

Making Cooperation Work

CÔMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

THE COMCEC STRATEGY ON AGRICULTURE



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1st Meeting of the Agriculture Working Group

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Ankara, Turkey

OUTLINE

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- **Common Challenges in the Area of Agriculture**
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 - Output Areas
- **How to Operationalize?**
 - Agriculture Working Group
 - Project Cycle Management

COMCEC STRATEGY (Background)

- ▶ Prepared under the **high guidance of H.E. Abdullah GÜL**, President of the Republic of Turkey and **the Chairman of the COMCEC**
- ▶ Adopted by the **4th Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference** (14-15 August 2012, Mecca)

COMCEC STRATEGY

VISION

*“To build a **prosperous Islamic Ummah** based on solidarity and interdependence, enhanced mobility and good governance.”*

MISSION

- To produce and disseminate knowledge
- To share experiences and best-practices
- To develop a common language and understanding
- To approximate policies

PRINCIPLES

- ▶ **Enhancing Mobility:**

Enhancing mobility through reducing barriers and enabling easier movement of goods, capital and people

- ▶ **Strengthening Solidarity:**

Incorporating resources and efforts, sharing experiences and best practices to address common challenges

- ▶ **Improving Governance:**

Improving the quality of public services for a more efficient, transparent, inclusive and accountable governance

COOPERATION AREAS

- Trade
- Transport & Communications
- Tourism
- ***Agriculture***
- Poverty Alleviation
- Finance

COMMON CHALLENGES IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURE

- Low level of Agricultural Productivity
- Low Labor Productivity
- Weak Market Performance and Challenges in Access to Market
- Lack of Reliable and Up-to-date Data
- Poor Infrastructure and Related Services
- Lack of Agro-industry Investment
- Lack of Appropriate Legal and Regulatory Framework

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE COMCEC STRATEGY

COMCEC Strategy addresses these common challenges through *its guiding principles*:

- Enhancing Mobility
- Strengthening Solidarity
- Improving Governance

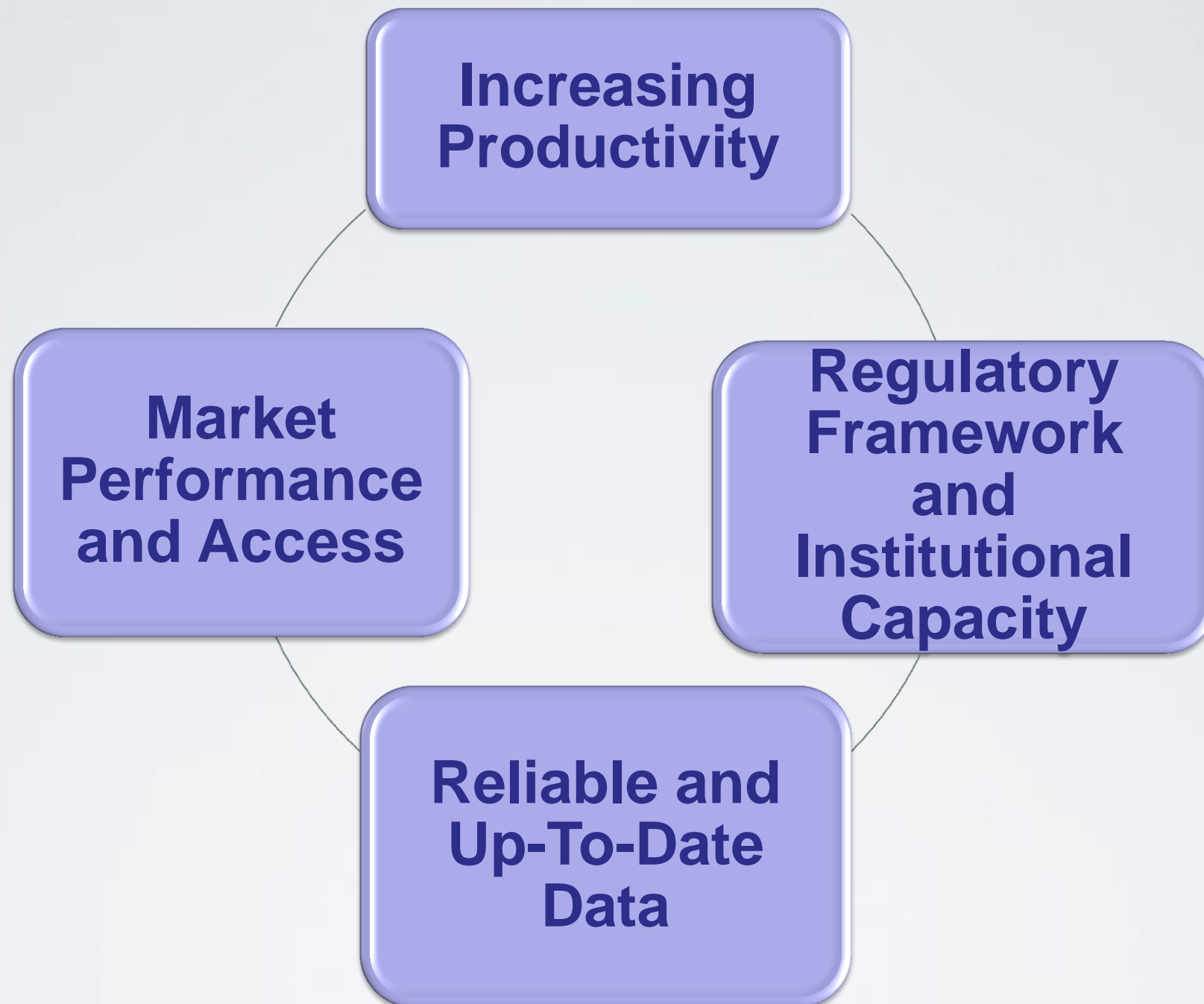
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE COMCEC STRATEGY

- Strategic Objective
- Output Areas

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Increasing the productivity of agriculture sector and sustaining the food security in the COMCEC Region.

