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## **Background**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC, held in Ankara on 9-10 May 2012, requested SESRIC, in its capacity as the coordinator institution of the exchange of views sessions of the COMCEC, to explore the views of the member countries on each of the following three proposals as possible themes for the exchange of views sessions to be held during the subsequent COMCEC Sessions through circulation of a special questionnaire to the member countries and analysis of their responses on the subject matter:

Theme 1:

The Role of PPP (Public-Private Partnership) in Tourism Sector Development in the OIC Member States

Theme 2:

Increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows to the OIC Member States

Theme 3:

Promoting Islamic Financial Services in the OIC Countries

The Committee also encouraged the Member States to promptly response to the SESRIC questionnaire on the theme-selection to enhance related procedures and end up with a better identification of the areas where there is need and demand by member countries.

The Centre, therefore, circulated a questionnaire on the subject matter (a copy is attached to this document) to all the member countries on 24 May 2012 and requested them to complete it and return it to the Centre by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at the latest to enable the Centre to analyse their responses and report accordingly to the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC on 8-11 October 2012 in Istanbul.

The Centre received responses from only 17 member countries, namely Algeria, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Mozambique, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Oman, Palestine, and Turkey.

This report presents the results of the responses of these member countries in terms of their prioritisation of the above-mentioned three themes. It also presents the other themes proposed by them for the upcoming exchange of views session of COMCEC.

## Results of the Questionnaire

### The Priorities of the Member Countries for the Proposed Themes

Theme	Responding Country			
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
1. The Role of PPP (Public-Private Partnership) in Tourism Sector Development in the OIC Member States	Gambia Iraq Kuwait Palestine Nigeria Burkina Faso Oman	Algeria Jordan Mozambique Senegal Azerbaijan Turkey Iran	Djibouti Egypt Saudi Arabia	Azerbaijan
2. Increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows to the OIC Member States	Algeria Djibouti Jordan Senegal Azerbaijan Nigeria Turkey Saudi Arabia Iran	Gambia Iraq Kuwait Palestine Burkina Faso Oman	Mozambique Egypt	Azerbaijan
3. Promoting Islamic Financial Services in the OIC Countries	Mozambique Burkina Faso	Djibouti Gambia Saudi Arabia	Iraq Jordan Kuwait Senegal Palestine Turkey Oman Iran	Algeria Azerbaijan Egypt

**Notes:** (1) Some member countries sent different responses by different relevant ministers and institutions, such as ministry of industry and trade, ministry of finance, investment promotion agencies, ministry of tourism, ministry of economy, etc. Therefore, as shown in the table above, the names of such countries appear under more than one priority for the same theme. (2) Some member countries gave same priority to more than one theme.

## Themes Proposed by the Responding Member Countries for the Upcoming Exchange of Views Sessions of the COMCEC

In addition to their responses on the priorities of the above three themes, the member countries also proposed other themes for the upcoming exchange of views sessions of the COMCEC. These proposed themes are listed in the table below.

Theme	Responding Country
The issue of rules of origin as a pre-request for economic integration	Algeria
Legislations of Competition policies	Algeria
Reciprocal recognition of standards	Algeria
Enhancing the cooperation between the Member States in the field of tourism	Azerbaijan
Support the financing of the tourism development projects	Azerbaijan
Organization of investment forums in the member countries	Azerbaijan
Alternative energy resources development in OIC member countries	Azerbaijan
Promoting food security in OIC countries	Azerbaijan
Promotion of domestic tourism	Burkina Faso
Capacity building of public and private tourism actors	Burkina Faso
The role of transportation and ICT in the competitiveness of the OIC tourism destinations	Burkina Faso
Establish a system of Islamic finance in OIC countries	Djibouti
Development of agriculture sector in OIC countries	Djibouti
Establishing standards of Halal food	Djibouti
Promote real estate sector, mainly social housing in OIC countries	Djibouti
Promote renewable energy sector in OIC countries	Djibouti
Water resources development and cooperation in the area of water joint projects	Egypt
Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs in OIC countries	Egypt
The economic impact of vocational training in the member countries	Egypt
Enhancing investment climate	Egypt
Promoting and enhancing intra-OIC trade	Egypt
PPP policy and institutional framework development	Gambia
Look at legal and regulatory frameworks	Gambia
PPP strategies methods and perfect structuring techniques	Gambia
Analysing best practices in conducting financial economic techniques feasibility	Gambia
Foreign portfolio investment opportunities in OIC countries	Islamic Republic of Iran
Introducing of Islamic financial instruments for tourism financing	Islamic Republic of Iran
Improving transportation facilities among OIC countries through negotiations of new agreement	Islamic Republic of Iran

