on 2-7 February 2013 regarding the progress achieved under the COMCEC since the 11th Islamic Summit and the developments concerning the operationalization of the COMCEC Strategy. Within this framework, H.E. GÜL informed the Summit that the COMCEC Strategy has become operational. The President also briefed the Summit in detail on the preparations regarding the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy.

The COMCEC Strategy brings a Member-driven COMCEC. The new vision of the COMCEC is *“to build a prosperous Islamic Ummah based on solidarity and interdependence, enhanced mobility and good governance.”* Accordingly, the COMCEC’s mission is to provide a forum to *produce and disseminate knowledge, share experiences and best-practices, develop a common language and understanding, and approximate policies* among the Member Countries to address the development challenges of our Member Countries and find solutions to them.

The Strategy has conceptual integrity and internal consistency. In light of the new vision of the COMCEC, it is based on three principles, namely Enhancing Mobility, Strengthening Solidarity and Improving Governance. These principles address the core and persistent challenges of the Islamic world and guide cooperation efforts in six cooperation areas, namely trade, transport and communications, tourism, agriculture, poverty alleviation and finance.

The Strategy has a well-defined implementation mechanism. Working Group mechanism is one of the main instruments of the Strategy in realizing its objectives. The Strategy ensures active and direct involvement of the Member Country experts in six cooperation areas through the regular Working Group meetings in each cooperation area. Working Groups aim at producing and disseminating knowledge, and sharing experience and good practices. They provide a suitable ground for creating a common understanding and approximating policies among the Member Countries to respond to their common development problems.

Membership to the Working Groups is voluntary. Member States willing to join a certain Working Group shall notify in writing the COMCEC Coordination Office and indicate the public institution that will be representing the respective Member Country in the meetings of the relevant Working Group. The Member States are expected to participate in the Working Group Meetings with the relevant experts from their Ministries/Institutions.

The Working Groups have flexible working methodology enabling them to better focus on substantive issues. In each cooperation area, Working Group Meetings will be held twice a year in Ankara.

The second instrument for the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy is the Project Cycle Management (PCM). The Strategy introduces a multi-annual programming approach with its new Project Cycle Management, which clearly defines the project process from submission and implementation to the monitoring and evaluation phases. The new PCM also identifies the roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders throughout the process.

The Project Cycle Management has a well-defined, predictable, reliable and sustainable financial framework. Member countries participating in the working groups as well as the OIC Institutions working in the field of economic and commercial cooperation can submit multilateral cooperation projects to be financed through grants provided by the COMCEC Coordination Office. The Strategy does not bring any additional financial burden to the Member Countries.

Implementation:

Implementation phase of the COMCEC Strategy has already commenced. In this framework, the 1st Meeting of the Transport and Communications Working Group was held on March 28th, 2013 in Ankara with the theme of “Transport Infrastructure Modalities: Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the OIC Member States.”¹

Moreover, the 1st Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held on April 25th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “A New Trend in Sustainable Tourism Development: Community Based Tourism (CBT) in the COMCEC Region.”²

The schedule of the upcoming Working Group Meetings is as follows:

- The 1st Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group will be held on June 6th, 2013 with the theme of “Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region: Improving Irrigation Capacity.”
- The 1st Meeting of the Trade Working Group will be held on June 20th, 2013 with the theme of “Promoting the SMEs Exports in the OIC Member States: The Role of Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs).”
- The 1st Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group will be held on June 27th, 2013 with the theme of “Enhancing Productive Capacity of the Poor in the COMCEC Member Countries through Improving the Human Capital.”
- The 1st Meeting of the Finance Working Group is planned to be held in the second half of 2013.

Furthermore, under the new COMCEC Project Cycle Management, the first project call will be made in September 2013. PCM mechanism, with its well-defined financial framework will enable the realization of the COMCEC Projects. The reference documents within the framework of the PCM including Program Implementation Guidelines, Project Fiche, Logical Framework and Visibility Manual will be issued by the COMCEC Coordination Office and published through the COMCEC web-site (www.comcec.org) in the upcoming weeks.

¹For detailed information, see the Transport section in page 6.

