

**REPORT OF THE 4th ANNUAL FOCAL POINTS MEETING OF
THE COMCEC WORKING GROUPS
(1-2 June 2016, Ankara)**

1. The 4th Annual Focal Points Meeting of the COMCEC Working Groups was held on 1-2 June 2016 in Ankara.

(The programme of the Meeting is attached as Annex-I)

2. The Meeting was attended by the COMCEC Working Group Focal Points and COMCEC National Focal Points of the 31 Member States of the OIC.

(The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex-II)

3. The Meeting started with a recitation from the Holy Quran. It was followed by the COMCEC 30th Anniversary Video screening.
4. At the outset, Mr. M. Metin EKER, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office delivered his opening remarks. He welcomed the participants to the meeting and underlined the important role of the focal points in the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy. He provided some information regarding the recent status of the implementation instruments of the Strategy, namely Working Groups and COMCEC Project Funding. In his opening remarks, Mr. EKER also stressed that matters related to the implementation of the COMCEC Working Group Policy Recommendations will be a central topic for the deliberations during the 4th Annual Focal Points Meeting. He concluded his remarks through introducing the program of the Meeting.

I. COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation: The Status of Progress

5. Mr. Kağan AKDOĞAN, Expert at the COMCEC Coordination Office, made a presentation on the COMCEC and COMCEC Strategy. He provided some information to the participants on the progress achieved in the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy.
6. Within this framework, Mr. AKDOĞAN presented an overall picture of the COMCEC in terms of its organizational structure and where it stands within the general OIC picture.
7. Afterwards, he stressed the importance of the COMCEC Strategy and the novelties it brought particularly the working groups and project funding mechanisms. At this point, Mr. AKDOĞAN took the attention of the participants the impact of the Strategy to the work and performance of the COMCEC by comparing and contrasting the outcomes of the COMCEC before and after the introduction of the Strategy.
8. Mr. AKDOĞAN concluded his presentation by outlining main achievements since the implementation of the Strategy as well as near and mid-term goals of the COMCEC in this regard.
9. The presentation was followed by Questions and Answers session. The participants raised the following points in their questions and comments:
 - COMCEC progress reports may involve concrete indicators to the extent possible for demonstrating quantitative along with qualitative progress.

- Additional cooperation areas may be involved in the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy.
- COMCEC may also prepare an evaluation report to better assess the impact of the Strategy on Member States.

II. The Role of COMCEC Focal Points in the Realization of the COMCEC Strategy

10. The Session was moderated by Mr. Ashraf IBRAHIM, Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt.
11. Mr. Selçuk KOÇ, Director at the COMCEC Coordination Office made a presentation on the role of focal points in the realization of the COMCEC Strategy. In his presentation, Mr. KOÇ firstly explained the objectives of establishing policy recommendations and the formulation process of these recommendations. He then stressed the importance of active follow-up of the implementation of policy recommendations by the OIC Member Countries. In this respect, he underlined the role of focal points in preparing, conveying and following up the policy recommendations. He also shared a proposed timeline in his presentation for the following-up of the policy recommendations. In this regard, he emphasized that the evaluation form, which was circulated to the Member Countries in August 2015 and May 2016 respectively, is an important tool to assess the progress achieved in the Member Countries for the implementation of the policy recommendations. After sharing the names of the countries responding evaluation so far, Mr. KOÇ reminded the participants that their feedbacks/responses to the evaluation forms is kindly requested by the end of August 2016.

(The proposed timeline for the following-up of the policy recommendations is attached as Annex-III)

12. Mr. KOÇ continued his presentation by explaining the role of focal points for raising awareness on the COMCEC Strategy and its instruments namely the COMCEC Working Groups and COMCEC Project Funding. At this point, Mr. KOÇ stated that focal points' taking part in the country delegations for the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions is highly beneficial specifically for establishing a link between the Session and the outcomes of the COMCEC Working Groups and Project Funding.
13. Mr. KOÇ also touched upon the role of focal points in ensuring active participation to the WG Meetings which includes sharing the relevant documents (invitation letters, research reports etc.) with the relevant institutions/departments, facilitating the participation of qualified experts to the WGs and sharing country experiences during the meetings. Mr. KOÇ concluded his presentation by providing information on COMCEC's knowledge production efforts. He shared a timeline for the preparation of Research Reports and explained the roles of focal points in preparation of these Reports such as assisting in collection and verification of country specific data, sharing the reports with the relevant Ministries/Institutions and providing feedbacks to the Research Reports.

