

Making Cooperation Work

COMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

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



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OUTLINE

1. Coordinating and following up the implementation of the policy recommendations
2. Raising awareness on the COMCEC Strategy and its instruments
3. Ensuring active participation to the WG Meetings
4. Facilitating knowledge production efforts

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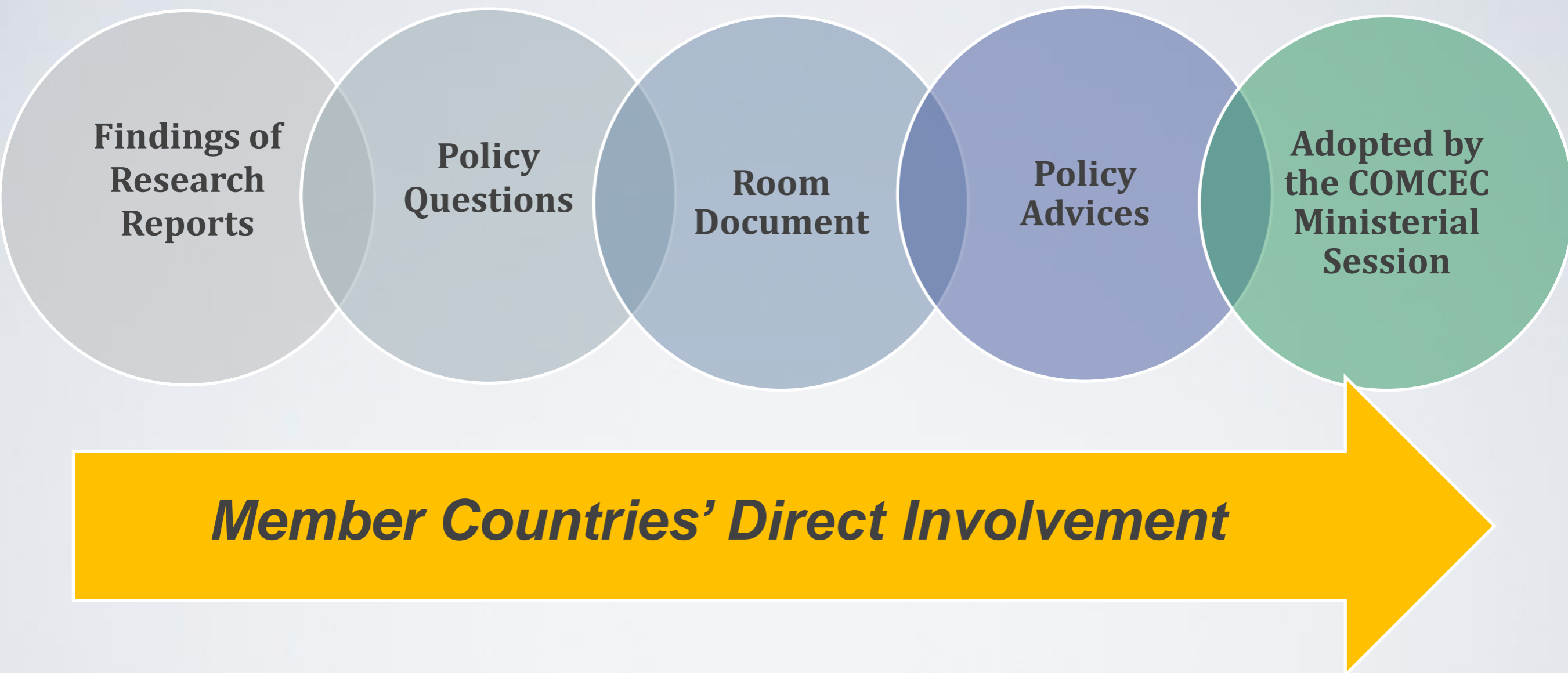
*«..... **approximate policies** in the cooperation areas to address and find solutions to the economic and social challenges of the Islamic Ummah» **(COMCEC Mission)***

Policy Recommendations:

- Serve to policy approximation
- Based on evidence based analyses and discussions (Research Reports, Policy Questions etc.)
- Adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions

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Formulation of Policy Recommendations



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Instruments to Realize the Policy Recommendations:

- COMCEC Working Groups
- COMCEC Project Funding
- Member Countries' own institutional & human resources /efforts
- Relevant OIC Institutions' endeavours

