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INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), has been functioning as the responsible body within the OIC for enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the 57 Member States of the OIC, since 1984.

Efforts towards deepening economic and commercial cooperation among the Member States have continued in 2013 under the auspices of the COMCEC in line with the resolutions of the 28th Session of the COMCEC held on 8-11 October 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey.

The 28th Session of the COMCEC has reviewed the cooperation efforts in different sectors such as trade, transport, agriculture, tourism, finance, poverty alleviation and private sector cooperation. After fruitful deliberations, the Session adopted various resolutions towards enhancing cooperation among the Member States in these sectors. The Session also decided to hold the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session of the 29th Session of the COMCEC as “Increasing FDI Flows to the OIC Member Countries”.

This report aims at giving brief account on the implementation status of the resolutions of the 28th Session of the COMCEC. It is also worth mentioning that most of the activities decided by the 28th Session of the COMCEC have been organized successfully with the efforts and support of the Member States and relevant OIC Institutions.

The year 2013 was the first year of the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy which was adopted by the 4th Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 August 2012 in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The working groups, which is one of the implementation instruments of the COMCEC Strategy and established in the six cooperation areas defined by the COMCEC Strategy, have convened their first meetings in the first half of 2013. The second meetings of the working groups will be completed in December 2013. The working groups will continue to meet at least twice a year and focus on important issues in their respective areas of expertise in future meetings.

The Project Cycle Management, the second implementation instrument was launched in September 2013. The PCM aims at providing grants to technical cooperation and capacity building projects proposed by the Member States, which have registered to the working groups. The COMCEC Coordination Office has started to receive Project proposals from the Member States.

CHAPTER I: COMCEC STRATEGY

1.1. Background

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the COMCEC, the COMCEC Economic Summit was held in 2009 in İstanbul, Turkey. The Summit was attended by the Heads of States and Governments of the Member States. The Summit has adopted İstanbul Declaration which gave a clear direction for enhancing cooperation under the auspices of the COMCEC. The Summit requested the Chairman of the COMCEC to produce a new vision document for the COMCEC in line with the current needs of the Member States and to improve the institutional set-up of the economic and commercial cooperation.

In line with the task given by the COMCEC Economic Summit, the COMCEC Strategy has been prepared under the high guidance of H.E Abdullah GÜL, President of the Republic of Turkey and the Chairman of the COMCEC, and adopted by the 4th Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al- Mukarramah on 14-15 August 2012. The Strategy has officially been launched at the 28th Session of the COMCEC and has become operational.

The COMCEC Strategy has been prepared in light of the findings of the critical evaluation report, which was welcomed by the 26th Session of the COMCEC. The Report assesses the former Strategy and the Plan of Action adopted in 1994, in terms of their content and implementation. It identifies the constant setbacks of the former cooperation documents, which are lack of an effective institutional set-up, lack of ownership by the member states, lack of a financing mechanism and lack of an effective project cycle management.

Taking these setbacks into consideration, the 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 and find solutions to the development challenges of the Islamic Ummah.

In light of this Vision, the Strategy is built on three principles: *Enhancing Mobility, Strengthening Solidarity* and *Improving Governance*, which address the core and persistent challenges of the Islamic World and guide the COMCEC cooperation efforts. These three principles will guide the efforts in 6 cooperation areas of the

Strategy namely; trade, agriculture, transport and communications, tourism, poverty alleviation, and finance.

The mechanisms through which the Strategy is going to be operationalized are as important as its content and substance. The Strategy introduces a well-defined implementation mechanism. The main instruments of the implementation mechanism are the Working Groups and Project Cycle Management mechanism. The working groups will serve to producing and disseminating knowledge, creation of a common understanding and approximation of policies among the member states. The second instrument of the Strategy for its effective implementation is the Project Cycle Management (PCM). The COMCEC Projects to be submitted by the member states and the OIC institutions and funded by the COMCEC Coordination Office under the new PCM will serve to the objectives of a member-driven COMCEC by facilitating their direct contribution to the multilateral cooperation efforts.

1.2. Working Groups

In accordance with the provisions of the COMCEC Strategy, the COMCEC Coordination Office has organized the first meetings of the Trade, Transport and Communications, Agriculture, Tourism and Poverty Alleviation Working Groups and the Second Meetings of the Trade, Transport and Communications and Tourism Working Groups between March-October 2013. Second meetings of the Working Groups will be completed in December 2013.

Participation to the Working Groups is voluntary. The Member States which have registered to the Working Groups and have notified their focal points to the COMCEC Coordination Office, relevant international institutions and the private sector have been invited to the Meetings.

Each Meeting of the Working Groups has concentrated on a specific theme defined among the expected outcomes of the relevant field of the Strategy. The COMCEC Coordination Office has conducted an analytical study for each meeting and shared it with the participants prior to the Meeting. Moreover, the COMCEC Coordination Office has also presented sectoral outlooks to the relevant meetings to give the general overview of the sector in the world as well as in the Member States.

The experts attending the Working Group Meeting have found the opportunity to share their country experiences, including the success stories and the major obstacles.

Finally, the COMCEC Coordination Office has prepared “The Proceedings” after each working group meeting and made it available for the use of Member States on its website. The Proceedings summarizes the presentations and the deliberations made during the Working Group Meetings.

1.3. COMCEC Project Funding

The COMCEC Project Funding is one of the two implementation instruments of the COMCEC Strategy, which aims at providing funding to the COMCEC Projects in the form of grants. To increase awareness on this important opportunity, COMCEC Coordination Office has organized several activities throughout the year.



During the working group meetings, the COMCEC Coordination Office has made presentations on the “COMCEC Project Funding”. In these presentations, the COMCEC Coordination Office has informed the participants on the basic facts of the Funding and illustrated sample projects to be financed within this framework.

In order to increase awareness among the focal points of the Member States, the COMCEC Coordination Office has organized two training programmes in Ankara, Turkey on 19-20 August and in Dakar, Senegal on August 29th, 2013.

Training programmes on COMCEC PCM



Finally, the COMCEC Coordination Office has made the Project Call on September 2nd 2013 and invited the *Public Institutions of the Member Countries which have registered to the Working Groups and OIC Institutions operating in the field of economic and commercial cooperation* to submit their preliminary project proposals to the CCO electronically, using the COMCEC website, and paper-based through their Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The deadline for the project call is

November 1st, 2013. Within this time frame, COMCEC Coordination Office received 99 project proposals from 23 Member States and 3 OIC Institutions. COMCEC Coordination Office will review these proposals and provide grants to the selected projects.

1.4. Activities Carried out by the Relevant OIC Institutions

The relevant OIC Institutions operating in economic domain are organizing several activities in accordance with the resolutions of the COMCEC. The outcomes of these activities are reported to the COMCEC Sessions and Follow-up Committee Meetings regularly.

Moreover, cooperation exertions of the OIC Institutions operating in the economic domain would have particular importance for the realization of the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy. In this respect, in line with the relevant decision of the 22nd Sessional Committee held on May 13th, 2013 in Ankara on the sideline of the 29th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee, the OIC Institutions have communicated their list of activities aligned with the objectives and expected outputs of the COMCEC Strategy to the COMCEC Coordination Office. In this regard, they have been organizing several activities which would serve to the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy. The List of Activities to be carried out by relevant OIC Institutions during 2013-2014 is attached as Annex-1

This report also summarizes the activities organized by the OIC Institutions in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the previous COMCEC Session.



CHAPTER II: COOPERATION AREAS

2.1. Trade

2.1.1. First Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group

The First Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group was held on June 20th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Promoting the SMEs Exports in the OIC Member States: The Role of the Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs)”.



The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 20 Member States, which have already notified their focal points for the Trade Working Group namely, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey and Uganda. Representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Trade Centre (ITC) have also attended the Meeting.