²For detailed information, see the Tourism section in page 6-7.

2.2.Ongoing Activities

Expansion of Intra-OIC Trade

Trade is an important catalyst of economic growth. Being aware of its importance, COMCEC has been trying to explore ways and means of cooperation in the field of trade and has initiated many programs and projects to enhance commercial cooperation among the Member States. It is defined as one of the cooperation areas by the COMCEC Strategy. Within the operationalization of the Strategy, the 1st Meeting of the Trade Working Group will be held on June 20th, 2013 in Ankara with the theme of “Promoting the SMEs Exports in the OIC Member States: The Role of Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs)”.

Being one of the most important projects of COMCEC, the Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) will provide a stimulus to intra-OIC trade volumes. The legal basis of the system was completed as of August 2011. For the operationalization of the TPS-OIC, however, at least ten Member States which have signed and ratified the TPS-OIC agreements should submit the concession lists to the TNC Secretariat. The number of the Member States that have ratified the three agreements and submitted the concession list is currently nine. In this respect, the COMCEC in its 28th Session reiterated its request to the Member States which have ratified the TPS-OIC Agreement to submit their concession lists to the TNC Secretariat to make this System operational.

Since the 28th Session of the COMCEC, Benin and Mauritania have signed the three TPS-OIC agreements while Sudan, Cote d’Ivoire and Niger have signed the PRETAS and the Rules of Origin agreements. Islamic Republic of Iran ratified the Rules of Origin agreement whereas Gambia ratified PRETAS and Djibouti ratified the Framework Agreement. Moreover, the ICDT has organized a Training Seminar on TPS-OIC on 17-19 March 2013 in the Republic of Iraq.

In line with the relevant resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, the 1st OIC Halal Food Middle East Expo was held on 10-12 December 2012 in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Furthermore, the 1st OIC Trade Handicraft Exhibition was held on 11-14 April 2013 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

Regarding the Road Map for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade, the 5th Fifth Consultative Group Meeting was held on 27-28 February 2013 in Casablanca, Morocco. Prior to the aforementioned meeting, the OIC High Level Forum on Trade Facilitation and Single Window was held in Casablanca on 25-26 February 2013.

Within the framework of WTO-Related Technical Assistance, a “Training Seminar on the WTO Related Matters and the Accession of the Member States to this Organization” was organized by the ICDT on 17-19 March 2013 in Baghdad, the Republic of Iraq.

Since the 28th COMCEC Session, SMIIC has organized several activities. SMIIC Forum 2012 and the 5th Board of Directors Meeting were held on 6-9 November 2012 in Antalya, Turkey. The 6th Board of Directors Meeting and the 4th General Assembly Meeting were held on 15-17 April 2013, in İstanbul.

Improving Transport and Communications

Within the framework of the operationalization of the COMCEC Strategy, the Transport Working Group has convened its first meeting on March 28th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey, with the theme of “Transport Infrastructure Modalities: Public Private Partnerships in the OIC Member States.” The Meeting brought together relevant experts from 13 Member States which had notified their focal points for the Transport Working Group. The relevant OIC institutions and international institutions and the private sector representatives also attended the Meeting. The presentations and deliberations made during the meeting highlighted the fact that implementing the PPP projects are more complex and costlier than the traditional budget financing. However, PPPs provide additional financing, additional human resources and expertise, increase modernization of technology and practices, improve investment environment and enhance the efficiency of infrastructure.

Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector

Tourism is defined as one of the cooperation areas of the COMCEC Strategy. In this framework, the 1st Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held on 25th April, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “A New Trend in Sustainable Tourism Development: Community Based Tourism in the COMCEC Region.” The Meeting was attended by representatives of 15 Member States, which had notified their focal points for the Tourism Working Group. The relevant OIC institutions and some academicians have also attended the Meeting. In the meeting, country experts had the chance of elaborating the CBT issue thoroughly and shared their experiences and best practices. In the brainstorming session of the Meeting, they came up with some ideas to enhance cooperation in Community Based Tourism among the member countries. Some of these ideas are; developing joint integrated tour packages, capacity building and training programs and online promotion of CBT programs.