OUTPUT AREAS



OUTPUT AREAS

- **Increasing Productivity:**

COMCEC will support the productivity of agriculture sector.

OUTPUT AREAS

- ▶ **Regulatory Framework and Institutional Capacity:**

COMCEC will aim to improve the effectiveness of the regulatory and supportive role of the state in agriculture sector and food security.

OUTPUT AREAS

- ▶ **Reliable and Up-To-Date Data:**

COMCEC will aim to promote reliable and up-to-date data collection with a view to ensuring sound analysis of the sector.

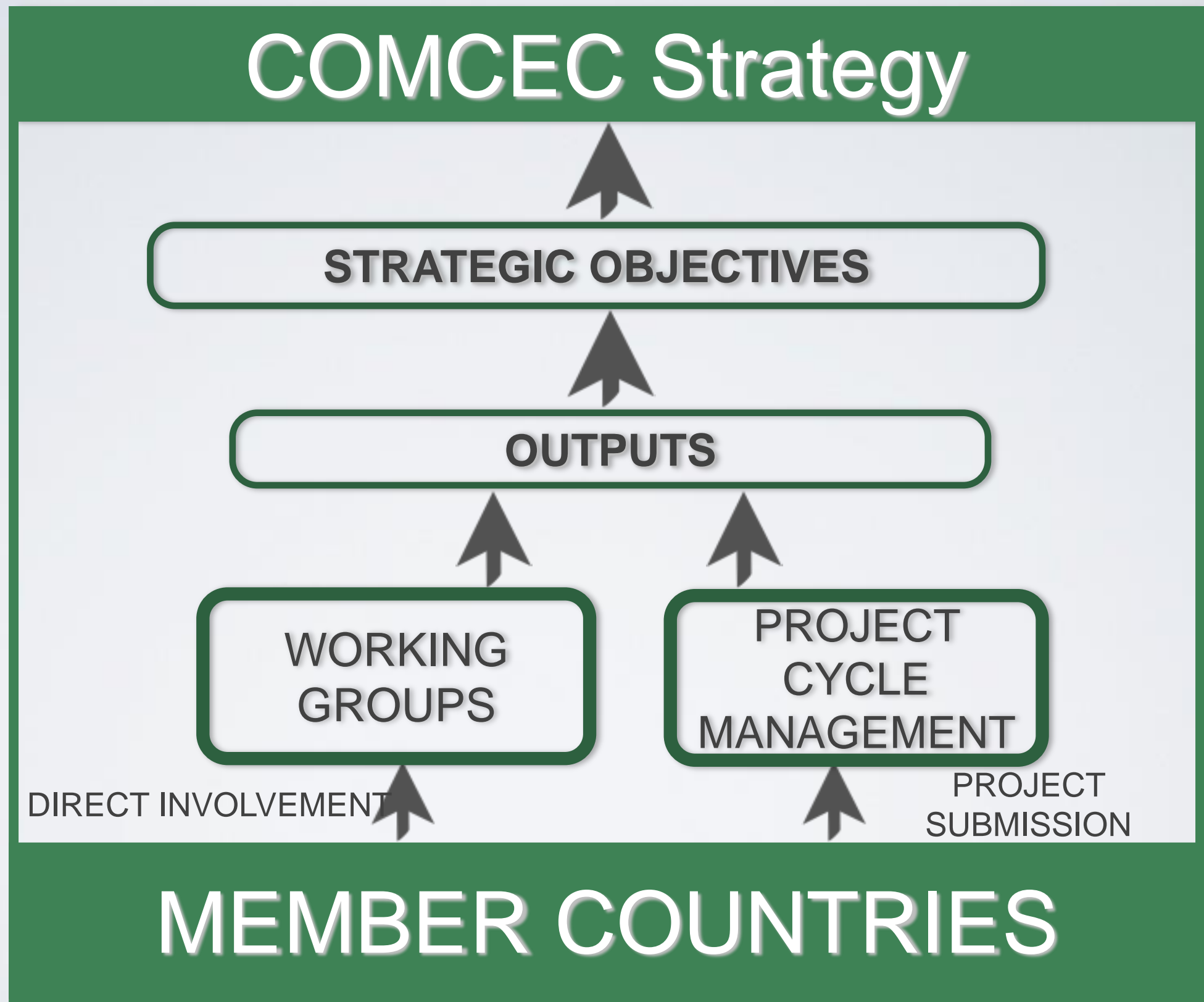
OUTPUT AREAS

- **Market Performance and Access:**

COMCEC will aim to improve the market performance and access of the member countries.

HOW TO OPERATIONALIZE?

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MEMBER
DRIVEN
MECHANISM



COMCEC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP

- ▶ Member Country-driven: greater country ownership
- ▶ Producing and disseminating knowledge
- ▶ Sharing experience and good practices
- ▶ Creating a common understanding
- ▶ Approximating policies
- ▶ More expertise, less procedure



COMCEC Project Cycle Management

- **Multi-annual programming** linked to the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy
- Clearly identified project submission and implementation process
- COMCEC projects funded through **grants** provided by the CCO
- **No financial burden** on the Member Countries
- **Soft Projects** to be financed

(Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building Programs/ Projects)



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