

SPECIAL SESSION 3: PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN TRADE FACILITATION

<i>Brief Note</i>	<p>Trade facilitation reforms via its effects on the institutional and regulatory frameworks result in changes in the trading environment where the private sector operates. Trade facilitation initiatives should therefore ensure the institutional mechanisms which bring together all the relevant public and private stakeholders involved in trade (including firms, transport operators, port and airport authorities, terminal handlers, logistics firms, freight forwarders, warehouse operators etc.) where private sector can relay information on their problems and needs to the policy-makers. Consultations between public and private sector is key to the success of trade facilitation initiatives.</p> <p>Being the primary beneficiaries, the perspective of the private sector is therefore crucial regarding trade facilitation reforms. This panel will discuss problems faced by the private sector in trading across borders and gains from trade facilitation efforts. Moreover, the role of private sector in diagnosis, design, implementation, and monitoring of trade facilitation reforms will also be discussed during the panel. The panel will also try to identify main challenges and solutions in enabling the effective engagement of private sector in trade facilitation.</p>
<i>Objective of the Panel</i>	<p>The main objective of this session is to discuss problems faced by the private sector in trading across borders and to learn their assessment of benefits from trade facilitation initiatives. In doing so the panel also aims to discuss possible solutions to enable strong engagement of the private sector in trade facilitation.</p>
<i>Issues and Topics</i>	<p>Possible points of discussion include but not limited to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the problems encountered while trading across borders?• How does private sector perceive the benefit from trade facilitation?• What are the constraints for the efficient participation of private sector in trade policy-making?• To what extent should the private sector be involved in the planning and design of the trade facilitation policies?• How can effective participation of the private sector be ensured?• How can the national trade facilitation committees better support private sector involvement in trade facilitation?
<i>Participation</i>	<p>All delegations of the OIC Member States, the representatives of the OIC Institutions and various International Organizations attending the 34th COMCEC Ministerial Session are invited to participate in the special session. Representatives of civil society, businessmen, academicians and other relevant stakeholders will also be invited to attend this Session.</p>
<i>Venue & Date</i>	<p>Istanbul Congress Center, İstanbul / Turkey, November 29th, 2018 For more information, please contact: Eren SÜMER, Expert, COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 12 E-mail: esumer@comcec.org</p>



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“Private Sector Involvement in Trade Facilitation”

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10:45-11:45

Moderator

- **Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ**
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Speakers

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Director General of Customs and Logistics Services,
Mexico
- **Mrs. Donia HAMMAMI**
Vice-President
KGH Customs Services
France
- **H.E. Hani Salem SONBOL**
CEO
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11:45-12:00

Questions and Answers