Introduction to Islamic Exchange Market	Islamic Republic of Iran
Technology transfer and development of agro-industry and services in the member countries	Jordan
The role of the relevant OIC institution in enhancing capacity building in the member countries, particularly in the area of trade and investment facilitation	Jordan
A mechanism to facilitate the businessmen visa among the member countries	Jordan
Development of pharmaceuticals sector in the member countries	Jordan
Support the newly established projects and business incubators	Jordan
Establishing an Islamic fund for investment insurance	Jordan
Establishing an Islamic fund for tourism projects investment	Jordan
Improving and promoting the Islamic touristic sites (religious tourism)	Jordan
Topics of strategic significance (security of food and energy supply)	Jordan
Establishing of alliances among the tourism stakeholders in OIC countries	Jordan
Protection policies in developed countries: impact on the economies of the OIC countries	Kuwait
Usage of renewable energy and its impacts on the economies of the member countries	Kuwait
Abidance with environmental standards and its impacts on the economies of the member countries	Kuwait
Usage of the IT and its role in enhancing intra-OIC Trade	Kuwait
Usage of modern genetic technology in the realisation of food security	Kuwait
Impact of global financial crisis on OIC countries and intra-OIC trade	Saudi Arabia
The role of tourism in national development, economic impact and social development	Nigeria
The establishment of sustainable sources for funding tourism investments	Nigeria
Women in tourism: realities and dilemma	Nigeria
Intra-OIC trade in services: prospects and challenges	Saudi Arabia
Intra-OIC trade in food and investment in food products	Saudi Arabia
Tariff and non-tariff obstacles for intra-OIC trade in fuels	Saudi Arabia
Impacts of customs union between Turkey and the EU on the Turkish trade relations with the OIC countries	Saudi Arabia
The role of OIC sub-regional economic groups in enhancing intra-OIC trade	Saudi Arabia
Sustainable development and environmental issues in OIC countries	Saudi Arabia
Economic integration and the possibility of establishing free trade area among OIC countries	Saudi Arabia
Development of water resources and cooperation in water joint projects in OIC countries	Saudi Arabia

Cooperation in science and technology	Saudi Arabia
Evaluation of the role of the OIC General Secretariat and OIC institutions in enhancing economic cooperation among OIC countries	Saudi Arabia
The Aid for Trade in OIC countries	Senegal
Enhancing the contribution of the private sector	Senegal
The position (Role/share) of agriculture sector in OIC countries	Senegal
Development of services sector in OIC countries	Senegal
Promotion of religious tourism in OIC countries	Senegal
Enhancing the developmental role of private sector institutions	Palestine
The role and importance of cooperative economy: agricultural cooperatives, marketing, etc.	Palestine
Enhancing competitiveness of national products in the member countries	Palestine
Enhancing cooperation among specialized relevant national institutions with a view to enhancing cooperation and intra-OIC trade	Palestine
Enhancing capacities for regional integration and utilization of the needed financial resources for the achievement of the MDGs	Palestine

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE THEMES OF THE COMCEC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS  
SESSIONS\*

1. Please indicate the priorities for each of the themes below, by using a 1-to-4 scale (1 for the most urgent, 4 for the least urgent).

Themes	Priority
The Role of PPP (Public-Private Partnership) in Tourism Sector Development in the OIC Member States	
Increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows to the OIC Member States	
Promoting Islamic Financial Services in the OIC Countries	

2. Please specify your **proposals for other themes** for the upcoming exchange of views sessions of the COMCEC in the order of priority.

Proposal 1	
Proposal 2	
Proposal 3	
Proposal 4	
Proposal 5	

3. Please provide us with the most recent contact information of your institution.

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4. Please send your responses to SESRIC either via e-mail or fax by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at the latest.

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\* The questionnaire is also available at: <http://www.sesric.org/quest28.php>