The participants deliberated on the obstacles faced by the SMEs in making exports and possible roles to be played by the TPOs to promote the exports of the SMEs. The Meeting also deliberated on the findings of the Study namely “Promoting the Exports of the SMEs in the OIC Member Countries” which is considered as a valuable reference for the TPOs in promoting the SMEs Exports.

Representatives of some Member States made presentations on the problems faced by their SMEs in exporting and their country experiences in promoting SMEs exports . The Meeting also provided the opportunity to the representatives from

the international institutions to share their perspectives and activities in promoting the SMEs exports.

The presentations and deliberations made during the meeting highlighted the fact that, many countries face the similar obstacles in exporting including limited trade finance opportunities, lack of information on foreign markets and lack of interest of the SMEs in exporting. The participants underlined that, TPOs should play important role in supporting the SMEs in exporting. They also stressed the importance of experience sharing among the TPOs and the international institutions to increase institutional and human capacity and the efficiency of the TPOs support instruments and tools.

Publications



Analytical Study



Trade Outlook



Proceedings

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Trade Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the First Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/trade_wg.aspx?iid=1.

2.1.2. Second Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group

The Second Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group was held on October 31st, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Improving the SMEs Access to Trade Finance in the OIC Member States”.

The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 15 Member States which have already notified their focal points for the Trade Working Group namely, Azerbaijan, Comoros, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Turkey. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, IDB, ICDT, IFC, ITC and OPUS Advisory International, a private consultant company.



In order to enrich the deliberations, the COMCEC Coordination Office presented an analytical study on the issue. The study as well as experiences of some of the Member States and the international institutions were presented during the Meeting. In the light of the presentations, the Meeting focused on the following major issues:

1. Global trends in improving SMEs Access to Trade Finance,
2. Major obstacles faced in the OIC Member States,
3. The role of Export Credit Agencies and Multilateral Financial Institutions in improving SMEs Access to Trade Finance.

The presentations and the deliberations made during the meeting underlined that SMEs access to affordable trade finance is extremely important for the SMEs for engaging international trade and for sustaining their competitiveness. SMEs in many Member States face obstacles in conventional and Islamic Trade finance instruments.

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Trade Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the Second Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/trade_wg.aspx?iid=3.

2.1.3. Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC)

TPS-OIC is based on three agreements, namely the Framework Agreement, the Protocol on Preferential Tariff Scheme (PRETAS) and the Rules of Origin.

The Framework Agreement, which sets out the general rules and principles for the negotiations toward the establishment of the TPS-OIC, entered into force in 2002. The PRETAS, which complements the Framework Agreement by laying out the

concrete reduction rates in tariffs in accordance with a time-table for implementation, entered into force in February 2010. The Rules of Origin, which will be applied for the identification of the origin of products eligible for preferential concessions under the TPS-OIC, entered into force in August 2011. Therefore, the legal basis of the system was completed.

For the implementation of the TPS-OIC, the Member States which signed and ratified the TPS-OIC agreements should also fulfill their obligations arising from the provisions of these agreements, such as submission of the list of concessions and completion of the necessary internal legislative and administrative measures including printing TPS-OIC Certificate of Origin and providing specimen impressions of stamps to the TNC Secretariat.

In order to make the TPS-OIC system operational, 10 Member States have to fulfill two conditions at the same time: The ratification of the three TPS-OIC Agreements and the submission of the list of concessions to the TNC Secretariat.

Currently there are nine Member States fulfilling both requirements. Since 28th Session of the COMCEC Benin and Mauritania have signed three TPS-OIC agreements and Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger have signed Rules of Origin and PRETAS. Morocco has completed the ratifications for Rules of Origin and the PRETAS, Islamic Republic of Iran has ratified the Rules of Origin, Gambia has ratified the PRETAS, Kuwait and Djibouti have ratified the Framework Agreement.

The List of Countries signed/ratified TPS-OIC Agreements can be reached at [http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/TPS-OIC/TPSOIC-PRETASStatus\[EN\].pdf](http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/TPS-OIC/TPSOIC-PRETASStatus[EN].pdf)

2.1.4. Fifth Meeting of the OIC Consultative Group on Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade

The Fifth Meeting of the OIC Consultative Group on Enhancing intra-OIC Trade was held on 27-28 February 2013 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, IDB Group, ICDT, ICCIA, SESRIC and OISA. The representatives of some of the Member States and relevant international and regional organizations have also attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the implementation status of the Executive Programme of the Road Map for achieving intra-OIC trade targets. The participants have also discussed the possible role of the regional organizations in promoting intra-OIC trade and the role of Member States in implementing the Executive Programme.



At the end of the deliberations, the Meeting adopted several recommendations to the Member States, OIC institutions and the private sector.

2.1.5. OIC High Level Forum on Trade Facilitation and Single Window Initiatives for Enhanced Regional Economic Cooperation

In accordance with the resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, the “OIC High Level Forum on Trade Facilitation and Single Window Initiatives for Enhanced Regional Economic Cooperation” was held on 25-26 February 2013 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

Speakers from international and regional institutions as well as the Member States made presentations on trade facilitation and single window applications. During the deliberations, the participants have underlined the importance of single window in facilitating intra-OIC trade. In this context, they encouraged the Member States to establish national single window and adhere to relevant international conventions to reduce transaction costs for imports and exports.

The Forum has also adopted various recommendations on implementation of Single Window projects.

2.1.6. Islamic Trade Fairs

Islamic Trade Fairs were initiated by the COMCEC in order to create awareness on the products of the Member States and to increase trade among them.

The ICDT is organizing Islamic Trade Fairs in every two years in one of the OIC Member States. ICDT has organized fourteen Islamic Trade Fairs to date. The 14th Islamic Trade Fair was held on October 28th - November 1st in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

In Its previous Sessions, COMCEC has requested the ICDT to organize sectoral trade fairs and exhibitions in addition to the Islamic Trade Fairs. In this regard, ICDT, in cooperation with the Member States, has been organizing sectoral trade fairs. Since the last session of the COMCEC, following sectoral fairs have been organized:

- First OIC Halal Food Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE,
- First Handicrafts Exhibition of the OIC Member States, Casablanca, Morocco,
- Sixth Exhibition of Agribusiness Industries in the OIC Member States, Muscat, Oman
- Fourteenth Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, Tehran, Iran
- Exhibition on Islamic Finance

2.1.7. Institutionalization of the SMIIC

Standard and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) is one of the significant projects realized by the COMCEC. It is an affiliated institution of the OIC and aims at contributing to the development of quality and standards of products and services in the OIC Member States. SMIIC aims at realizing harmonized standards and eliminating technical barriers for enhancing trade among the Member Countries.

After finalizing its establishment procedures, the SMIIC has commenced its activities. It has held its general assembly and Board of Directors meetings regularly. Furthermore, it has established seven technical committees.

Since the last session of the COMCEC, SMIIC organized several activities including SMIIC Forum 2012, which brought together relevant experts in the area of standards, metrology and accreditation from the Member States and International Institutions. The Forum was held in Antalya, Republic of Turkey during 08-09 November 2012 and provided the participants the opportunity to discuss the current situation of these fields in the OIC Member Countries and at the international level. Over 160 delegates from 35 countries including National Standardization Bodies (NSBs), relevant national organizations of member countries and international organizations participated in the Forum.

2.2. Transport

2.2.1. First Meeting of the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group

The First Meeting of the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group was held on March 28th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Transport Infrastructure Financing Modalities: Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the OIC Member States”.

The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 13 Member States, which have already notified their focal points for the Transport and Communications Working Group namely, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Senegal, Turkey and Uganda. The representatives of COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, Islamic Development Bank, OISA, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and TAV Airports holding have also attended the Meeting.





The Meeting reviewed the financing modalities in transport infrastructure investments and the Study namely “Bridging the Gaps: Implementation Challenges for Transport PPPs in the OIC Member States” which is considered as a valuable reference for implementing PPPs.