The other activities in tourism sector are as follows:

- The 1st Meeting of the OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum was held on 7-8 December 2012, in İzmir, Turkey with the theme of “Sustainable Tourism and Community-Based Tourism in the OIC Region”. The Meeting was attended by the public and private sector representatives of the Member States as well as representatives of the relevant OIC institutions and international organizations. The Meeting highlighted, among others, the importance of developing joint tour packages and marketing programs among the Member Countries.
- Furthermore, the 3rd Conference on Health-Tourism in Islamic Countries was organized on 18-19 December 2012 in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Meeting highlighted the potential of health tourism as well as its role in enhancing sustainable economic growth in the OIC region.
- Moreover, the Training Program on “Hotel Management and Travel Agency Business” was held on 16-20 April in Antalya, Turkey with a high level participation from the Member Countries, approximately 50 people from 28 Member Countries.

Till now, Tourism Ministerial Meetings have been held seven times. The 8th Meeting of the Tourism Ministers will be held on 3-5 December 2013 in Banjul, Gambia.

Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security

The COMCEC Strategy has identified agriculture as one of the main cooperation areas of the COMCEC. Within the framework of the operationalization of the COMCEC Strategy, the 1st Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group will be held on June 6th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “*Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region: Improving Irrigation Capacity.*”

The other activities in the field of agriculture are as follows:

- In line with the decision of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, the Workshop on “Enhancing the Capacity of the Member States in Wheat Production” was organized by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and the COMCEC Coordination Office on 15-16 January 2013 in İzmir, Turkey. The Workshop was attended by representatives of the Member Countries as well as the relevant OIC institutions and international organizations. The Meeting highlighted, among others, the importance of enhancing institutional and human capacity in the member states for increasing wheat production in the COMCEC Region.
- Ministerial Meetings on Agriculture have been held six times till now. The 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development will be held on 14-16 November 2013 in Senegal.
- The COMCEC Task Force, established in 2009 in line with the relevant decisions of the COMCEC Economic Summit and the 25th Session of the COMCEC, prepared the Draft Framework for Cooperation in Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security in the OIC Member States and submitted it to the 28th Session of the COMCEC. The Session welcomed the Framework and requested the Member States to convey their views on the document. Meanwhile, some Member States have conveyed their views expressing support to the Document.

Eradicating Poverty

Poverty alleviation efforts have been occupying an important place in the COMCEC agenda. The COMCEC Strategy also defines Poverty Alleviation as one of its cooperation areas. In this framework, the 1st Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group will be held on June 27th, 2013 in Ankara with the theme of “*Enhancing Productive Capacity of the Poor in the COMCEC Member Countries through Improving the Human Capital.*”

The ongoing cooperation efforts for addressing poverty under the auspices of the COMCEC include the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), the Special Program for the Development of Africa (SPDA), the OIC Cotton Program and the Vocational Education and Training Program for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET).

Within the framework of the ISFD, until now, 27 projects have been approved by the IDB. The total allocation amount of these projects is USD 1 billion and 5 out of the 27 projects

have been funded so far. Regarding the SPDA, as of April 2013, the IDB Group has approved USD 5 billion for 480 operations and disbursed approximately half of the total approvals.

Three capacity building programmes have been initiated within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme namely, Agriculture Capacity Building Programme, Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme and Capacity Building Programme on Poverty Alleviation. Six Steering Committee and four Project Committee meetings have been held till now. The 6th Steering Committee Meeting was held on April 3rd, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.

Regarding the developments in OIC-VET Program, the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) convened its Fourth Meeting on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon.

Deepening Financial Cooperation

In recent years, COMCEC has intensified its efforts for enhancing cooperation among the member states in the area of finance. The COMCEC Strategy has identified finance as one of its cooperation areas. The 1st Meeting of the Finance Working Group is scheduled to be held in the second half of 2013.

The ongoing activities in the area of finance have been carried out under the Cooperation among Stock Exchanges, Cooperation Among Capital Markets' Regulatory Bodies and Cooperation Among Central Banks and Monetary Authorities.