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31st COMCEC Session

“.....calls upon the concerned Member States to respond to the “Evaluation Form” circulated by the COMCEC Coordination Office on July 30th, 2015, with a view to following-up the implementation of the Policy Recommendations of the COMCEC Working Groups” (Res.11)

32nd Meeting of the Follow-Up Committee

“..... invited all the Member Countries to exert efforts, to the extent possible, to implement the policy recommendations and urged relevant OIC Institutions to support the Member States in this regard. ” (Rec.23)

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Role of the Focal Points identified in the “Guideline”:

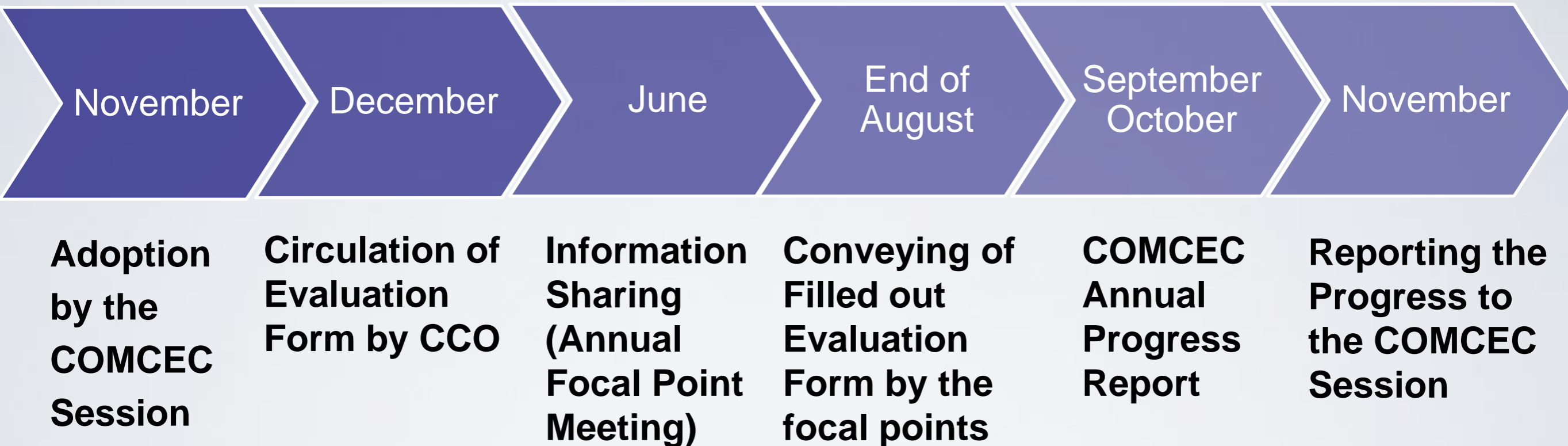
- Sharing Policy Questions with the relevant Ministries/Institutions
- Responding to the policy questions
- Reviewing the Draft Room Document based on Research Report and responses to the Policy Questions
- Providing views/observations for the finalization of the Room Document after the Meeting

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- Informing the relevant Institutions/Departments about the policy recommendations
- Following up the implementation of the policy recommendations
- Reporting the progress achieved to CCO by filling out the Evaluation Form

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Proposed Timeline:



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Sample 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.
Example : 4th Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group: <i>“Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) and Trade Liberalisation Efforts in the OIC Member States.....”</i> I. Member states are invited to increase the Capacity for Successful Implementation of the PTAs						

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Responding Member Countries:

TRADE	TRANSPORT	TOURISM	AGRICULTURE	FINANCE	POVERTY ALLEVIATION
Iran Palestine Senegal Yemen	Afghanistan Jordan Malaysia Saudi Arabia Togo Turkey	Burkina Faso Iran Ivory Coast Oman Saudi Arabia Turkey	Egypt Iran Oman Palestine Saudi Arabia Sudan	Cameroon Iran Malaysia Turkey	Azerbaijan Cameroon Mozambique Niger