Representatives of some Member States also made presentations on their PPP experience in transport sector. The presentations demonstrated the relevant laws, institutions, success stories and challenges in implementing PPPs in the transport sector in the concerned Member States. The Meeting also provided the opportunity to the representatives from the international financial institutions and private sector to share their perspectives on the implementation of PPP projects. Lastly, the COMCEC Coordination Office presented the details of new COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism, namely COMCEC PCM, introduced by the COMCEC Strategy.

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 contribute additional financing, additional human resources and expertise, increase modernization of technology and practices, improve investment environment and enhance the efficiency of infrastructure.

It was also noted that institutional and regulatory reforms, development of human resources in relevant authorities, risk identification and allocation, transparency in tendering procedures are important factors to be taken into consideration for the success of the PPPs.

Publications



Analytical Study



Transport Outlook



Proceedings

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Transport Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the First Meeting of the COMCEC Transport Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/transport_wg.aspx?iid=238.

2.2.2. Second Meeting of the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group

The Second Meeting of the COMCEC Transport Working Group was held on October 8th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Developing Multimodal Freight Transport (MFT) Among The OIC Member Countries: Basic Concepts and the Latest Trends”



The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 14 Member States, the COMCEC Coordination Office and private sector representatives.

The Meeting mainly focused on the basic concepts and global trends in MFT. In order to provide input to the Meeting, the COMCEC Coordination Office has conducted a study on the subject namely “Global Trends and Policies in Multimodal Freight Transport”. The study was circulated to the participants prior to the Meeting and also presented during the Meeting.

During the Meeting the participants expressed their views and shared their country experiences. Also the private sector representatives presented their work as well as obstacles faced in multimodal transport among the Member Countries.

In the last part of the Meeting, the representative of the COMCEC Coordination Office made a presentation on the COMCEC Project Funding. The COMCEC Project Funding aims at contributing to the development of the Member States, through allocating grants to the technical cooperation projects among the Member States. In order to benefit from the COMCEC Project Funding, the public institutions of the Member States, which have registered to the working groups need to present their project proposals to the COMCEC Coordination Office. During the presentation, sample projects and project submission process were demonstrated to the participants.

Publications



Analytical Study



Proceedings

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Transport Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the Second Meeting of the COMCEC Transport Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/transport_wg.aspx?iid=239.

2.3. Agriculture

2.3.1. First Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group

The First Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group was held on June 6th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region: Improving Irrigation Capacity”.

The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 13 Member States, which have notified their focal points for the Agriculture Working Group namely, Afghanistan, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Turkey. Representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, Islamic Development Bank (IDB), private sector and relevant international institutions have also attended the Meeting.

The Meeting considered the irrigation capacity building in the COMCEC Region and the analytical study on “Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region: Improving Irrigation Capacity” which was regarded as a valuable reference document.



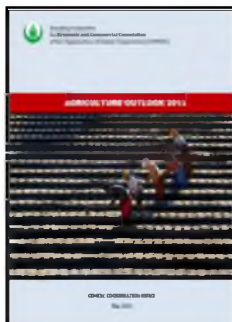
The Representatives of the Member States have shared their experiences, achievements and challenges in irrigation capacity building in their respective countries. The Meeting also provided the opportunity to the representatives and experienced experts from the International Development Institutions to share their perspectives on the capacity building in irrigation and water policy. In the brainstorming session, the participants had the chance to elaborate on ways and means of enhancing cooperation among the COMCEC Member Countries in irrigation capacity building and water use efficiency and possible role COMCEC Project Cycle Management (PCM) in this regard.

Lastly, the COMCEC Coordination Office presented the details of new COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism, namely COMCEC PCM, introduced by the COMCEC Strategy.

Publications



Analytical Study



Agriculture Outlook



Proceedings

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The Second Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group will be held on December 19th 2013 with the theme of with the theme of “Encouraging Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) in the COMCEC Region for Increasing Agricultural Productivity”.

2.3.2. Workshop on Enhancing the Capacity of the Member States in Wheat Production

In accordance with the resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and COMCEC Coordination Office have organized a workshop on “Enhancing the Capacity of the Member States in Wheat Production” on 15-16 January 2013 in İzmir, Turkey.

The workshop was attended by the representatives from 11 Member States and relevant OIC and international organizations. The workshop focused on three issues namely, current situation in wheat production, inputs and resource mobilization and climate change and its effect on wheat production.

Speakers from various international institutions made presentations and the representatives from the Member States have shared their views and country experiences during the workshop.



The workshop highlighted the importance of enhancing institutional and human capacity in the member states for increasing wheat production in the COMCEC Region. In this context, it welcomed the readiness of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey to share its experience in wheat production with the COMCEC Member Countries.

The report of the Workshop can be reached at

http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/yenisite_duyuru_ve_haberler/EN/COMCEC-Member-States-in-Wheat-Production.pdf

2.4. Tourism

2.4.1. First Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group

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 in the COMCEC Region.”

The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 15 Member States, which have notified their focal points for the COMCEC Tourism Working Group, namely, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Senegal, Tunisia and Turkey. Representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) and some academicians have also attended the Meeting.



The Meeting considered the Community Based Tourism (CBT) Programs in the COMCEC region and the analytical study namely “Community Based Tourism: Finding the Equilibrium in the COMCEC Context” which was regarded as a valuable reference for implementing CBT Programs.

The Representatives of the Member States have shared their experiences, achievements and challenges in implementing the CBT Programs in their respective countries. In the brainstorming session, the participants had the chance to elaborate on ways and means of enhancing cooperation in Community Based Tourism among the Member Countries. The presentations and deliberations made during the meeting highlighted the fact that implementing the CBT programs and projects required careful design and planning, ownership of the local community, effective collaboration among different stakeholders and a sustainable financing mechanism.

Lastly, the COMCEC Coordination Office presented the new project funding mechanism, namely Project Cycle Management (PCM) introduced by the COMCEC Strategy.

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Tourism Outlook



Proceedings

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Tourism Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the First Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/tourism_wg.aspx?iid=242.

2.4.2. Second Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group

The 2nd Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held on October 3rd, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Tourism Product Development and Marketing Strategies in the COMCEC Region.”



The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 11 Member States, which have notified their focal points for the Tourism Working Group namely, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Turkey. Representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT), representatives from private sector and some other guests have also attended the Meeting.

The Meeting considered the tourism product development and marketing strategies in the COMCEC region through focusing on the Analytical Study namely “Tourism Product Development and Marketing Strategies in the COMCEC Region” commissioned by the COMCEC Coordination Office specifically for the Meeting with a view to enriching the discussions.

The Representatives of the Member States have shared their experiences, achievements and challenges in tourism product development and marketing strategies in their respective countries. The perspective of the private sector on tourism product development and marketing was also reflected to the discussions. The participants had the chance to elaborate on ways and means of enhancing cooperation in tourism product development and marketing strategies among the Member Countries.

The presentations and deliberations made during the meeting highlighted that tourism product development and marketing requires effective collaboration among different stakeholders. It was noted that because of its competitive nature, effective marketing requires utilization of the full range of tools available including among others PR activities, e-marketing, social media, etc. Some recommendations have been made for enhancing cooperation among the COMCEC Member Countries in the field of product development and marketing. These are, among others, introducing award programmes, conducting joint exhibitions, developing joint

tourism products, organizing exchange programs for experts and developing joint data base for tourism products among the Member Countries.

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Analytical Study



Proceedings

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2.4.3. OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum

In line with the relevant resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, the First Meeting of the OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum was held on 7-8 December 2012 in İzmir, Turkey. The Meeting was attended by the public and private sector representatives from 11 Member States. Representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, ICDT and UNDP have also participated in the Meeting.