Within the framework of Cooperation among Stock Exchanges, the OIC Stock Exchanges Forum has convened six times till now. The 7th Meeting of the Forum will be held in September 19th, 2013 in İstanbul. The Forum has successfully finalized the "S&P OIC/COMCEC Index", which was officially launched during the 28th Session of the COMCEC. The Index was designed to measure the performance of 50 leading companies from the 19 Member States.

Regarding cooperation among Capital Markets' Regulatory Bodies, in line with the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, the COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum was established in 2011 to increase coordination and cooperation in regulatory and legal infrastructure with a view to achieving more harmonized policies and regulations among the Member Countries. The Forum convened its first meeting on 26-27 September 2012 in İstanbul. The 2nd Meeting of the COMCEC Capital Market Regulators Forum will be held in September 19th, 2013 in İstanbul.

Cooperation among Central Banks and Monetary has gained a new momentum in recent years. The 12th Meeting of the OIC Central Banks and Monetary Authorities was held on 14-15 May 2012 in İstanbul, Turkey. The Meeting decided to establish three working groups to prepare technical background papers in the following areas: Payment Systems, Macro Prudential Regulations, and Liquidity Management in Islamic Finance. Moreover, the Forum website was established (www.comceccmr.org). The 13th Meeting of the Governors of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States will be held on 27-28 November 2013 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia with the theme of "Impact of Recent International Financial Regulatory Reforms on OIC Countries."

Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation

COMCEC aims at enhancing the role of private sector in economic cooperation. Up to now, 14 private sector meetings have been held. The last one was held on 24-26 April, 2011 in Sharjah, UAE. The 15th Private Sector Meeting will be held in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2013.

Exchange of Views Sessions

The 28th Session of the COMCEC decided on the theme of the Ministerial Exchange of Views of the next COMCEC Session as “FDI Flows to OIC Member Countries.” The Preparatory Workshop on the aforementioned theme will be organized by the COMCEC Coordination Office and SESRIC in cooperation with the IDB Group (ICIEC) on 24-25 September 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.

2.3. Other Activities under Economic and Commercial Cooperation

The Third Session of the Statistical Commission of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) was co-organized by SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting was attended by representatives of the Member Countries as well as the OIC institutions and other international institutions.

Moreover, the Conference of Labor Ministers of the OIC Member States was held on 23-26 April 2013 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan. Various cooperation issues related to labor and employment in OIC countries were discussed including Occupational Safety and Health; Reducing Unemployment; Workforce Capacity Development Projects; Foreign Migrant Labor; and Labor Market Information.

Lastly, the Sixth Meeting of the OIC Steering Committee on Health was hosted by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia on 23 – 24 April 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting, among others, discussed the draft OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2013-2022.

3. Recent COMCEC Publications

- **Report of the 28th Session of the COMCEC (8-11 October 2012)**
- **COMCEC Progress Report (2008-2012)**
- **Transport Outlook 2013**
- **Bridging the Gaps: Implementation Challenges for Transport PPPs in OIC Member States**
- **Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Transport Working Group**
- **Tourism Outlook 2013**
- **Community Based Tourism: Finding the Equilibrium in the COMCEC Context**
- **Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Tourism Working Group**

