



**PROCEEDINGS OF
18TH MEETINGS OF THE COMCEC TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
WORKING GROUP
(May 17th, 2022, Virtual Meeting)**

1. The Transport and Communications Working Group (TCWG) hold virtually its 18th Meeting on May 17th, 2022, with the theme of "Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures: An Overview of OIC Member Countries".

(The Agenda and Program of the 18th Meeting are attached as Annex-I)

2. 23 Member States attended the 18th TCWG meeting. The meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), and COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO).

(The List of Participants of the 18th Meeting is attached as Annex-II)

3. The 18th Meeting started with a recitation from the Holy Quran.
4. At the outset, Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ, Director General of the CCO, delivered his opening remarks. He underlined that the COVID-19 has had unusual implications on the transportation systems and services of the countries. The responses to COVID-19, from implementing social distancing to lockdown policies for affected areas, have had huge implications for the mobility and connectivity of people and goods and the continuity of transport services. This also have had cumulative impacts on the economic activity of cities, regions, freight logistics, as well as related industries, markets and supply chains.
5. Highlighting the severe impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the global transportation industry, Mr. ÜNLÜ outlined that during the post-pandemic period, it seems that the countries having a functional transportation system are more likely to get out of the COVID-19 pandemic trap and feel less its negative impacts.
6. Besides, Mr. ÜNLÜ expressed that the existence of a functional transportation system is a prerequisite for economic growth as well as for all segments of society to enjoy the benefits of national economic development. Both direct and indirect impacts of transport infrastructure can be transformative in terms of economic and social development of countries.

7. Mr. ÜNLÜ also expressed that alongside its direct impact, the indirect impact of transport infrastructure arises through a variety of channels, including the enabling of productive private investment, the creation of new supply chains, or the reshaping of economic geography. However, “*how much, exactly, does transport infrastructure support economic development and wealth creation? What determines the magnitude of that impact?*” are two main questions to be comprehensively answered.
8. Mr. Aziz AKSU, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations of the Republic of Türkiye, chaired the meeting. Welcoming the participants, Mr. AKSU briefly informed the attendees on the agenda and program of the meeting.
9. Prof. Dr. Oral ERDOĞAN, Rector of Pîrî Reis University, Türkiye and adviser to the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group made a brief presentation about the relevance and importance of the topic of the meeting.
10. Prof. ERDOĞAN highlighted that the value of maintaining the functionality of transportation services and ensuring durability of the supply chains during and after the pandemic has become more clear. The effective implementation and even renewal of transport infrastructure investment projects in the medium term cannot be neglected. In this sense, transport infrastructure projects have a meaning beyond just generate employment and other economic contributions in the investment process.

I. General Introduction of the Research Report

1. Under this agenda item, Dr. İ. Çağrı ÖZCAN, Consultant, U MAY Consulting, made a presentation on the general review of the research report with respect to the scope, conceptual framework and method of the study.
2. With respect to the theoretical background of the research, Dr. ÖZCAN stated that the report is expected to mainly answer the following important questions;
 - How do the transport infrastructure create economic and social benefits/impacts?
 - Why policy makers need to measure the economic and social impacts of transport infrastructure and services?
 - How the economic and social impacts of transport infrastructure and services are measured?
3. Concerning the main impetus behind measuring the economic and social impact, Dr. ÖZCAN enumerated several benefits as followings;
 - To better understand the benefits of transportation infrastructure and services
 - To reject unfeasible infrastructure projects (or to start feasible infrastructure projects)
 - To be able to rank the alternative projects (important in budget constraints)
 - To improve the economic benefits of an ongoing transportation services
4. Dr. ÖZCAN expressed that the research report is expected to include a global trends part with a main emphasis on the main justifications for making investment decisions (National plans, programs, sectoral strategies, economic policy documents, etc.), an analysis of one mega project from each of Europe, North America and Asia and examination of the coordination among major stakeholders.

5. Dr. ÖZCAN also highlighted the countries to be studied as case country and the justification about their selection.

II. Global Trends: Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures Outside of OIC Member Countries

6. Under this agenda item, Dr. İ. Çağrı ÖZCAN made a presentation on how the economic and social impacts of transport are measured?
7. Dr. ÖZCAN emphasized that the economic and social impacts of transport infrastructure are mainly measured through quantitative analysis and qualitative analysis. The quantitative analysis includes various methods such as cost-benefit analysis, input-output analysis, computable general equilibrium models, etc.
8. Dr. ÖZCAN continued his presentation by giving some specific examples from the literature about the methods of measuring the economic and social impacts of transport infrastructure and their concrete results.

III. Member States' Experiences

9. Under this agenda item, Türkiye made presentations concerning their country practices in terms of that the economic and social impacts of transport infrastructure.