The Meeting has focused on two important areas namely, “Sustainable and Community Based Tourism in the World and in the OIC Region: Policies, Strategies and Tools” and “The Role of Private Sector in Sustainable Tourism and Community Based Tourism”. During the working session, various experts from international institutions made presentations and experts from some of the Member States shared their country experiences.

The participants emphasized the significance of sustainable and community based tourism for the OIC region and underlined the importance of developing joint tour and advertising programmes.



The Second Meeting of the Forum will be held on 16-17 December 2013 in İstanbul, Turkey, with the theme of “Effective Marketing Strategies for Promoting Tourism Destinations in the COMCEC Region”.

Report of the First Meeting of the Forum can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/Turizim_rap/REPORT%20OF%20THE%201st%20MEETING%20OF.pdf

2.4.4. Training Programme on Hotel Management and Travel Agency Business

The need for the qualified labor force in tourism sector in the COMCEC Member Countries has been emphasized in several occasions so far and the Member States have already been called for organizing capacity building and training programmes in tourism.

In this regard, in line with the resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey organized a training programme on “Hotel Management and Travel Agency Business” on 16-20 April 2013 in Antalya, Turkey.

The training programme was attended by 49 managers/officers from 28 Member States. The programme covered several issues including Human Resources Management, Sustainable Tourism, International Tourism Dynamic and Marketing, Food and Beverage Management, Hotel Management, Travel Agency Management and Tourism Marketing. The programme has also included a study visit to a resort hotel and a Tour Agency in Antalya.

2.5. Poverty Alleviation

2.5.1. First Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group

The First Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group was held on June 27th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Enhancing Productive Capacity of the Poor in the COMCEC Member Countries: Improving Human Capital”.





The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 13 Member States, which have previously notified their focal points for the Poverty Alleviation Working Group namely, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Jordan, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Suriname and Turkey. The representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) also attended the Meeting.

The Meeting discussed enhancing productive capacity of the poor through improving human capital and the Study namely “Enhancing Productive Capacity of the Poor in the COMCEC Member Countries: Improving Human Capital” which is commissioned by the COMCEC Coordination Office specifically for this meeting.

Representatives of some Member States also made presentations on their experience in enhancing productive capacity through improving human capital. The presentations depicted the relevant laws, institutions, success stories and challenges in increasing productive capacity of the poor in the concerned Member States. The Meeting also provided the opportunity to the representatives from the international/non-governmental organizations to share their experiences in the implementation of programs/projects aiming at augmenting productive capacity of the poor.

The presentations and deliberations made during the meeting highlighted the fact that increasing productivity and the role of agriculture sector especially stronger extension programs are crucial. Social safety net programs and conditional cash transfers are also important means for poverty reduction. It was also noted that supporting labor intensive sectors is important to help employment creation. Another significant point was that technical and vocational education and training

(TVET) need to be given high priority with a greater involvement of the private sector.

Publications



Analytical Study



Poverty Outlook



Proceedings

Detailed information, Proceedings, COMCEC Poverty Outlook and Analytical Study prepared for the First Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/icerik.aspx?iid=245

The Second Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group will be held on December 26th, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey, with the theme of “Targeting Mechanisms of the Social Safety Net Systems in the COMCEC Region”.

2.5.2. Sixth Steering Committee Meeting for the Implementation of the OIC Cotton Action Plan

The Sixth Steering Committee Meeting on the OIC Cotton Action Plan was held on April 3rd 2013 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Turkey, OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, ICDT, IDB Group and SESRIC.

The meeting reviewed the ongoing status of the Cotton Action Plan and the status of the approved projects by the IDB. After the deliberations, the Meeting recommended the project owners to repackage their projects with a view to focusing on technical cooperation and capacity building projects for the effective implementation of the Cotton Action Plan. In this context, the Meeting welcomed the willingness of the IDB Group for providing technical support to the project owners in order to complete necessary documentation (including concept note, feasibility and financial plan) regarding the projects within the framework of the OIC cotton Action Plan.



The Meeting also welcomed the proposal of SESRIC to develop a Concept Paper for planning capacity building activities to enable Member Countries for better implementation of the OIC Cotton Action Plan to be submitted to the Project Committee. Lastly, the Meeting welcomed the willingness of SESRIC and Nazilli Cotton Research Station of Turkey for organizing a meeting to gather Centers of Excellence of the OIC Cotton Action Plan to exchange research material on combating diseases and insects, to enhance communication and cooperation among institutions.

2.5.3. OIC-VET Program

Vocational Education and Training Program for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was initiated by the SESRIC in 2009 with a view to improving the quality of vocational education and training in the Member Countries.

Since the last session of the COMCEC various activities have been organized. The Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Program, which monitors the implementation status of the projects and programs under the OIC-VET Program, has convened its Fourth Meeting on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon.

Moreover, SESRIC organized several activities, in particular training programmes in the area of statistics, agriculture, finance, competition etc. More information on OIC-VET can be reached at www.oicvet.org.

2.5.4. ISFD and SPDA

Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) is a Special Fund within the IDB, which was officially launched in 2007 with the aim of contributing to the reduction of poverty in the Member States. It focuses on human development, agriculture and rural development, basic infrastructure and micro enterprises. The principle target capital of the Fund is USD10 billion. However, as of 5 October 2013, the level of announced capital contributions to the ISFD stands at US\$2.68 billion, announced by 44 member countries (US\$1.68 billion) and the IDB (US\$1.0 billion) according to the Progress Report by the IDB.

The ISFD works as a Waqf. For the approved 49 projects, the Fund used its income, co-financing from the IDB and other financial resources. The ISFD provided 264.1 Million USD for these projects. LDC Member States have 80 percent share in total approvals of the Fund.

The Special Programme for the Development of Africa (SPDA) is another Special Program within the IDB, which was initiated in 2008 with a view to spurring

economic growth, reinvigorating agricultural production and creating employment opportunities in the African Member Countries. The average level of funding for the SPDA is set as USD 12 billion for a five-year period. As of August 2013, the IDB Group has approved USD 5 billion for 480 operations and disbursed approximately half of the total approvals. Within this amount 3.65 Billion USD approved for Project financing, 1.07 Billion USD approved for Trade Financing (ITFC) and 198.1 Million USD approved by the ICD.

More information on ISFD is available at:
<http://isfd.isdb.org/EN/Pages/default.aspx>

2.6. Finance

2.6.1. Preparations for the First Meeting of the COMCEC Finance Working Group

The COMCEC Strategy has identified the finance as one of its cooperation areas. The COMCEC Strategy also envisages the establishment of the Finance Working Group, which will serve to the realization of the strategic objective and the expected outcomes defined in its Finance section. In this framework, the 1st Meeting of the Finance Working Group will be held on December 12th, 2013 in Ankara with the theme of “Enhancing Capital Flows Among COMCEC Member Countries”. An analytical study on “Enhancing Capital Flows Among COMCEC Member Countries” and COMCEC Finance Outlook are prepared to be considered by the participants of the First Meeting of the COMCEC Finance Working Group.

2.6.2. Seventh Meeting of the OIC Stock Exchanges Forum

The cooperation among Stock Exchanges has been initiated by the COMCEC in 2005. The Forum focuses on the harmonization of the rules and regulations governing market operations, as well as opening communication channels for the stock exchanges of the OIC Member Countries and relevant institutions. The Forum meets annually with the participation of Stock Exchanges and relevant institutions from the Member States.

The Forum has achieved remarkable progress in deepening cooperation among the Stock Exchanges of the Member States. It has successfully finalized the S&P OIC/COMCEC Index, which has been launched on June 22nd, 2012, in Istanbul. The official launching ceremony of the S&P OIC/COMCEC Index, however, was held during the 28th Session of the COMCEC. The Index was designed to measure the performance of 50 leading companies from the 19 Member States. The 28th Session of the COMCEC welcomed the launching of the S&P OIC/COMCEC Index



and requested the Member States and the IDB to lend their support for the promotion of the S&P OIC/COMCEC Index in the Member Countries.

