



**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE
1st MEETING OF THE COMCEC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP
(June 6th, 2013, Ankara)**

*“Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region:
Improving Irrigation Capacity”*

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15-10.00 **The COMCEC Strategy and Increasing the Productivity of Agriculture Sector**

- Presentation: The COMCEC Strategy on Agriculture
Mr. Selçuk Koç
Director
COMCEC Coordination Office
- Presentation: Outlook of the Agriculture Sector in the COMCEC Region
Dr. Taylan Kıymaz
Director
COMCEC Coordination Office
- Discussion

10.00-12.00 **Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region through Improving Irrigation Capacity**

- Presentation: Analytical Study on “Increasing Agricultural Productivity in the COMCEC Region: Improving Irrigation Capacity”
Prof. Dr. Yusuf Ersoy Yıldırım
Guest
- Questions for Discussion
 - What are the policies/programs implemented in your country in order to improve irrigation capacity?
 - What are the challenges that your country faces during the implementation of such programs?
 - How can these challenges be overcome and how can the cooperation among the Member States be constituted in order to handle these issues?

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 **Member State Presentations**

- Sharing Experiences and Best Practices in Irrigation Capacity Building
- Questions for Discussion
 - Does your country have a specific strategy, plan or program for improving irrigation capacity and water use efficiency?

15.00-16.00 **The Role of International Development Institutions for Improving Irrigation Capacity and Water Use Efficiency**

- Presentation by the IDB
Mr. Nur Abdi
Senior Agriculture Specialist
- Mr. Mahmood Ahmad
(International Consultant on Agriculture and Water)- Guest
- Questions for Discussion
 - Does your country have specific programs/projects/activities (being) implemented in collaboration with an international development institution with a view to improving irrigation capacity and water use efficiency? What are your experiences in these programmes/projects ?

16.00-16.15 Coffee Break

16.15-17.15 **Brainstorming Session: The Ways and Means of Enhancing Cooperation in Irrigation Capacity Building among the COMCEC Member Countries**

- Moderator: Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ
Senior Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office

17.15-18.00 **The Way Forward: Utilizing the New COMCEC Project Cycle Management**

- Presentation: The COMCEC Project Funding
COMCEC Coordination Office
- Questions and Answers

18.00-18.15 **Closing Remarks**