14. After the presentation, the Moderator summarized some of the key issues mentioned during Mr. KOÇ's presentation and opened the floor for Questions and Answers session. The participants raised the following points in their questions and comments:

- The participants agreed on a timeline for the follow-up of the implementation of the Policy Recommendations which was proposed by the CCO. In this regard, the participants were invited to convey filled out evaluation forms by the end of August 2016. Moreover, it was agreed upon that the CCO will convey evaluation forms each year immediately after the COMCEC Ministerial Session.

(A sample format of the evaluation form in the area of trade is attached as Annex-IV)

- The participants highlighted the importance of national coordination of the COMCEC related work. In this regard, it was stressed that effective coordination and communication between the focal points is of particular importance for expediting the implementation of policy recommendations as well as project submission.
- Facilitating the participation of qualified experts to the WG meetings as well as importance of participation of National Focal Points and Working Group Focal Points to the COMCEC Sessions were underlined. In this respect, it was mentioned that COMCEC Sessions could take resolutions for the inclusion of focal points to the delegations.
- It was emphasized that active engagement of focal points in the preparation of research reports including surveys, questionnaires, field visits would greatly enhance the quality as well as relevance of these reports. In this respect, the focal points' cooperation with the CCO and consultants who undertake the research reports is of paramount importance.
- Measurable indicators for the implementation of policy recommendations may be designed/formulated.
- Schedules for the upcoming WG meetings could be shared in advance, if possible one year before the meetings.
- It was mentioned that the challenges on the implementation of the policy recommendations could be a separate agenda item in next year's Annual Focal Point Meeting.

III. Briefing and Discussion on the Themes of the Working Groups for 2017-2019

15. In this session, the participants split into six groups for each cooperation area and exchanged views on the themes of future WGs, the filling-out/conveying of evaluation forms and the implementation of policy recommendations in their countries.

16. The focal points discussed the themes for the WG meetings to be held in 2017-2019. In this regard, in general, themes proposed by the CCO were welcomed by the participants. Moreover, focal points made some additional proposals which are reflected to the list of themes by the CCO.

(The list of themes for each working group for 2017-2019 period is attached as Annex-V)

17. The participants reflected on their experience regarding the implementation of policy recommendations as well as filling out the evaluation forms. It was observed that the evaluation forms could be improved by providing a more concise/shortened form. The CCO informed the participants that some conveyed forms are incomplete which do not include detailed information.
18. Regarding the implementation of the policy recommendations, it was underlined that additional policy support initiatives would be helpful. In this regard, the CCO and participants exchanged views on possible cooperation programs and capacity building activities in terms of their substance and format.

IV. COMCEC Project Funding: Benefits for the Member Countries and Procedures

19. In this Session, the benefits of the COMCEC Project Funding mechanism as well as its application and implementation processes were explained. The Session was moderated by Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ, Senior Expert at the COMCEC Coordination Office who also made an introductory presentation.
20. In his presentation, Mr. ÜNLÜ informed the participants about the benefits of the COMCEC Project Funding as well as the application and implementation processes. In this regard, it was pointed out that project funding is an important instrument for enhancing institutional and human capacity in the Member Countries. It was also noted that the main benefit of the COMCEC Projects is building capacity in the Member Countries for designing and implementing multilateral projects that addresses their common development challenges. Additionally, COMCEC Projects also provides a direct link between the expected outcomes of the COMCEC Strategy and policy recommendations.
21. Afterwards, Mr. Mehmet Celalettin AKTAŞ, Expert at the COMCEC Coordination Office made a presentation about the application, submission and appraisal processes of the COMCEC project funding mechanism.
22. After the presentation, the Moderator summarized the key issues in the presentation and started the deliberations on this important topic. The participants made the following observations for the improvement of this mechanism:
- The CCO may collect and circulate contact information of the focal points with a view to facilitating exchange of project ideas and identifying project partners.
 - The CCO was requested to provide feedback for the projects that are found ineligible for funding.
 - The CCO may demonstrate successful projects on its website.

V. Workshop for Sample Project Preparation

23. Focal Points gathered in 6 different sub-groups for a Project Funding workshop. Training on the project submission process was provided for the preparation to the project call to be made in September 2016.
24. Afterwards, participants prepared a sample project fiche through using Project Management Information System in the COMCEC website. The CCO provided feedback for the sample project fiche and made recommendations for their improvement.