The Seventh Meeting of the OIC Stock Exchanges Forum was held on September 19th, 2013 in İstanbul, Turkey. The Meeting was attended by 60 representatives of 32 relevant institutions from 20 Member States.

The Meeting reviewed the activities of the Task Forces (Task Force for Customized Indices and Exchange Traded Islamic Financial Products, Task Force for Capital Market Linkages, Task Force for Post Trade Services, Task Force for the Promotion, Awareness and Investor Education about Islamic Capital Markets) and deliberated on the future prospects.

After the deliberations, the Meeting decided to rename the Task Force for Customized Indices and Exchange Traded Islamic Financial Products as “Task Force on Indices” and mandated Dubai Mercantile Exchange, Bursa Malaysia and Borsa İstanbul to establish a task force focusing on commodity markets. In the area of capital market linkages, the Forum appreciated joint work of the Egyptian Exchange and Borsa İstanbul as well as the Arab Federation of Exchanges on capital market linkages and invited them to provide their respective project summaries to be distributed to Forum members. Moreover, it mandated Borsa İstanbul and International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM) to work on a standardized product definition on Islamic repo products.

In the area of Islamic Finance, the Forum mandated the Forum Coordinator to collaborate with IIFM, Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), and to-be-established World Bank Islamic Finance Research Center to collect relevant research towards contributing Islamic Finance Literature and report back to the Forum.

The next annual meeting of the Forum will be held in Sept – Oct 2014 in Istanbul. More information on OIC Stock Exchanges Forum is available at:
www.oicexchanges.org.

2.6.3. Second Meeting of the COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum

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. In this

framework, the 1st Meeting of the COMCEC Capital Market Regulators Forum was held on 26-27 September 2012 in İstanbul.

Second Meeting of the “COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum” was held on September 19th, 2013 in İstanbul, Turkey. The Meeting was hosted by the Capital Markets Board of Turkey as the Secretariat of the COMCEC CMR Forum. The delegates representing the capital market regulators from Bangladesh, Cameroon, United Arab Emirates, Gambia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Senegal, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Oman and Turkey have participated in the meeting. Furthermore the representatives of the OIC, COMCEC Coordination Office and Islamic Development Bank have also joined the Forum meeting.

The Meeting focused on the activities of the four task forces namely, "Capacity Building", "Market Development", "Islamic Finance" and "Financial Literacy". The Meeting considered the following reports:

1. “Development of Capital Market Infrastructures”, (TF Market Development)
2. “Enhancing Financial Literacy in Capital Market”, (TF Financial Literacy)
3. “Enhancing Infrastructure for Islamic Capital Market” (TF Islamic Finance)

The reports were prepared based on the responses of the member authorities to the circulated questionnaires and research. The Meeting decided to get the responses and the comments of the member authorities on the reports until December 2nd, 2013.

The Meeting also extended the terms of the Task Force Chairs and Co-Chairs for one more year and Forum Chairman for two more years. Moreover, the Meeting designated the IDB as the observer member of the Islamic Finance Task Force.

Lastly, the Meeting invited the participants to harness Forum website for sharing their accomplishments, best practices and events in order to create a useful platform for the member authorities and researchers.

More information on COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum can be reached at: www.comceccmr.org.

2.6.4. Thirteen Meeting of the OIC Central Banks and Monetary Authorities

In line with the relevant resolution of the COMCEC, the cooperation among the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member Countries has been revitalized. Since 2009, the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the member



states have regularly convened with a view to sharing experiences and enhancing institutional and human capacity in this field.

Thirteen Meeting of the OIC Central Banks and Monetary Authorities will be held on November 28th, 2013 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the theme "Impact of Recent International Financial Regulatory Reforms on OIC Countries". Prior to this meeting, an expert workshop on the same theme will be also held on November 27th, 2013.

The workshop will focus on the recent regulatory reforms and their impact on Shariah Compliant Institutions, Basel III Framework and Country Experiences. Furthermore, the working groups established by the Twelfth Annual Meeting (in the areas of Payment Systems, Macro-Prudential Regulations, and Liquidity Management in Islamic Finance) will make presentations.

CHAPTER III: TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The Twenty-ninth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC was held on 14-15 May 2013 in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Members of the Follow-up Committee namely, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Egypt, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Mali, Pakistan, Kuwait, Iran and Cameroon. Representatives of Iraq also attended the Meeting as an observer. In addition, representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office and relevant OIC Institutions, namely SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC have also participated in the Meeting.



The Meeting was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Cevdet YILMAZ, Minister of Development of the Republic of Turkey and the working sessions were chaired by H.E. Ahmet YAMAN, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Development of the Republic of Turkey.

The Meeting , reviewed the implementation status of the resolutions of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, based on the reports submitted by the relevant institutions. After fruitful deliberations, the Meeting adopted recommendations and prepared the Draft Agenda of the 29th Session of the COMCEC.

The report of the 29th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC can be reached at <http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/29.follow-up-book/29FC-Book-Web-eng.pdf>

The 22nd Meeting of the Sessional Committee was also held as a sideline event during the Follow-up Committee Meeting with the participation of the representatives of the relevant OIC Institutions.

The report of the 22nd Meeting of the Sessional Committee can be reached at <http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/Oturum%20komitesi/EN/22%20%20SC%20REP-ENG.pdf>.

CHAPTER IV: PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION

4.1. Private Sector Meetings

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) organizes Private Sector Meetings and reports their outcomes to the COMCEC Sessions. One of the main objectives of the private sector meetings is to provide a platform for the private sector representatives of the Member States to explore new opportunities and create new linkages among themselves. Up to now, 15 private sector meetings have been held.

The 15th Private Sector Meeting for Promotion of Trade and Joint Venture Investments Among Islamic Countries and the 7th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries was held on 28-30 October 2013 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Meeting was participated by the private sector and private sector representatives from the OIC Member States.

The Meeting provided the opportunity to exchange ideas and views of the private sector of the Member States in various areas, such as SMEs, trade, investment, tourism, pharmaceuticals etc. At the end of the deliberations, the Meeting adopted Tehran Declaration, which includes recommendations for the Member States, OIC Institutions, private sector etc.

4.2. Workshop on “Enhancing Cooperation and Experience Sharing Among the Trade / Business Registry Agencies of the OIC Member States”

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the 28th Session of the COMCEC held on 08-11 October 2013 in İstanbul, the Workshop on “Cooperation and Experience Sharing Among the Trade Registry Agencies of the OIC Countries” was held on 11-12 September 2013 in Ankara, Turkey. The Workshop was organized by the Ministry of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey in cooperation with the COMCEC Coordination Office and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA).

The Workshop was inaugurated by H.E. Hayati YAZICI, Minister of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey and attended by the delegates from 30 countries and representatives of the COMCEC Coordination Office, World Bank, OECD, and Delegation of the European Union to Turkey.





During the workshop, the participants shared their country experiences regarding the structure of trade registries and registry procedures applied during starting and closing domestic and foreign firms in their respective countries.

The deliberations highlighted that there are similarities among the trade registry practices in the Member States. Moreover, the participants have realized that there is a potential for cooperation in capacity building and experience sharing among the Member States. The participants also underlined the importance of organizing similar activities in the future and expressed their willingness to continue dialogue among the trade registry agencies of the Member States.

During the closing ceremony of the workshop, H.E. Fatih Metin, Deputy Minister of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey presented a “Certificate of Appreciation” to all the participants.

Detailed information on the workshop can be reached at http://www.comcec.org/EN_YE/haber_icerik.aspx?iid=115.

4.3. COMCEC Experience Sharing Programmes in the Area of SMEs

During the 28th Session of the COMCEC, H.E. Nihat ERGÜN, Minister of Science, Industry and Technology of the Republic of Turkey announced the readiness of Turkey to share with the interested Member States, its policies and programs implemented towards enhancing the competitiveness of the SMEs.