4. COMCEC Calendar of Events for 2013

Event/Activity	Cooperation Area	Venue	Date
6 th Exhibition of Agribusiness Industries of OIC Member States	Agriculture	Muscat, Oman	13-16 May 2013
Capacity Building on Competition Law and Policy	Competition	Albania	15-17 May 2013
38 th Annual Meeting of the IDB Group	Finance	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	18-22 May 2013
8 th IDB Global Forum on Islamic Finance: "Role of Islamic Finance for Development in Low Income IDB Member Countries in the CIS Region"	Finance	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	19 May 2013
Joint IDB-ADFIMI -Agroinvest Bank CEO Seminar on Innovation, Agribusiness and Renewable Energy through SME Finance	Finance	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	19 May 2013
Seminar on: "Innovative Financing for Social Operations"	Finance	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	19 May 2013
Seminar on "Sustainable Energy for Poverty Alleviation"	Poverty Alleviation	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	20 May 2013
24 th IDB Annual Symposium on "Innovation for Economic Development in IDB Member Countries"	Finance	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	21 May 2013
Training Programme for Agricultural Extension Experts in OIC Member States	Agriculture	Turkey	21-23 May 2013
Capacity Building on Financial Stability	Finance	Azerbaijan	29-31 May 2013
Capacity Building on Breeding and Improving Wheat Plants to Increase the Productivity	Agriculture	Qatar	4-6 June 2013
1 st Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group	Agriculture	Ankara	6 June 2013
Capacity Building on Market Operations	Finance	Cote d'Ivoire	10-12 June 2013
Awareness-raising and training seminars on the TPS/OIC	Trade	Ramallah, Palestine	10-12 June 2013
Training Seminar on Trade Liberalization and Trade Defense Systems in Arab Countries	Trade	Tunis, Tunisia	17-18 June 2013
Study Visit on Railway System Technologies	Transport	Turkey	17-21 June 2013

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1 st Meeting of the Trade Working Group	Trade	Ankara	20 June 2013
Capacity Building on Plant Protection: Diseases	Agriculture	Pakistan	24-26 June 2013
Capacity Building on Livestock Management: Breeding Cattle Raising and Improvement	Agriculture	Brunei	26-27 June 2013
Capacity Building on Risk Management	Finance	Tajikistan	24-26 June 2013
Workshop on Innovative Solutions for Poverty Reduction	Poverty Alleviation	Ankara, Turkey	26-28 June 2013
1 st Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group	Poverty Alleviation	Ankara	27 June 2013
Seminar on Effective Financial Mechanisms for Disaster Risk Management	Finance	Ankara, Turkey	28 June 2013
Capacity Building on Agronomy: Crop Management	Agriculture	Bangladesh	June 2013
Study Visit on Development of Cotton Production and Technology in Afghanistan	Poverty Alleviation	Turkey	June 2013
Capacity Building on Inflation Targeting	Finance	Sierra Leone	01-03 July 2013
Training Seminar on Development of R&D, technological innovation and intellectual property for the member states of the OIC	Trade	Casablanca Morocco	4-5 July 2013
Capacity Building on Balance of Payments	Finance	Malaysia	15-17 July 2013
Capacity Building on Financial Stability	Finance	Turkey	22-24 July 2013
Capacity Building on Risk Management	Finance	Kyrgyzstan	31 July-2 August 2013
Capacity Building on Agronomy: Irrigation	Agriculture	Yemen	July 2013
Capacity Building on Agricultural Combat: Bee Diseases and Pest	Agriculture	Kuwait	July 2013
Capacity Building on Water Resource Management	Agriculture	Iraq	July 2013
Capacity Building on Investor and Financial Community Awareness	Finance	Kyrgyzstan	August 2013
Conference on the International Forum on Financial Systems	Finance	İstanbul, Turkey	5-8 September 2013
Expert Group Meeting on Islamic Banking and Finance Statistics	Finance	Ankara, Turkey	9-11 September 2013
9 th International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance	Finance	İstanbul, Turkey	11-12 September

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Workshop on Improving the Trade/Company Registry Services in the Member States	Trade	Ankara, Turkey	11-12 September 2013
4 th OIC World BIZ	Trade	Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia	12-16 September 2013
OIC China Expo and Economic and Trade Forum 2013	Trade	China	12-16 September 2013
Workshop on Investment flows to OIC Countries	Finance	Ankara, Turkey	24-25 September 2013
The Preparatory Workshop on “FDI Flows to the OIC Member Countries”	Finance	Ankara, Turkey	24-25 September 2013
7 th Meeting of the OIC Stock Exchanges Forum	Finance	İstanbul	19 September 2013
2 nd Meeting of the COMCEC Capital Market Regulators Forum	Finance	İstanbul	19 September 2013
1 st Project Call will be made under the Project Cycle Management mechanism of the COMCEC Strategy	All Cooperation Areas		September 2013
Short-term Training on Transport and Communication	Transport	Cameroon	September 2013
22 nd Session of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)	All Cooperation Areas	Ankara, Turkey	September 2013
Training Workshop on Statistical Database Design and Visualization Tools Development	All Cooperation Areas	Ankara, Turkey	September 2013
Capacity Building on Company Awareness	Private Sector	Azerbaijan	September 2013
15 th Private Sector Meeting for Promotion of trade and joint venture investment among the OIC	Private Sector	Tehran, Iran	27-28 October 2013
7 th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries	Private Sector	Tehran, Iran	29 October 2013
14 th Islamic Trade Fair	Trade	Tehran	28 October-1 November 2013
Capacity Building on Livestock Management: Animal Diseases and Combat with Animal Diseases	Agriculture	Saudi Arabia	October 2013

