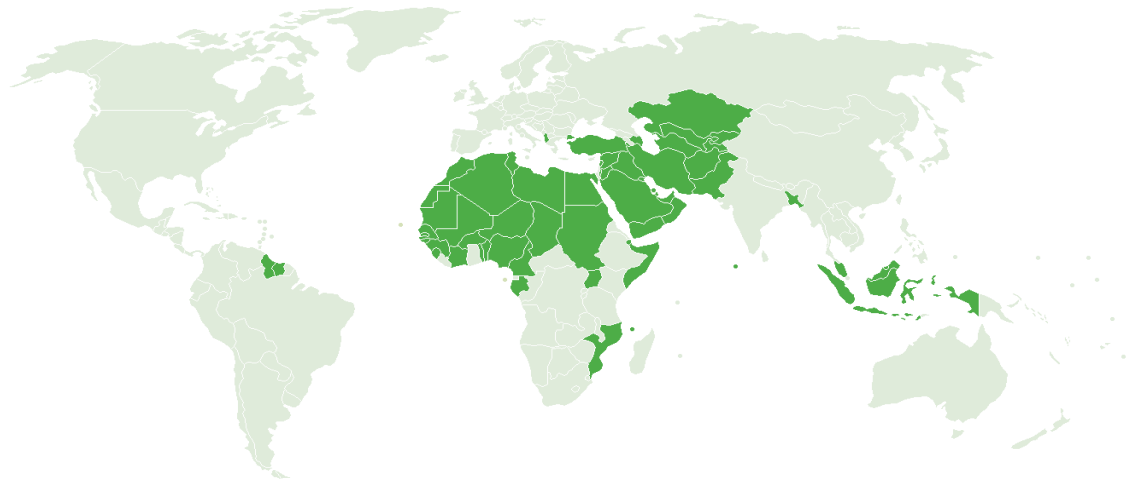


# POLICY QUESTIONS RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ON TRAVEL FACILITATION



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## 1- POLICY QUESTIONS

1. What are the current policies and instruments about travel facilitation in your country?
2. What are the challenges/obstacles faced by your country in facilitating travel?
3. How important are visa policies in your country for the following objectives?
4. What types of visa application methods are used in your country?
5. Does your country use e-visa applications?
6. What kind of travel facilitation policies do you recommend to enhance the mobility in/among the OIC Member Countries?

## 2- Responses of the Member Countries

### Q1- Current policies and instruments on travel facilitation in the Member Countries

Travel Facilitation Policy	Member Country
<b>Visa Facilitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Multilateral Efforts</b></li> <li>• <b>Bilateral Efforts</b></li> <li>• <b>E-Visa</b></li> </ul>	6
<b>Air Travel Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Airport Capacity</b></li> <li>• <b>Air Linkages</b></li> </ul>	5

## 2- Responses of the Member Countries

### Q2- Challenges/obstacles faced in facilitating travel

**1- Insufficient Air Linkages**

**2- Reciprocal Actions**

**3- Cost of New Technologies**

## 2- Responses of the Member Countries



### Q3- Objectives of Visa Policies

- 1- Maintaining Security
- 2- Regulating immigration
- 3- Controlling the labor force

## 2- Responses of the Member Countries

### Q4- Visa application methods used in the Member Countries

Type of Application Method	Number of Countries
Visa on Arrival	7
Classic Paper Visas	6
Tourist Visa	6
Transit Visa	5
Business Visa	5
Electronic or eVisas	4
Visa Waiver Schemes	2

## 2- Responses of the Member Countries



### Q5- Use of e-visa applications

- Azerbaijan, Sultanate of Oman
- Need for financial resources and technical assistance



## 2- Responses of the Member Countries

### Q6- Policy recommendations by the MCs for travel facilitation

- Visa on arrival
- Visa exemption
- Air linkage
- E-Visa

## 3- ROOM DOCUMENT



### **Policy Advice-1 Encouraging Visa Facilitation among the Member Countries**

- Improving the delivery of information
- Facilitating the processes for obtaining visas
- Differentiating treatment to facilitate tourist travel
- Promoting eVisa programs

## 3- ROOM DOCUMENT



### **Policy Advice 2. Developing air linkages and increasing the airline capacity**

- Partnering with airlines to expand access to visitor markets
- Incorporating airlines into the destination's tourism profile
- Making better use of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in airport infrastructure



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