



**5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COMCEC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP  
(March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Ankara)**

*“Improving Institutional Capacity: Strengthening Farmer Organizations in the  
OIC Member Countries.”*

**PROGRAMME**

- 08.30-09.00     **Registration**
- 09.00-09.15     **Opening Remarks**
- 09.15-09.45     **The COMCEC Agriculture Outlook**
- *Presentation: Mr. E. Emrah HATUNOĞLU  
Expert  
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)*
  - *Discussion*
- 09.45-11.00     **Overview of Farmer Organizations and Policy Environment in the Member Countries**
- *Presentation: Mr. Aly-Khan JAMAL  
Head of Agriculture and Food Security  
Dalberg Global Development Advisors*
  - *Questions for Discussion*
    - *Is there an apex body for farmer organizations in your country? If yes what are the functions of this body?*
    - *What are the policies/programmes implemented in your country for strengthening farmer organizations? What are the challenges faced by your country in this respect?*
- 11.00-11.15     **Coffee Break**
- 11.15-12.15     **Recent Trends in Strengthening Farmer Organizations (FOs) at a Global Level and  
Recommendations for the Member Countries**
- *Presentation: Mr. Aly-Khan JAMAL  
Head of Agriculture and Food Security  
Dalberg - Global Development Advisors*
  - *Question(s) for Discussion*
    - *How does your country perceive the recent global trends for strengthening farmer organizations and how does it respond to these trends?*
    - *What are the main factors attracting farmers to involve in farmer organizations in your country? (i.e. providing access to resources, obtaining higher value-added products)*
- 12.15-13.45     **Lunch**

13.45-15.15 **Policy Options for Strengthening Farmer Organizations in the Member Countries**

*Moderator : Dr. Metin TÜRKER*

*Deputy Director General*

*Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock*

*Republic of Turkey*

*Presentation: "Responses of the Member Countries to the Policy Questions on Strengthening Farmer Organizations"*

*Mr. Mustafa Adil SAYAR*

*Expert, COMCEC Coordination Office*

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advice for strengthening farmer organizations in the Member Countries. *The Room Document on Policy Options for Strengthening Farmer Organizations in the Member Countries* was prepared by the CCO, in light of the findings of the analytical study prepared specifically for the Meeting and the answers of the Member Countries to the policy questions which have already been sent by the CCO. This Document has been shared with the Agriculture Working Group focal points with a view to enriching the discussions during the Session and coming up with concrete policy advice for the policy approximation among the Member Countries in this important field.

- *Question(s) for Discussion*

- *How can the cooperation be furthered among the Member Countries for strengthening farmer organizations and what are the cooperation opportunities in this regard?*

15.15-15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30-17.00 **Member State Presentations**

- *Discussion*

17.00-18.00 **Multilateral Efforts / Non-Governmental Initiatives for Supporting Farmer Organizations**

- Presentation: "COGECA's Experience in Strengthening Farmer Organizations"

- *Mr. Prodromos KALAITZIS*

*Senior Policy Advisor*

*General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives (COGECA)*

- Presentations: "NGO's Experience in Strengthening Farmer Organizations"

- *Mr. Zuhair Arif JWEIHAN*

*Chairman*

*Jordan Exporters and Producers Association (JEPA)*

- *Mr. Cem KAPTAN*

*Manager*

*PANKOBİRLİK*

- *Questions for Discussion*

- *What are the success factors and challenges for multilateral initiatives in strengthening farmer organizations?*
- *What lessons can be learned from NGOs' / multilateral experiences?*

*18.00-18.15*      **Utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding**

- *Presentation: Mr. Ali ORUÇ*  
*Expert*  
*COMCEC Coordination Office*

- *Discussion*

*18.15-18.30*      **Closing Remarks**

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