



Making Cooperation Work

# COMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

## COMCEC Project Funding **at a Glance**



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# Purpose and Function of COMCEC Project Funding



# Relations Between 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 member countries and OIC institutions in ***six cooperation areas***.
- ✓ ***Policy support instrument*** to realize policy recommendations.
- ✓ Contribution to capacity building through ***soft projects***

*Common understanding and Policy Approximation*

# COMCEC Project Funding

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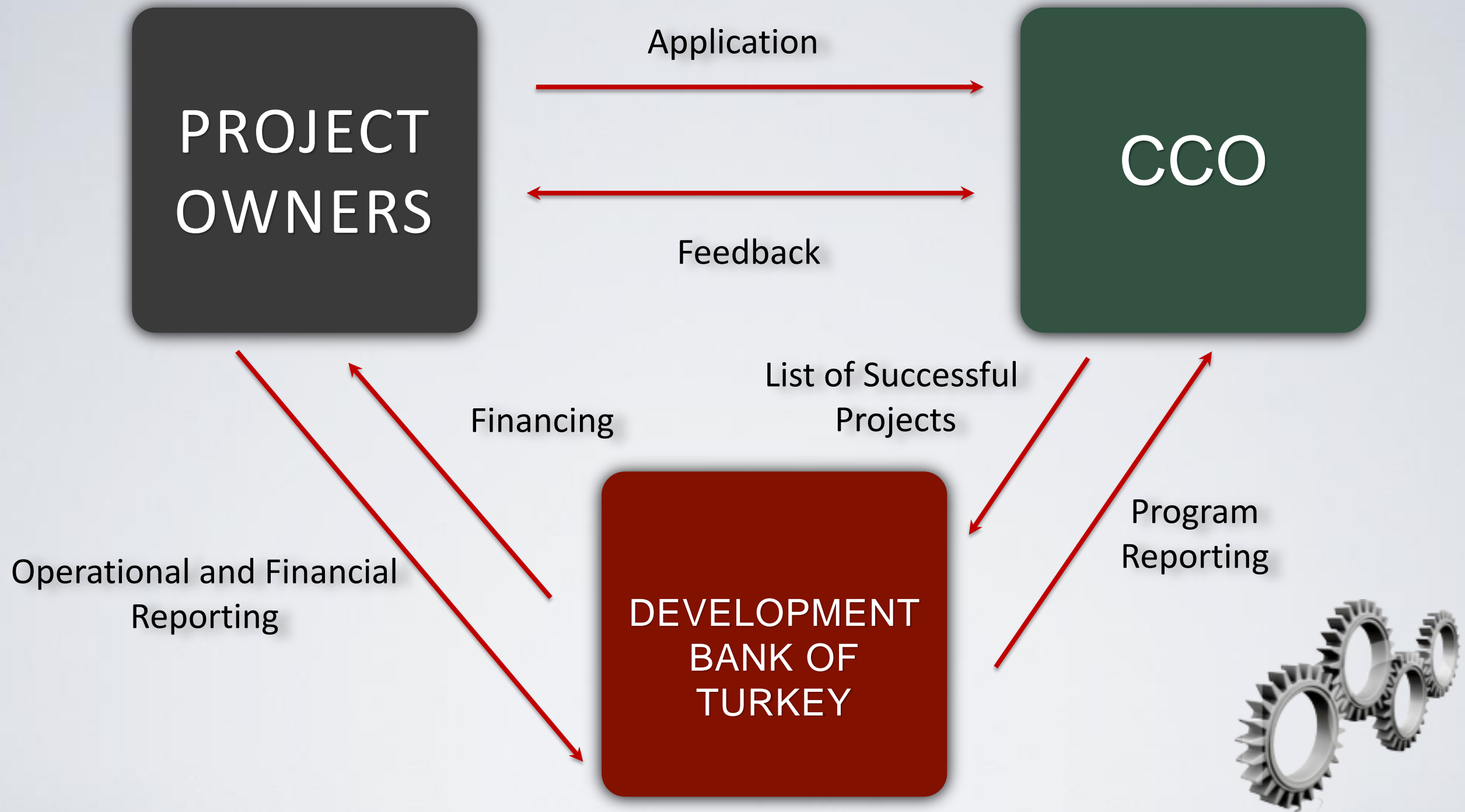
- ✓ Simple Rules
- ✓ Clearly defined Financial Framework
- ✓ Flexible Procedures
- ✓ Backstopping by the CCO
- ✓ Tech. Support by Development Bank of Turkey
- ✓ Demand and Member Driven Mechanism

# COMCEC Project Funding

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- ✓ COMCEC Projects are based on **GRANTS** (No re-payment)
- ✓ Simple and flexible procedures (unlike credit agreements)
- ✓ Prompt payment after reporting (financial & technical) to the Bank
- ✓ Co-finance could be in-kind

# COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism





# Project Selection Criteria



# 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.
  - **3** Tourism projects
- ✓ **10** project proposals are final-listed for 2016 and implementation of these projects will start as of **April 1st, 2016**.
  - **2** Tourism projects



# Project Proposals in Three-year Period



**Project Title:** Improving Statistical Capacities of Tourism Sector in COMCEC Mediterranean and Gulf Region

**Project Owner:** SESRIC

**Project Purpose:** The objective of the project was identification of the statistical capacities and needs in tourism statistics in Albania, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen (selected COMCEC Countries in the Mediterranean and Gulf Regions) with an aim to improve Tourism Satellite Accounts and evidence-based policy making on tourism.

**Activities:** Preparation, circulation, and evaluation of questionnaires in order to make a needs assessment in the regarding countries, Organization of several training programs, Organization of a workshop.



# Project Proposals in Three-year Period



**Project Title:** Cities of Common Cultural Heritage

**Project Owner:** Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan

**Project Purpose:** The objective of this project was to increase touristic arrivals to the region by exchange of good practices in the relevant sphere and by developing and promoting joint tourism products in 4 partner countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan).

**Activities:** Assessment of potentially attractive cultural-historical sites and common cultural heritage in the target countries for developing a joint tourism product (including expert's on-site visits), Drafting of an interim assessment report, Organization of a three day workshop, Publication of the final report on a newly developed tourism product.





# Project Proposals in Three-year Period



**Project Title:** Strengthening Community Resilience through eco-tourism.

**Project Owner:** Ministry of Tourism and Culture (The Gambia)

**Project Purpose:** Building resilient communities in The Gambia, Senegal and Guinea Bissau through eco-village practices

**Activities:** Eco-village design (EDE) education (training of the trainers), Report on EDE practices



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