COMCEC Project Funding at a Glance

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PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE COMCEC PROJECT FUNDING

Operationalization of the COMCEC Strategy

- ✓ Enhancing multilateral cooperation

- ✓ Increasing institutional and human capacity

- ✓ Improving joint solutions for common problems

- ✓ Strengthening operational skills on international projects

- ✓ Supporting the policy environment for the policy recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TOOLS OF THE STRATEGY

Working Group Meetings

✓ Working Group Membership: Relevant Ministries and other public institutions and OIC Institutions registered to the Working Groups.

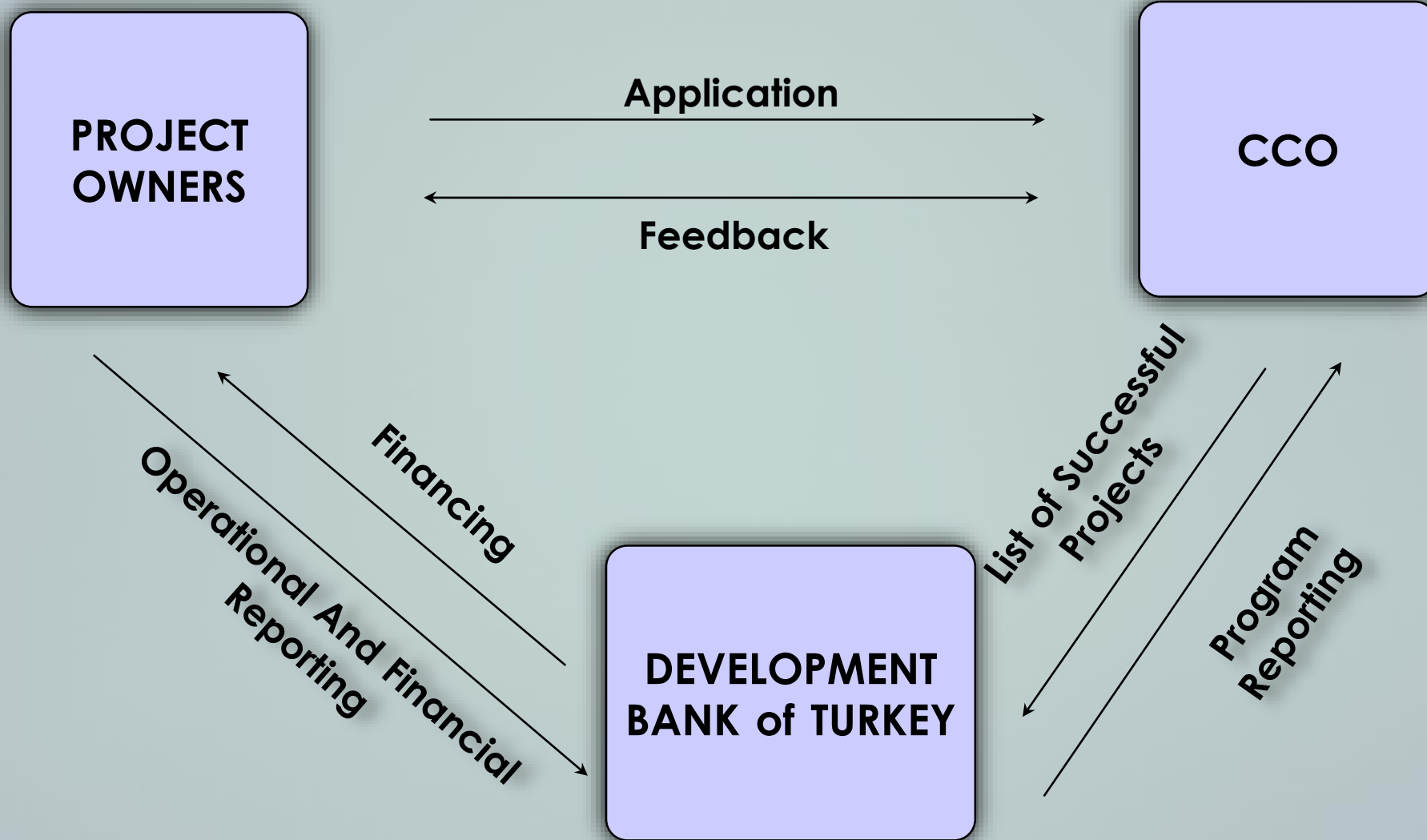✓ Producing policy recommendations in WGs based on policy questions and the analytical studies

Project Funding Mechanism

✓ Enhancing multilateral cooperation between the member countries and OIC institutions through project proposals submitted by the working group members.

✓ Policy support instrument to realize policy recommendations.

✓ Contribution to capacity building through soft projects

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MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

✓ Simple Rules

✓ Clearly defined Financial Framework

✓ Backstopping by the CCO and the Development Bank of Turkey

✓ Demand and Member Driven Mechanism

✓ COMCEC Projects are based on **GRANTS** (No re-payment)

✓ Simple procedures (unlike credit agreements)

✓ Prompt payment after reporting (financial & technical) to the Bank

ACTORS AND ROLES

PROJECT OWNERS

Application →

← Feedback

CCO

Financing

Operational And Financial Reporting

List of Successful Projects

Program Reporting

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Principles of the COMCEC Strategy

- Strategic Objective of the relevant cooperation area

- Output Areas of the relevant cooperation area

- Sectoral Themes stated in the Program Implementation Guidelines

- Working Group Membership & Active Participation

- Promoting Multilateralism (at least 3 Member States)

PROJECT PROPOSALS in THREE-YEAR PERIOD

- **209** project proposals submitted by Member Countries and OIC Institutions during three-year period.