Accordingly, the COMCEC Coordination Office circulated the programmes of technical cooperation among the Member States. 14 Member States have informed the COMCEC Coordination Office that they are interested in one or more of the proposed programmes. In this context, COMCEC Coordination Office prepared programme of the activities in coordination with the relevant authorities of the

Turkey namely, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (KOSGEB), Ministry of Economy, Turkish Patent Institute and Turkish Standards Institute.

Up to date, the aforementioned institutions have organized the following experience sharing programs:

1) KOSGEB has organized an “Experience Sharing Program” on 12-15 March 2013 for the 15 Representatives of **Palestinian** SME related institutions. The event included experience sharing on “SME Support Mechanisms in Turkey, KOSGEB Model, KOSGEB Supports and Credit Programs”. During the programme, the both sides discussed to nominate an SME Expert by KOSGEB to Palestine in second half of 2013 to provide technical assistance and guidance in SME related topics. Moreover, they underlined that a MoU should be signed between KOSGEB and its counterpart in order to establish sustainable relations.

KOSGEB organized “KOSGEB’s Best Practices for Deauville Partnership and Less Developed Countries Workshop” on 09-11 April 2013 in Ankara with the collaboration of Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. **Egyptian** Delegates participated in the said event.

On 26–29 May 2013 two KOSGEB SME Experts have visited **Oman**, for sharing KOSGEB’s experience on supporting the SMEs. A program was organized in Muscat and attended by relevant institutions from Oman. Within the program, detailed information was provided on the SME Policies in Turkey, SME Support Programs, Multiannual Development Plans, Annual Plans and KOSGEB. After this program, KOSGEB nominated an SME Expert to provide technical assistance and guidance for Omani side between 17 August and 16 September 2013.

2) Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) has organized a training course with the theme of “Enhancing Competitive Capacity in the OIC Member States” on 19-23 August 2013 at TSE Gebze Laboratories. The course was attended by 9 representatives from 5 OIC Member States (**Gambia, Mauritania, Palestine, Suriname and Uganda**). During the training course, a study visit was organized to SMIIC General Secretariat and the Secretariat made a presentation on its activities.





3) Ministry of Economy (General Directorate of Exports) has organized a programme to share its experiences about internalization of SME's, increasing export performance through clustering, enhancing competitiveness and export support system of Turkey for the **Cameroon** officials on April 3rd, 2013 in Turkey. Also **Jordan** Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO) will be arranging a high-level delegation to Turkey in last quarter of 2013.

4.4. Sixth Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries

The Sixth Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries was organized by the ICCIA on 12-14 December 2012 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB), Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund / United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Investment & Technology Promotion Office (ITPO), Bahrain, Bahrain Businesswomen's Society (BBS) Bahrain, Bahrain Businesswomen's Society (BBS), Bahrain Supreme Council for Women, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) and Bahrain Development Bank (BDB).

The forum was held with the theme of "Development of Entrepreneurship among Women and Youth" and attended by around 150 participants from 36 Member Countries, representatives of Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group and some other local and international institutions.

During the forum, the speakers made valuable presentations on different aspects of the theme of the Forum. After discussions on the papers presented and a B2B session was held. The Forum was concluded with a Press Conference.

CHAPTER V. PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS SESSION

Exchange of views sessions are held regularly at the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions. The 28th Session of the COMCEC decided the theme of the Ministerial Exchange of Views of the next COMCEC Session as “Increasing FDI Flows to the OIC Member Countries.”

In accordance with the resolution of the 28th Session of the COMCEC, a preparatory workshop was organized jointly by SESRIC, the COMCEC Coordination Office and IDB Group on September 30th – October 1st 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.



The Workshop was attended by the representatives from 14 Member States namely Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Togo and Turkey attended the workshop. The workshop was also attended by the representatives of OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, IDB Group, SESRIC, ICCIA, ICDDT and relevant international institutions.

The following important issues were focused during the workshop:

- Trends in Global and Regional FDI Flows,
- Issues and Challenges in attracting FDI in OIC Member Countries,
- Country Experiences, Best Practices and Lessons for OIC Countries,
- The Way Forward: Solutions and Initiatives to Enhance the Role of FDI in the Development Efforts of OIC Countries

Following the presentations and deliberations, the workshop identified the following major obstacles hindering the FDI flows to Member States:

- Inadequate investment promotion capacities,
- Inefficient legal and institutional investment regulatory frameworks,
- Inadequate infrastructure and investment in skills and modern technologies,
- Underdeveloped private sector and weak financial and banking sector,
- High political risk, conflicts and economic instability,
- Lack of reliable and up to date statistics and information on FDI flows

In order to address these obstacles, the workshop agreed on a set of recommendations for the Member States at the national and the OIC level to be submitted to the 29th Session of the COMCEC.

The report of the workshop can be reached at:

[http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/29.isedak/ORG/SESRIC/Report%20and%20Recommendations En.pdf](http://www.comcec.org/UserFiles/File/29.isedak/ORG/SESRIC/Report%20and%20Recommendations%20En.pdf)

ANNEX-1

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE OIC INSTITUTIONS ALIGNED WITH THE COMCEC STRATEGY

(2013- 2014)

No	Host Institution	Theme of the Activity	Type of the Activity	Relevant Cooperation Area	Partners	Date	Venue
1	SESRIC	International Integrated Water Management Symposium	Workshop	Agriculture	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, Environment Ministries OIC Member Countries	December 2013	Turkey
2	SESRIC	International Rural Development Conference	Workshop, Conference	Agriculture	Agriculture and Rural Development Support Agency, Turkey	To be decided	Turkey
3	SESRIC	ISIP Internship in Turkey	Internship	Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture, Turkey and IDB, 5 Member Countries	To be decided	Ankara, Turkey
4	SESRIC	Study Visit on “Development of Cotton Production and Technology	Study Visit	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey, Ministry of Agriculture of Afghanistan	To be decided	Turkey
5	SESRIC	Study visit on Gene Bank Technologies	Study Visit	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey, OIC Cotton Excellence Centers	To be decided	Turkey
6	SESRIC	Training on Agronomy: Crop Management / Soil Tillage	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey	To be decided	Bangladesh, Mali
7	SESRIC	Training on Breeding & Biotechnology: Hybridization	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey	To be decided	Mozambique
8	SESRIC	Training on Land Management: Land Conservation, Improvement and Erosion; Soil Analysis and Mapping	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Agricultural Research Centre of Egypt ; Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey; Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq;	To be decided	Sudan, Gambia, Bangladesh

No	Host Institution	Theme of the Activity	Type of the Activity	Relevant Cooperation Area	Partners	Date	Venue
9	SESRIC	Training on Livestock Management: Animal Diseases and Combat with Animal Diseases; Poultry Husbandry (Layer Hen) and Feeding	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq; Ministry of Agriculture, Breeding and Fishing of Togo	February 2014	Saudi Arabia, Comoros
10	SESRIC	Training on Plant Protection: Biological Control	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey	To be decided	Uganda
11	SESRIC	Training on Quality Improvement: Seed Quality, Preparation and Delineation	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey	To be decided	Sudan
12	SESRIC	Training on Seed Development: Laboratory Tests and Certificates	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq	December 2013	Kuwait
13	SESRIC	Training on Transport and Marketing: Impact Analysis in Agricultural Support Policies	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Office of the Agricultural Vocational Training (BFPA) of Senegal	To be decided	Togo
14	SESRIC	Training on Water Resources Management	Capacity Building	Agriculture	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey	March 2014	Iraq
15	SESRIC	Training Programme on Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer	Capacity Building, Study Visit	Agriculture	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey, IDB and Ministries OIC Member Countries	January 2014	Turkey
16	SESRIC	Workshop on Modern Irrigation Techniques	Workshop	Agriculture	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, International Organisations	2014	Turkey
17	SESRIC	4 th Session of the OIC-StatCom	Meeting	All Cooperation Areas	IDB	May 2014	To be decided