VI. Closing Session: Three Years of the Strategy's Implementation: The Way Forward

25. At the outset of the closing session, Mr. Selçuk KOÇ, Director at the CCO provided a summary of the discussions made during the meeting. Afterwards, Mr. M. Metin EKER, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office, opened the floor for the final views of the participants. He then shared some of his observations and concluded his remarks by reminding that all the presentations made during the sessions were available on the COMCEC website (www.comcec.org).

At this session, the participants made the following observations and suggestions:

- It was suggested that following the adoption of the policy recommendations at the COMCEC Ministerial Session, the CCO may send a high-level letter to member countries which conveys the policy recommendations with a view to creating awareness and sensitizing the member countries.
- The CCO may take an initiative to provide multi-entry visas for COMCEC focal points who would travel to Turkey more than once within a year.
- It was also suggested that the themes of working groups meetings may be more concrete and specific.
- Capacity building and training programs may be organized to support the implementation of policy recommendations.
- The CCO may consider providing advance payment for COMCEC Projects, as well as compensating possible losses that may occur due to fluctuations in local currency between the completion of project activities and transfer of money from CCO to project owner.

- ***Social Program***

26. As part of the social program, the participants visited some historic parts and landmarks of Ankara.

ANNEX 1: PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING



DRAFT PROGRAMME 4th ANNUAL FOCAL POINTS MEETING OF THE COMCEC WORKING GROUPS (1-2 June 2016, Ankara)

June 1st, 2016 (Wednesday)

08:45 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:10 Recitation from the Holy Qur'an

09:10 - 09:25 Opening Remarks

09:25 - 10:00 COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation: The Status of Progress

*Presentation: Mr. Kağan AKDOĞAN
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)*

Questions & Answers (Q&A)

10:00 - 10:45 Moderated Session: The Role of COMCEC Focal Points in the Realization of the COMCEC Strategy

*Presentation: Mr. Selçuk KOÇ
Director
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)*

Q&A

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 The Role of COMCEC Focal Points in the Realization of the COMCEC Strategy
(Continued)

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:45 Briefing and Discussion on the Themes of the Working Groups for 2017-2019
(6 separate discussion groups)

15:45 - 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 - 17:30 Moderated Session: COMCEC Project Funding: Benefits for the Member Countries and Procedures

*Moderation: Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ
Senior Expert
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*Presentation: Mr. M. Celalettin AKTAŞ
Expert
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Q&A

June 2nd, 2016 (Thursday)

09:00 – 10:30 Workshop for Sample Project Preparation
(6 separate discussion groups)

10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee Break*

10:45-12:00 Sample Project Presentations and Evaluations
(Q&A)
(6 separate discussion groups)

12:00-13:30 *Lunch*

13:30-14:30 Closing Session: Three Years of the Strategy's Implementation: The Way Forward

14:30- Social Program

ANNEX 2: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING

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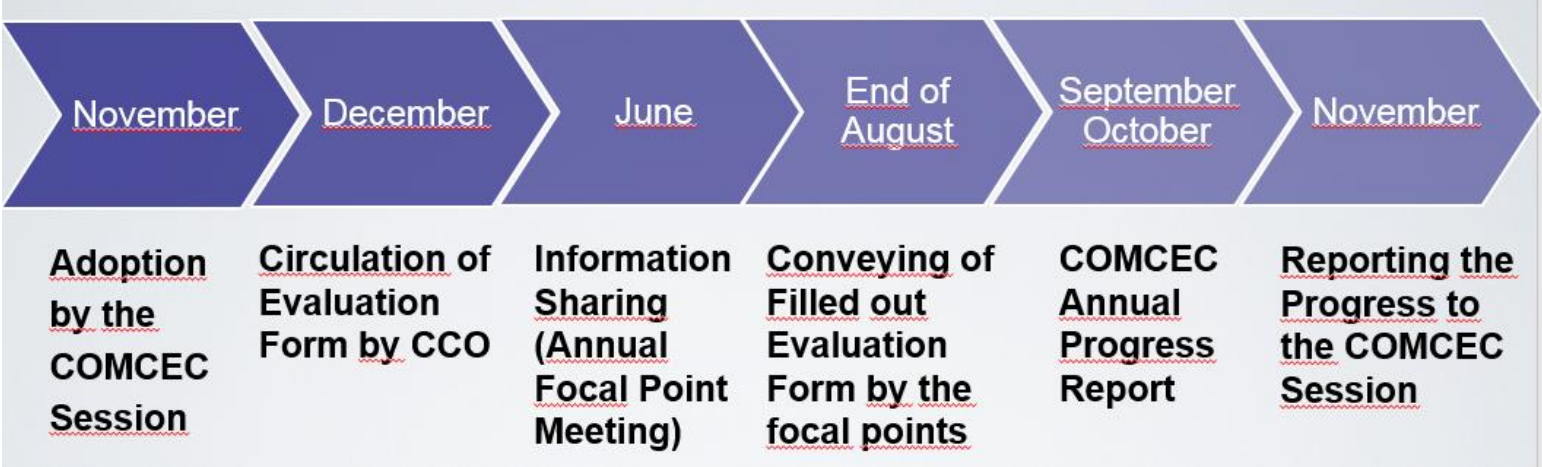
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ANNEX 3: THE PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE FOLLOWING-UP OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS



ANNEX 4: SAMPLE FORMAT OF THE EVALUATION FORM

Policy Recommendations	Has your country prepared/planned new law(s) or secondary legislation(s)?	Has your country prepared/planned strategy/action plan/road map?	Has your country implemented or is preparing to implement any administrative measures?	Has your country organized or is planning to organize any activity?	Has your country submitted or is planning to submit a project proposal to the to the COMCEC Project Funding?	Please specify, if any, challenges faced by your country in implementing the policy recommendation.
<p>Example : 4th Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group: <i>“Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) and Trade <u>Liberalisation Efforts</u> in the OIC Member States.....”</i></p> <p>I. Member states are invited to increase the Capacity for Successful Implementation of the PTAs</p>						

ANNEX 5: THEMES OF THE WG MEETINGS 2017-2019

TRADE WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Single Window Systems in the OIC Member States for Facilitating Trade
2017/2	Free Trade Zones in the OIC Member States
2018/1	Enhancing Customs Risk Management Systems in the OIC Member States
2018/2	Improving Authorized Economic Operators Programs in the OIC Member States
2019/1	Increasing Public Availability of Customs Information in the OIC Member States
2019/2	Enhancing Advance Ruling Systems in the OIC Member States

FINANCIAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Improving Public Debt Management in the OIC Member Countries
2017/2	Diversification of Islamic Financial Instruments
2018/1	More Harmonized Contracts and Regulations in Islamic Finance
2018/2	Monetary regimes and their effect on financial cooperation among OIC countries
2019/1	Financial education for Islamic finance
2019/2	Globalizing Islamic Finance

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Increasing Broadband Internet Penetration in OIC Member Countries
2017/2	Strategic Transport Infrastructure in OIC Member Countries: Gateways, Hubs and Inland Transport Connections
2018/1	Enhancing Digital Skills in OIC Countries
2018/2	Strengthening e-Government Infrastructure in OIC Countries
2019/1	Cooperation on Transportation: Transnational Transportation Projects in OIC Member Countries
2019/2	Better Planning, Funding, and Financing of Strategic Infrastructure in OIC Member Countries

AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Reducing Food Waste in the OIC Member Countries
2017/2	Improving Agricultural Market Performance: Creation and Development of Market Institutions
2018/1	Establishing an Agricultural Market Information System in the OIC Member Countries
2018/2	Promoting Market Oriented Agricultural Extension and Consultation Services in the OIC
2019/1	Increasing Agricultural Productivity: Agricultural Support Policies and Subsidies in the OIC Member Countries
2019/2	Agricultural Foreign Trade Policies in the OIC Member Countries

TOURISM WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT): Regulations for Accommodation Establishments in the OIC Member Countries
2017/2	Risk & Crisis Management and Recovery from Crisis in Tourism Sector in the Member Countries
2018/1	Utilizing the Technology in Visa Facilitation
2018/2	Improving tourism statistics in the OIC Member States
2019/1	Developing Medical Tourism in the OIC Member Countries
2019/2	Experiences in Sustainable Tourism among OIC Member States

POVERTY ALLEVIATION WORKING GROUP

Time	Theme
2017/1	Malnutrition in the OIC Member Countries: A Trap for Poverty
2017/2	Vulnerable Groups' Access to Education in the OIC Member Countries
2018/1	Education Quality in the OIC Member Countries
2018/2	Vocational Education and Skills Development in the OIC Member Countries
2019/1	Access to Good Health Services in the OIC Member Countries
2019/2	Child and Maternal Mortality in the OIC Member Countries