

SPECIAL SESSION ON

***“Cooperation and Partnership for Sustainable Development:
NGO and Private Sector Engagement”***

<p><i>Brief Note</i></p>	<p>MDG experience showed that all parties need to be contributors to fulfill development agenda. In this sense, cooperation involving all national, regional and international parties is key to the post 2015 development agenda and implementation of SDGs. Indeed, targets which explain the means of implementation related to Goals 1, 2, 6, 7 and 16 emphasize the importance of international cooperation. Many actors are involved in this cooperation among which civil society and private sector take significant parts. In this regard, under Goal 17 which explains means of implementation for sustainable development, target 17.17 puts forth encouraging and promoting effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.</p> <p>In the supporting documents for SDGs it is highlighted that civil society and private sector would take significant roles both in delivery and monitoring processes of almost each goal. This is also emphasized in the report of “A million Voices: The World We Want”, which is about the consultations on the post 2015 development agenda, as “the consultations have revealed a huge appetite and demand for involvement not only in the design of the development agenda, but also in its future implementation”. Moreover, civil society plays key roles in pushing for development of necessary programmes, policies or strategies, in holding governments to account on their commitments, and in ensuring that these programmes, policies and strategies involve the poor and vulnerable.</p>
<p><i>Objective of the Panel</i></p>	<p>The main objective of this panel is to discuss the importance of civil society and private sector in international development cooperation on achieving the SDGs in the OIC member countries.</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 lessons learned from MDGs experience that should inform the efforts for partnership in the post-2015 era? • What opportunities emerge for the private sector and civil society in the wake of the changing development cooperation landscape for achieving the SDGs? • How can public-private and public-civil society partnerships play an effective role in achieving sustainable development goals? • Are there any best practices from around the world which have successfully involved the private sector and/or civil society that can be applied to the SDGs process?
<i>Participation</i>	<p>All delegations of the OIC Member States attending the 31st COMCEC Ministerial Session are invited to participate in the special session. The representatives of the OIC Institutions, various International Organizations, civil society, businessmen, academicians and other relevant stakeholders are also invited to attend this Session.</p>
<i>Venue & Date</i>	<p>Istanbul Congress Center, İstanbul, Turkey, November 26th, 2015 For more information, please contact: Mehmet FIDAN, Expert, COMCEC Coordination Office, Necatibey cd. No:110 CANKAYA- ANKARA Ph: +90 312 294 57 39 E-mail: mfidan@comcec.org</p>