No	Host Institution	Theme of the Activity	Type of the Activity	Relevant Cooperation Area	Partners	Date	Venue
18	SESRIC	6th Meeting of the Delegates of the National Statistical Offices of the OIC Member Countries	Meeting	All Cooperation Areas	-	March 2014	New York, USA
19	SESRIC	Expert Group Meeting on Islamic Banking and Finance Statistics	EGM	All Cooperation Areas	IDB	January 2014	Ankara-Turkey
20	SESRIC	Fifth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC)	Meeting	All Cooperation Areas	-----	To be Determined	To be Determined
21	SESRIC	International E-Learning Workshop	Workshop	All Cooperation Areas	Relate OIC Member Countries' institutions, civil society, international organizations and private sector	To be decided	To be decided
22	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Data Dissemination and Publication	Training	All Cooperation Areas	Palestine	To be decided	Saudi Arabia
23	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Database Design and Management; Education Statistics	Training	All Cooperation Areas	Pakistan	December 2013	Bangladesh
24	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Statistical Data Analysis	Training	All Cooperation Areas	Iran	To be decided	Kyrgyzstan
25	SESRIC	Training Program on "Statistical Database Design and Visualization Tools Development"	Workshop	All Cooperation Areas	-	11-12 December 2013	Ankara-Turkey
26	SESRIC	Balance of Payments	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Malaysia	To be Determined	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
27	SESRIC	Company Awareness	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Egypt Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Cameroon

No	Host Institution	Theme of the Activity	Type of the Activity	Relevant Cooperation Area	Partners	Date	Venue
28	SESRIC	Employee (Human Resources) Awareness	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Pakistan Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Malaysia
29	SESRIC	External Debt and International Economic Relations	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Undersecretariat of Treasury of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey	To be confirmed	Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Senegal, Djibouti, Pakistan, Azerbaijan
30	SESRIC	Financial Stability	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Turkey	To be Determined	Mozambique
31	SESRIC	Forecasting Methods	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Turkey	To be Determined	
32	SESRIC	Inflation Targeting	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Djibouti	To be Determined	Djibouti
33	SESRIC	Inflation Targeting and Balance of Payments	Seminar	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Turkey, Sudan, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt	25-29 November	Istanbul, Turkey
34	SESRIC	Insurance and Private Pensions	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Undersecretariat of Treasury of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey	To be confirmed	Kuwait, Egypt,
35	SESRIC	Investor and Financial Community Awareness	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Istanbul Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Azerbaijan
36	SESRIC	Islamic Debt and Equity Markets and Products	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Egypt Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Palestine
37	SESRIC	Meeting of OIC Central Banks and Monetary Authorities	Conference	Financial Cooperation	To be determined	27-28 November 2013	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
38	SESRIC	Microfinance	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Bangladesh	To be Determined	Yemen
39	SESRIC	Public Finance and Operations of Debt Management	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Undersecretariat of Treasury of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey	To be confirmed	Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt
40		Reserve Management	Training	Financial	Central Bank of Turkey	To be	Uganda

No	Host Institution	Theme of the Activity	Type of the Activity	Relevant Cooperation Area	Partners	Date	Venue
	SESRIC			Cooperation		Determined	
41	SESRIC	Risk Management	Training	Financial Cooperation	Central Bank of Tunisia	To be Determined	Tunis, Tunisia
42	SESRIC	Rules of Listing, Disclosure and Transparency	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Istanbul Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Iran
43	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Income and Consumption	Training	Financial Cooperation	Morocco	To be decided	Qatar
44	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Quarterly National Accounts	Training	Financial Cooperation	Morocco	To be decided	Kuwait
45	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Government Finance	Training	Financial Cooperation	Indonesia	To be decided	Pakistan
46	SESRIC	Short-term Training on System National Accounts 2008	Training	Financial Cooperation	Turkey	January 2014	Saudi Arabia
47	SESRIC	Strategic Role of Investor Relations	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Egypt Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Egypt
48	SESRIC	Treasury Management and Liquidity Issues in Islamic Finance	Capacity Building	Financial Cooperation	Istanbul Stock Exchange	To be confirmed	Pakistan
49	SESRIC	Poverty Alleviation Programme Field Visit to Egypt and Tunisia	Field Visit	Poverty Alleviation	Ministry of Insurance and Social Affairs of Arab Republic of Egypt and Tunisia and Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey	To be Determined	Cairo, Egypt / Tunis, Tunisia
50	SESRIC	Regional poverty reduction policies	Training	Poverty Alleviation	Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey	To be Determined	Djibouti
51	SESRIC	Rural Development Projects	Training	Poverty Alleviation	Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey	To be Determined	Afghanistan

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52	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Migration Statistics	Training	Poverty Alleviation	Morocco	To be decided	United Arab Emirates
53	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Census survey design and sampling techniques	Training	Poverty Alleviation	Indonesia	To be decided	Kuwait
54	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Labour Force	Training	Poverty Alleviation	Iran	To be decided	Tajikistan
55	SESRIC	Skill Development for Youth Employment Field Visit to Cameroon “Need Assessment Study”	Study Visit	Poverty Alleviation	Ministry of Labour	To be Determined	Yaoundé, Cameroon
56	SESRIC	Cloth Painting and Leather Crafting	Capacity Building	Trade	ISMEK and Vocational Institutions in Jordan	To be Determined	Istanbul, Turkey
57	SESRIC	Competition Law and Policy	Training	Trade	Turkish Competition Authority	To be Determined	Indonesia, Qatar, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia
58	SESRIC	Machine Embroidery” and “Sewing Women’s Outer Clothing	Capacity Building	Trade	ISMEK and Vocational Institutions in Yemen	To be Determined	Istanbul, Turkey
59	SESRIC	Short-term Training on Business Registers	Training	Trade	Tunisia	To be decided	Sudan
60	SESRIC	Railway Safety Management Training	Capacity Building	Transportation	Turkish State Railways	5-8 November 2013	Turkey
61	SESRIC	Study visit on Railway Simulation Technologies / Railway System Technologies	Study Visit	Transportation	Turkish State Railways, Iranian Railways, UIC	2014	Turkey, Iran

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62	SESRIC	Training on Financing of Railways and Factors effecting Route Selection; Standards and Proficiency of Railway Professions	Capacity Building	Transportation	Turkish State Railways, UIC	2014	Turkey
63	SMIIC	Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States	Workshop/ Training	Trade	Islamic Development Bank (IDB)	Last Quarter of 2013-2014	North African Arabic Speaking Countries; African French Speaking Countries; African English Speaking Countries; Central Asian Countries (CACs)
64	SMIIC	Metrology Committee Meeting	Technical Meeting	Trade	SMIIC and SMIIC Metrology Committee	23-24 September 2013	Dubai, UAE
65	SMIIC	Accreditation Committee Meeting	Technical Meeting	Trade	SMIIC and SMIIC Accreditation Committee	November 2013	Konya, The Republic of Turkey and/or Dubai, UAE
66	SMIIC	2. International Halal and Healthy Food Congress	Congress	Trade	Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya Municipality, Halal and Healthy Food Platform and SMIIC	7-10 November 2013	Konya, Republic of Turkey
67	OISA	Promote shipping in OIC countries and strengthen relationship between OISA and Turkish Shipbuilder's Association (GISBIR)	Signing Memorandum	Transport	Turkish Shipbuilder's Association (GISBIR)	27 November 2013	Dubai

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68	OISA	Strengthen relationship between OISA and Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST-MT)	Signing Memorandum	Transport	Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST-MT)	27 November 2013	Dubai
69	OISA	Increase Business Opportunity	EC & GA Meeting	Transport	Bangladesh Shipbuilding Yards	27 November 2013	Dubai
70	ICCIA	OIC Chamber Academy Program	Training Program	Finance	TOBB, ITFC/IDB	Tbd	Ankara, Turkey
71	ICCIA	15th Private Sector Meeting for Promotion of trade and joint venture investment among the OIC	Private Sector Meeting	Private Sector Cooperation	MC's, IDB	28-30 October 2013	Tehran, Iran
72	ICCIA	7th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries	Forum	Poverty Alleviation	MC's	28-30 October 2013	Tehran, Iran
73	ICCIA	2nd Regional Workshop for Zakat Organizations	Workshop	Poverty Alleviation	MC's	Tbd	Chambers of Commerce of African Countries
74	ICCIA	Seminar on Creating awareness of the utilities and privileges of various OIC Agreements (TPS-OIC)	Seminar	Trade	MC's	20-22 March 2014	Sharjah, U.A.E.