- **22** projects were implemented in 2014 and 2015.
    - **5** Trade projects

- **10** project proposals are being implemented in 2016.
    - **1** Trade project (Uganda)

PROJECTS Implemented in 2014

Project Title: Capacity Building in Trade Institutions of the Central Asian Countries of COMCEC

Project Owner: Ministry of Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan

Partner Countries: Pakistan, Iran and Tajikistan

Project Purpose: To analyze potential barriers in foreign trade and finance for SMEs in Afghanistan by using surveys and secondary data.

Activities: Desk based research, training workshop, publishing a final report on SME finance

PROJECTS Implemented in 2014 (cont'd)

Project Title: International Seminar on Developing National & Regional Approaches to Enhancing Innovation Support Commercialization of R&D Results and Patents among the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Member States.

Project Owner: ICDT

Project Purpose: To build capacity and to share good practices through publishing and distributing a research report in the margin of a training program.

Activities: Conducting patent commercialization, organizing training, preparing an evaluation report.

PROJECTS Implemented in 2014 (cont'd)

Project Title: SMEs in the Borderless Era, Shaping Opportunity in the Global Value Chain

Project Owner: Ministry of Trade of Indonesia

Project Purpose: To raise awareness in member countries on the internationalization of SMEs in the Global Value Chain (GVC)

Activities: Desk-based research, Field trips (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei Darussalam), Workshop, publishing a research report.

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PROJECTS Implemented in 2015

Project Title: Capacity-Building and Institutional Strengthening of The Gambia Standards Bureau for the Adoption and Implementation of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards and Related Conformity Assessment

Project Owner: Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment of Islamic Republic of the Gambia

Project Purpose: To develop capacity for the production of national Halal Standards and Mark that is harmonized with the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards in order to promote and facilitate trade among OIC member countries.

Activities: Workshop, Study tour to Turkey, Training of Gambian and Senegalese metrology staff at the National Metrology Institute of Turkey, dissemination published halal standards.

PROJECTS Implemented in 2015 (cont'd)

Project Title: Access to Finance for SME and Entrepreneurs in the OIC region; Opportunities and Challenges for the Entrepreneurs

Project Owner: Ministry of Business and Trade of Qatar

Partners: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain

Project Purpose: To make comparative analysis of the access to finance to SMEs and entrepreneurs in the OIC countries and encourage policy makers to review and revise the current rules and practices.

Activities: Reviewing literature, conducting structured interviews, comparative analyses, publishing reports and papers, organizing a workshop in Qatar.

ONGOING PROJECTS (2016)

Project Title: Improving Delivery of Trade Facilitation Services (IDFTS)

Project Owner: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives of Uganda

Partner Countries: Turkey and Egypt

Project Purpose: To prepare a research report that provides a clear road map for establishing Trade Facilitation Bodies in Uganda, Turkey and Egypt.

Project Activities: Study tour to Egypt and Turkey for data collection, Preparation of research report on establishing TFB in Uganda, Egypt and Turkey, Workshop

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FOURTH CALL for PROJECT PROPOSALS

- The Fourth Call for Project Proposals
  has been made on September 1st, 2016 on the
  COMCEC's official website (www.comcec.org)
  and will be open until October 7th, 2016.

- The relevant documents are available on the
  online project application section of the
  COMCEC's official website.

HOW TO PREPARE for the PROJECT SUBMISSION

- Must be focal point (Member Country or OIC Institution)

- Own a username and password

- Check the reference materials on the PCM online

- Think about the sectoral themes under trade on page 20 of the Program Implementation Guidelines

- Conceptualize your project

- Fill out the project fiche

- Contact PCM Group (**pcm@comcec.org**) when necessary

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WHAT IS NEW in the FOURTH CALL ?

- Two interfaces in the online submission system
- Several updates in the Program Implementation Guidelines:

    1 - Research-based projects with new procedures

    2 - Updates in sectoral themes

    3 - New positions added to human resources section

SECTORAL THEMES TO BE FINANCED UNDER TRADE COOPERATİON AREA

- Examining and assessing the financing needs of exporters

- Enhancing the transactional cooperation among ECAs

- Reviewing the soundness of ECAs

- Promoting public-private dialogue within the ECA context

- Extending assistance to Member States for establishing/maintaining NTFBs

- Involving the private sector in the activities of the NTFBs

- Establishing effective communication systems within the framework of the work of the NTFBs

- Conducting an audit on national quality infrastructure,

- Increasing the use of national standards harmonized with international standards;

SECTORAL THEMES TO BE FINANCED UNDER TRADE COOPERATİON AREA

- Supporting the private sector, in their efforts to use internationally harmonized standards in practice.

- Enhancing information and resource sharing among border agencies

- Increasing the use of international standards in Customs environments

- Improving professional capacity of Customs staff

- Developing a National Strategy on Single Window

- Promoting ICT infrastructure and digital skills

- Increasing awareness on the benefits of Single Window

- Increasing the visibility of Free Trade Zones in the OIC Member Countries

- Promoting the participation of SMEs in the OIC Member Countries to global value chains

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ONLINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Direct Access: project.comcec.org

Please use COMCEC main page and click on Project Funding Button

ONLINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (cont'd)

Please access the Online Project Submission System via using specified usernames and passwords

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