Raising awareness on the COMCEC Strategy and its instruments

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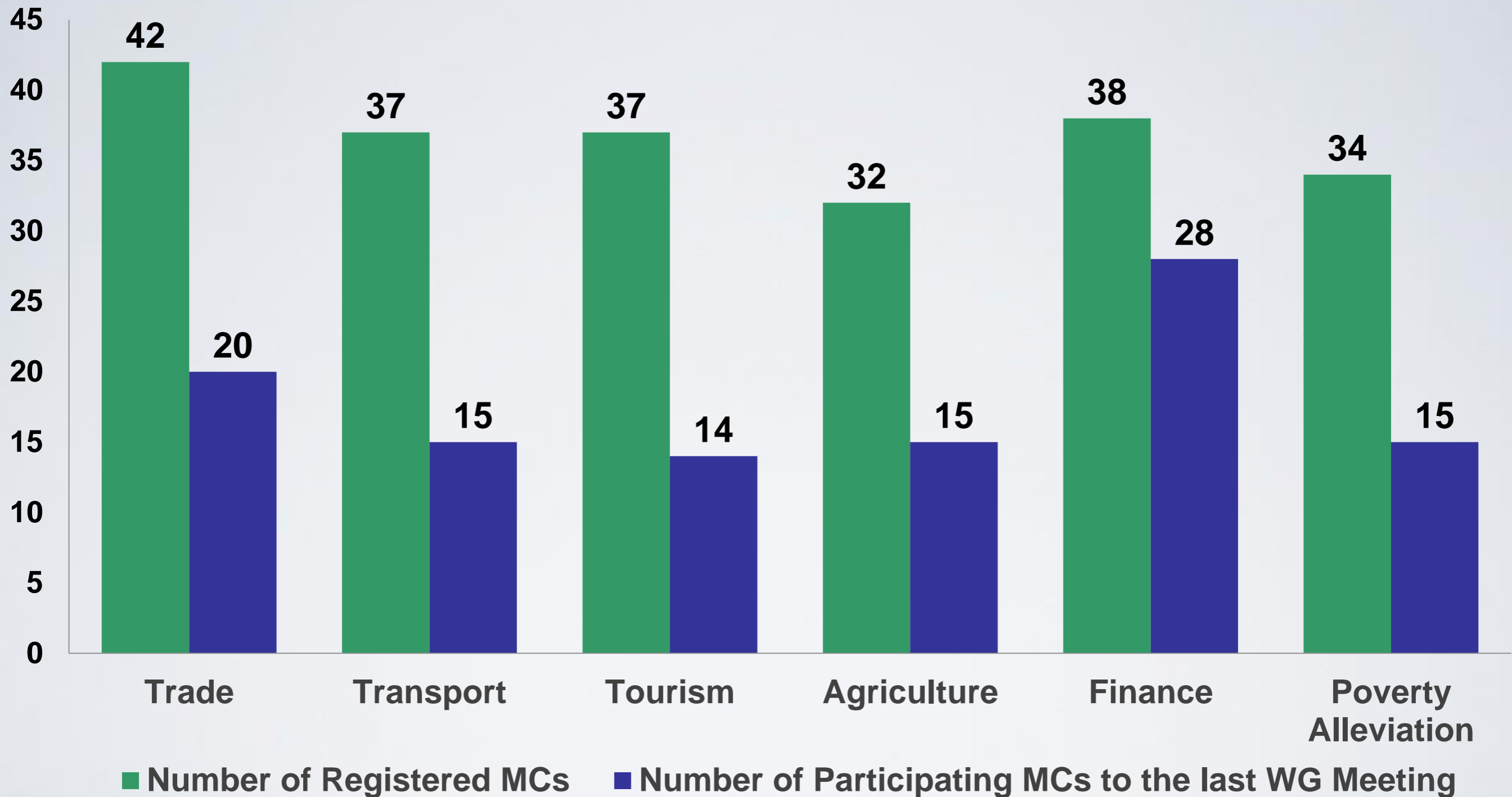
- Raising awareness about the COMCEC, COMCEC Strategy and its Instruments (WGs & COMCEC PCM)
- Coordinating COMCEC related work within the relevant Ministries/Institutions
- Conveying outcomes of COMCEC WG Meetings to the relevant Ministries/Institutions

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- Facilitating effective communication and coordination of their respective countries with the CCO
- Informing the relevant Ministries/Institutions on the benefits of the COMCEC Project Funding
- Following up the submission as well as implementation phases of the COMCEC Project Funding
- Taking part in the country delegations for the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions