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75	ICCIA	Workshop on Capacity Building on Value Chain Analysis for Agri-Business	Workshop	Agriculture	MCs, PGTF	First Quarter of 2014	Sudan
76	ICCIA	WIEF-ICCIA Web-Reach Internet Marketing Workshop	Workshop	Trade	The World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF)	2014	Pakistan
77	ICDT	Development of R & D, technological innovation and Intellectual property for the Member States of the OIC	Seminar	Trade	The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and The Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	24-25 October 2013	Casablanca, Morocco
78	ICDT	14th Trade Fair of the OIC Member States (TFOIC 2013)	Fair	Trade	Ministry of Trade of the Islamic Republic of Iran, IIEC-Iran	28 October- 1 November 2013	Tehran, Iran
79	ICDT	1st International Exhibition on Muslim Business	Fair	Trade	Ministry of Economy and Finance of Senegal	14-16 November 2013	Dakar, Senegal
80	ICDT	2nd OIC Halal Food Exhibition	Fair	Trade	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Sharjah, Expo Centre of Sharjah	16-18 December 2013	Sharjah, UAE
81	ICDT	Training for Primo exporters	Training Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and New Technologies of Morocco, ASMEX	22-23 December 2013	Casablanca, Morocco
82	ICDT	12th Meeting of the Economic Counsellors to the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco	Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and New Technologies of Morocco	January 2014	Rabat, Morocco

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83	ICDT	Seminar on the outcomes of the WTO Ministerial Conference	Seminar	Trade	IDB Group	January 2014	Casablanca, Morocco
84	ICDT	Training Seminar on E-marketing for Women entrepreneurs	Training Seminar	Trade	WIEF	February 2014	Casablanca, Morocco
85	ICDT	6th Meeting of the OIC Consultative Group for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade	Seminar	Trade	ITFC and Ministry of Commerce, Industry and New Technologies of Morocco	February 2014	Marrakesh, Morocco
86	ICDT	1st OIC TPOs for English Speaking Countries	Seminar	Trade	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Sharjah	19-28 March 2014	Sharjah, UAE
87	ICDT	Seminar on the impact of TPISOIC Agreement on WAEMU Countries' economies	Seminar	Trade	WAEMU Secretariat	March 2014	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
88	ICDT	Seminar on NTBs in OIC Member Countries	Seminar	Trade	IDB Group	March 2014	Casablanca, Morocco
89	ICDT	7th OIC Agribusiness Expo	Fair	Trade	Al Harithy Company	13-16 April 2014	Jeddah, KSA
90	ICDT	2nd OIC Tourism Fair	Fair	Trade	Ministry of Tourism of Tunisia	23-26 April 2014	Tunis, Tunisia
100	ICDT	Seminar on Market approaches of GCC countries and Libya	Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and New Technologies of Morocco and ASMEX	April 2014	Casablanca, Morocco

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101	ICDT	1st Exhibition on Furniture, Decoration, Household and Electrical Appliances in the OIC Member States	Fair	Trade	Al Harithy Company	11-14 May 2014	Jeddah, KSA
102	ICDT	Awareness-raising and training seminars on the TPS/OIC	Training Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Economy and Trade	End of Mai 2014	Ramallah, Palestine
103	ICDT	2nd OIC Health Expo	Fair	Trade	Ministry of Commerce and informal sector of Senegal	26-29 June 2014	Dakar, Senegal
104	ICDT	Seminar on competition policies in the OIC Member Countries: current status and prospects	Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Trade and Handicraft of Tunisia	June 2014	Tunis, Tunisia
105	ICDT	3rd OIC Central Asia Business Forum	Fair and Forum	Trade	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	September 2014	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei/Singapore
106	ICDT	International Conference on Offshoring among the OIC Member States	Seminar	Trade	Ministry of Trade and Handicraft of Tunisia	November 2014	Tunis, Tunisia
107	IDB Group	9 th International Conference on Zakat	Advisory Conference	Financial Cooperation	Zakat Institutions/Bank Al Zakat Jordan	26 Nov 2013	Jordan
108	IDB Group	IDB Ministerial Consultative Meeting of OIC Member Countries, on the Eve of the 9 th WTO Ministerial Conference	Consultative Meeting	Financial Cooperation	MCs	02 December 2013	Bali, Indonesia

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109	IDB Group	Deepening Regional Cooperation and Integration for Sustainable Development	Expert Group Meeting	Financial Cooperation	Relevant MCs, Regional and OIC institutions	Mar/Apr 2014	IDB Group Headquarters, Jeddah
110	IDB Group	Symposium on Deepening Regional Cooperation and Integration for Sustainable Development	Symposium	Financial Cooperation	Relevant MCs, Regional and OIC institutions	June 2014	Jeddah
111	IDB Group	Public-Private Partnership for Financing Infrastructure Projects	Training Program	Financial Cooperation	Relevant MCs and OIC Institutions	Mar 2014	Jordan
112	IDB Group	Regulation and Supervision of Islamic Banks	Training Program	Financial Cooperation	Relevant MC, OIC and financial Institutions	Mar 2014	Maldives
113	IDB Group	Regulation and Supervision of Islamic Banks	Training Program	Financial Cooperation	Relevant MC, OIC and financial Institutions	June 2014	Brunei
114	CCO	1 st Meeting of the Finance Working Group	Meeting	Finance	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	December 12 th , 2013	Ankara
115	CCO	2 nd Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group	Meeting	Agriculture	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	December 19 th , 2013	Ankara
116	CCO	2 nd Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group	Meeting	Poverty Alleviation	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	December 26 th , 2013	Ankara
117	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Trade Working Group	Meeting	Trade	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	February 27 th , 2014	Ankara

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118	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Tourism Working Group	Meeting	Tourism	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	March 6 th , 2014	Ankara
119	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Transport Working Group	Meeting	Transport	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	March 13 th , 2014	Ankara
120	CCO	2 nd Meeting of the Finance Working Group	Meeting	Finance	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	March 27 th , 2014	Ankara
121	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group	Meeting	Agriculture	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	April 3 rd , 2014	Ankara
122	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group	Meeting	Poverty Alleviation	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	April 10 th , 2014	Ankara
123	CCO	30 th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC	Meeting		Relevant MCs and OIC Institutions	May 2014	Ankara
124	CCO	4 th Meeting of the Trade Working Group	Meeting	Trade	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara
125	CCO	4 th Meeting of the Tourism Working Group	Meeting	Tourism	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara
126	CCO	4 th Meeting of the Transport Working Group	Meeting	Transport	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara

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127	CCO	3 rd Meeting of the Finance Working Group	Meeting	Finance	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara
128	CCO	4 th Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group	Meeting	Agriculture	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara
129	CCO	4 th Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group	Meeting	Poverty Alleviation	MCs, OIC and other international institutions, private sector representatives	September-October 2014	Ankara
130	CCO	30 th Session of the COMCEC	Meeting		MCs, OIC and other international institutions	November 2014	İstanbul



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