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Capacity Building on Quality Improvement: Seed quality and preparation	Agriculture	Azerbaijan	October 2013
Capacity Building on Rural Development	Agriculture	Togo	October 2013
7 th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development	Agriculture	Senegal	14-16 November 2013
Forum of Muslim Business	Trade	Dakar, Senegal	14-16 November 2013
23 rd Meeting of the Sessional Committee	All Cooperation Areas	İstanbul	17 November 2013
29 th Session of the COMCEC	All Cooperation Areas	İstanbul	18-21 November 2013
13 th Meeting of the Governors of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States	Finance	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	27-28 November 2013
Capacity Building on Fiber Technology: Contamination	Agriculture	Togo	November 2013
8 th Meeting of the OIC Tourism Ministers	Tourism	Banjul, Gambia	3-5 December 2013
2 nd OIC Halal Food Exhibition	Trade	Sharjah, UAE	16-18 December 2013
2 nd Meeting of the OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum	Tourism	Turkey	December 2013
Workshop on Capacity Building on Value Chain Analysis for Agri-Business	Agriculture	Sudan	December 2013
Training Workshop on Export Promotion and Investment Strategies in the Context of Globalisation	Trade	Lefkosa	2 nd Half of 2013
Workshop/Training on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Trade	North African Arabic Speaking Countries	4 th Quarter of 2013
Workshop/Training on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Trade	African French Speaking Countries	4 th Quarter of 2013
Workshop/Training on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Trade	African English Speaking Countries	4 th Quarter of 2013

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Workshop/Training on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Trade	Central Asian Countries (CACs)	4 th Quarter of 2013
The 15 th Private Sector Meeting	Private Sector	Iran	2013
Workshop/Training on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Trade	Ankara, Turkey	2013
2 nd Regional Workshop for Zakat Organizations	Poverty Alleviation	Sudan	2013
Seminar on Creating awareness of the utilities and privileges of various OIC Agreements (TPS-OIC)	Trade	Sudan	2013
OIC Chamber Academy Program	Private Sector	Ankara, Turkey	2013
WIEF-ICCIA Web-Reach Internet Marketing Workshop	Trade	Pakistan	2013
Short-term Training on Geographic Information Systems	All Areas	Libya and Tunisia	Tbd
Short-term Training on Census/Survey Design and Sampling Techniques	All Areas	Bangladesh Kuwait and Yemen	Tbd
Short-term Training on Government Finance	Finance	Pakistan	Tbd
Short-term Training on Statistical Data Analysis	All Areas	Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyzstan	Tbd
Short-term Training on Income and Consumption	Finance	Somalia	Tbd
Short-term Training on Tourism Satellite Account	Tourism	Bahrain and Cameroon	Tbd
Short-term Training on Agricultural Statistics	Agriculture	Gabon	Tbd
Short-term Training on Forecast and Modeling	Finance	Iraq	Tbd
Short-term Training on Data Dissemination and Publication	All Areas	Saudi Arabia	Tbd
Short-term Training on Price Statistics and Indices	Finance	Indonesia	Tbd
Short-term Training on Foreign Trade Statistics	Trade	Oman	Tbd
Short-term Training on Metadata Preparation and Management	All Areas	UAE	Tbd

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Capacity Building on Financial Stability	Finance	Djibouti	Tbd
Capacity Building on Inflation Targeting	Finance	Tunisia	Tbd
Capacity Building on Forecasting Methods	Finance	Turkey	Tbd