Ensuring active participation to the WG Meetings

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Role of the Focal Points Identified in the “Guideline”:

- Actively participating in the WG Meetings
- Sharing the relevant documents (invitation letters, research reports etc.) with the relevant Institutions/departments
- Facilitating the participation of qualified experts to the WGs
- Providing observations and comments to the Research Reports and Sectoral Outlooks
- Sharing country experiences on the theme of the respective WG

Facilitating knowledge production efforts

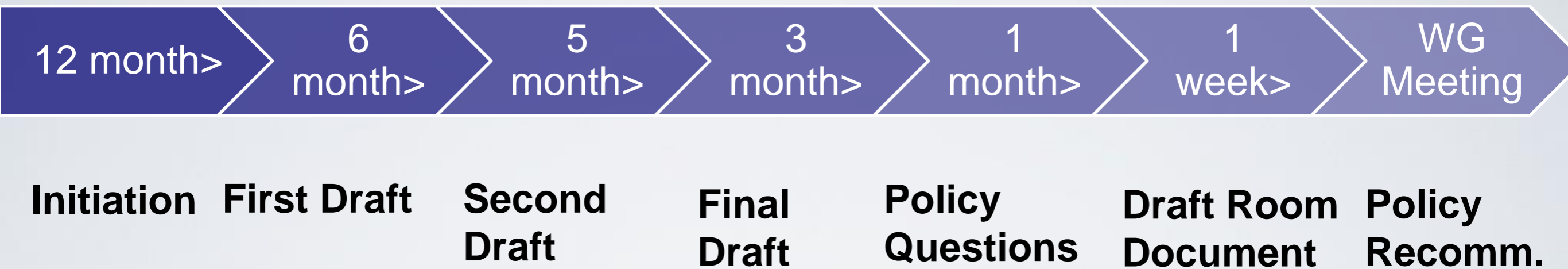
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Research Reports:

- Review of existing and most recent literature
- Providing the state of affairs on the specific theme in the OIC
- Introducing **in-depth analysis of three or more Member Countries** based on **field visits, surveys, and interviews**
- Enabling the working groups to undertake **evidence-based, scientific analyses and discussions**, which culminate in formulating concrete policy recommendations
- Efforts exerted to find the right staff: world-class consulting firms, prominent international organizations and respected academics

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Timeline for the Research Reports:



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Role of the Focal Points:

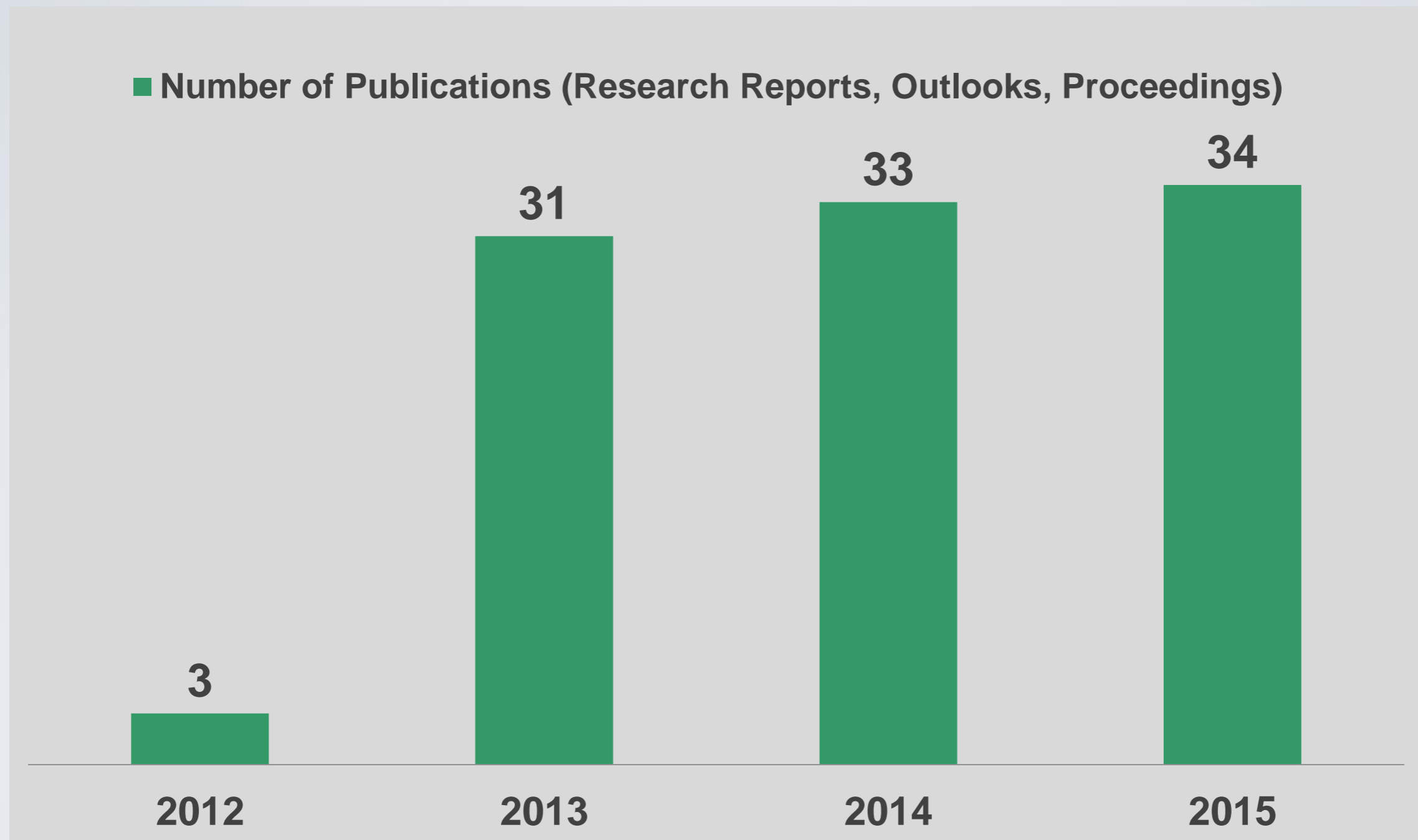
- Assisting in collection and verification of country specific data
- Conveying the surveys/questionnaires to the relevant experts
- Ensuring timely filling out and convey of surveys/questionnaires
- Assisting the Consultants of the reports in finding contacts and arrange of appointments during field visits
- Sharing the Research Reports with the relevant Ministries/Institutions
- Providing feedbacks to the Research Reports

