

**SPECIAL SESSION 5: INNOVATIVE FINANCING AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**

<p align="center"><i>Brief Note</i></p>	<p>With the increasing global population, providing healthy and nutritious food within safe environmental limits is one of the biggest problems in today’s world. Global food supply will have to increase dramatically in order to meet the world’s population that will reach 9.1 billion by 2050. Agriculture is a capital intensive sector and access of producers to financial instruments and initiatives of investors are the most important inputs in the production process. According to estimations, expanding food demand will need new investments of \$80 billion annually through 2050. Hence, meeting this challenge and allowing developing countries to ensure sustainable food system must include an efficient financing and investment approach in the aforementioned sector. Until recently, sustainable food systems funding has been limited to insufficient government and charitable support. Donations and grants have played - and will continue to play - a critical role in the reform of the existing food systems; however, a comprehensive food system reform requires the participation of all stakeholders including finance sector.</p> <p>This panel will try to discuss the role of innovative financing and investment opportunities in building sustainable food systems. Also, emerging innovative financing and investment opportunities in the sector will be analysed by identifying current trends and featuring examples of high-impact investment opportunities. In doing so, the panel will also state challenges and lessons learned in this field.</p>
<p align="center"><i>Objective of the Panel</i></p>	<p>The main objective of this session is to provide a platform that enounce the link between innovative financing/investment opportunities and sustainable food systems, focusing on the challenges and practical solutions. The panel aims at providing insights into how representatives from international/regional organizations and private sector evaluate the ongoing initiatives, existing constraints, and possible solutions in this regard. The inputs derived from these discussions will in turn form a basis for future strategies for the stakeholders which aim to increase financing and investment opportunities for their own sustainable food systems.</p>
<p align="center"><i>Issues and Topics</i></p>	<p>Possible points of discussion include but not limited to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a sustainable food system and what are the main components of it? • The linkage between sustainable food systems and financing and investment opportunities • The roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in providing innovative financing and investment opportunities with respect to sustainable food systems • The innovative financing and investment opportunities/tools in agriculture and food industry • What role can innovative financing play in generating resources for sustainable food systems? • How do stakeholders mobilize the financial resources to support investments in sustainable food systems? • Which mechanisms, initiatives can promote better coordination at national, regional and global level for effective financing and investment for sustainable food systems? • The challenges/successes and lessons learned from sustainable food system projects in terms of their financing
<p align="center"><i>Participation</i></p>	<p>All delegations of the OIC Member States, the representatives of the OIC Institutions and various International Organizations attending the 35th COMCEC Ministerial Session are invited to participate in the special session. Representatives of civil society, businessmen, academicians and other relevant stakeholders will also be invited to attend this Session.</p>

<i>Venue & Date</i>	<p>Istanbul Congress Center, İstanbul / Turkey, November 28th, 2019 For more information, please contact: Selim UYAR COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 07 E-mail: suyar@comcec.org</p>
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12:00-13:00

Moderator

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13:00-13:15

Questions and Answers