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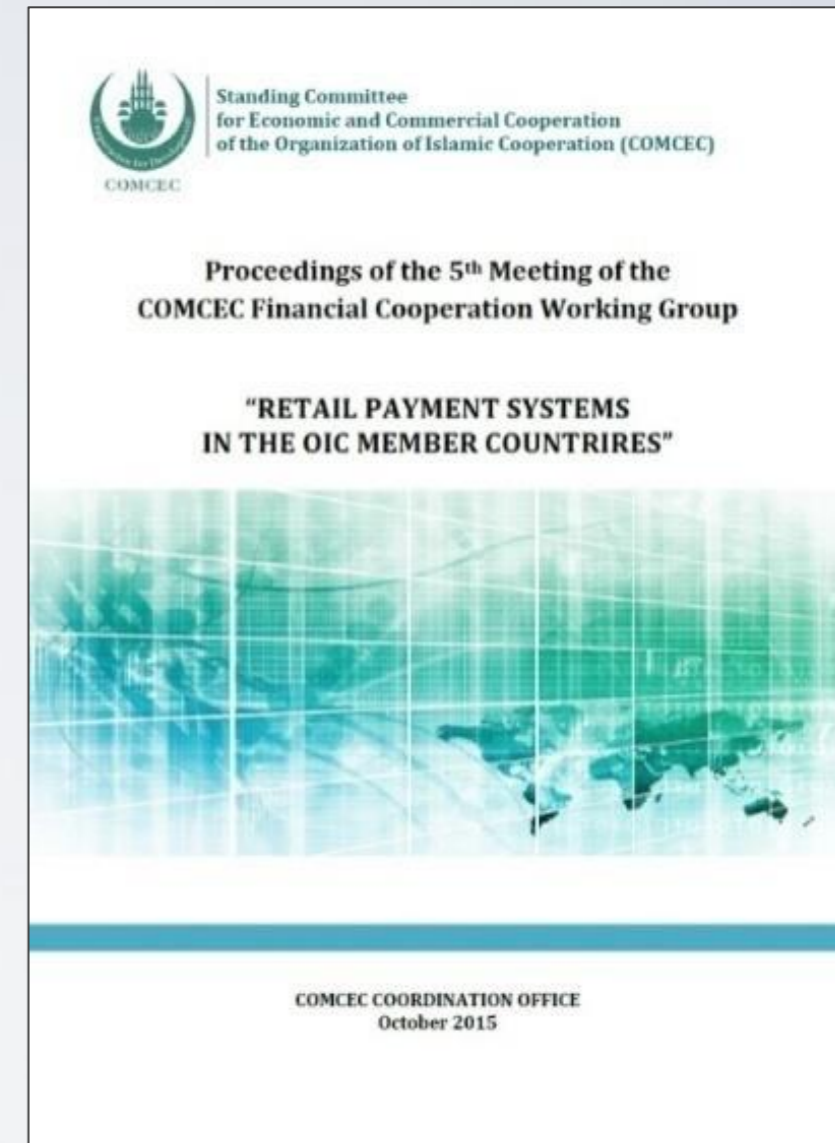
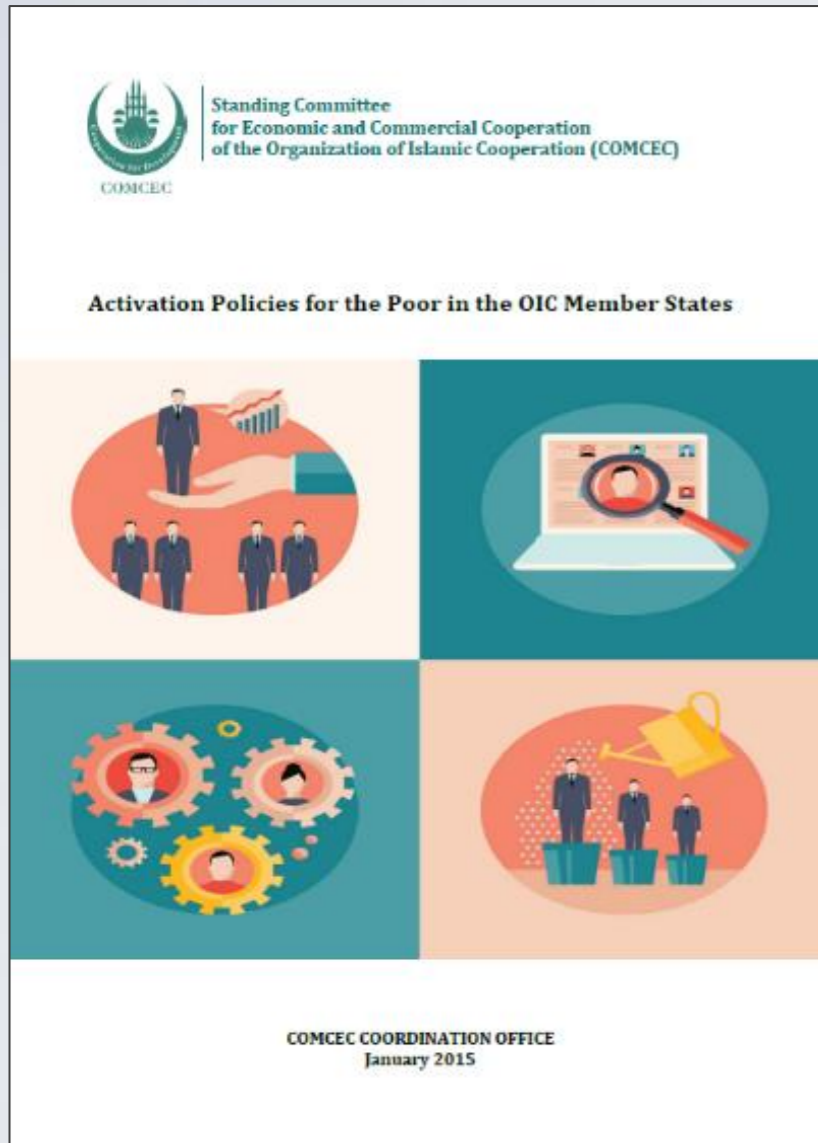
Sectoral Outlook Reports:

- Prepared annually by the COMCEC Secretariat
- Presenting an overview of each sector
- Supplemented with extensive data
- Providing basic statistics of the relevant sector

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