IV. International Organizations' Perspective

33. Under this agenda item, the representatives of the IsDB Group made three consecutive presentations about The Effect of Transportation Infrastructure on Economic Development of the OIC Member States: IsDB's Role and Contributions.
34. Firstly, Mr. ATIQ AHMAD, Lead Global Transport Specialist, IsDB, delivered a presentation titled "Towards Sustainable Transport Development". Mr. AHMAD highlighted the Overall Portfolio of the IsDB with a special emphasize on the transport sector. He stated that the number of total transport projects funded by the IsDB has been 436 and the total value of the approvals has reached 13,284.18 million USD.
35. Mr. AHMAD also highlighted that developing efficient, effective, safe and sustainable transport solutions are the main strategy of the IsDB Group. In this respect, enhancing regional development and connectivity, building multi-modal transportation system, developing complementarity and balance among transport modes and improving environment, disaster resilience and climate change response are the key development agenda of the IsDB Group.
36. Concerning the sector development support of the IsDB Group, Mr. AHMAD expressed that development of an efficient transport system having a sustainable physical infrastructure is important for accelerating the economic development.
37. Secondly, Mr. Mohamud KHALIF, Senior Manager, and Mr. Lotfi ZAIRI, Lead of Sovereign Underwriting, ICIEC, delivered a presentation titled "ICIEC's support to the Transportation Sector in OIC Member Countries".
38. After brief information about the intuitional structure and the mandate of the ICIEC, Mr. KHALIF emphasized that the development of Transportation sector is key for the economic development of OIC Countries. In line with its mandate, ICIEC provided

critical support to the OIC Member Countries for the development of the Transportation Sector. Since its inception, ICIEC facilitated investments to the tune of USD 1.36 billion in transportation infrastructure and equipment in OIC Member Countries. 30 Member Countries benefited from ICIEC's support to the Transport Sector. ICIEC support is extended to Financing Banks, Contractors and Suppliers that are involved in Transportation-related projects.

39. Mr. KHALIF stated that ICIEC support has been delivered across all its lines of business, namely: Trade-Credit Insurance (both Short-Term & Medium-Term Trade) and Foreign Investment Insurance. This support is extended to the related sub-sectors of: Air Transport and Airport Services, Land Transport and Communication, and Sea and River Transport.
40. Mr. KHALIF also stated that ICIEC's interventions included the development of important transportation infrastructure in Member Countries such as Airports, Roads, Motorways, and Metro lines. Mr. KHALIF concluded his presentation by giving some sample projects funded by the ICIEC so far.
41. Lastly, Mr. Hasan SAMANCIOGLU, Senior Associate Corporate Strategy, ICD, made a presentation on the main activities of the ICD. Mr. SAMANCIOGLU stated that ICD, with its 55 member countries, provides access to financing and investment opportunities in some of the fastest growing economies and regions in the world.
42. Concerning the strategic ambition of the ICD, Mr. SAMANCIOGLU emphasized that ICD has focused on core offering on financial institutions with clear client segmentation and launched innovative products and build digital platform to serve member countries based on their development needs.
43. Mr. SAMANCIOGLU touched upon the ICD's Operations in Transportation Sector. He said that total ICD's investments amount is around 166 million USD, 53% of the investments are through project financing and for 47% ICD intervened as equity investor and 20% of total approvals were allocated to transportation sector in 2021. Mr. SAMANCIOGLU concluded his presentation by outlining the ICD's key considerations for its recent investment in aviation sector and lessons learned.

V. Utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding

44. COMCEC Coordination Office delivered a presentation on utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF) for the transport-related projects of the member countries as well as the OIC institutions.

(All presentations made during the meeting are available on the COMCEC website.)

Closing

45. The meeting ended with the closing remarks from the moderator of the meeting and COMCEC Coordination Office.



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***"Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures: An Overview of OIC Member
Countries"***

(1st Session- Discussion and Review of Preliminary Draft Report)

Opening Remarks

1. Global Trends: Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures Outside of OIC Member Countries
2. General Situation in OIC Member Countries and Evaluation of Case Countries
3. Member States' Experiences in Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures
4. Private Sector/International Organizations' Perspective on the Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures
5. COMCEC Financial Support Instruments

Closing Remarks



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(1st Session)

- 13.15-13.30** **Joining the Online Meeting**
*(The link will be shared prior to the Meeting)
- 13.35-13.40** **Opening**
- 13.40-13.50** **Presentation by Prof. Dr. Oral ERDOĞAN**
Rector of Pîrî Reis University, Turkey
Adviser to the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group
- 13.50.-14.10** **General Introduction of the Research Report**
(The Scope, Conceptual Framework and Method of the Study)
- *Presentation: Dr. İ. Çağrı ÖZCAN*
Consultant
UMAY
- 14.10-14.20** - Discussion
- 14.20-14.40** **Global Trends: Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Infrastructures
Outside of OIC Member Countries**
- *Presentation: Dr. İ. Çağrı ÖZCAN*
Consultant
UMAY
- 14.40-14.50** - Discussion
- 14.50-15.20** **Member States' Experiences in Economic and Social Impacts of Transport
Infrastructures**
- 15.20-15.45** **International Organizations' Perspective**
- The Effect of Transportation Infrastructure on Economic Development of the OIC
Member States: IsDB's Role and Contributions**
- Presentation: Mr. ATIQ AHMAD, Lead Global Transport Specialist, IsDB*
Mr. Mohamud KHALIF, Senior Manager, and Mr. Lotfi ZAIRI, Lead of
Sovereign Underwriting, ICIEC
Mr. Hasan SAMANCIOGLU, Senior Associate Corporate Strategy, ICD
- 15.45-15.55** **COMCEC Financial Support Instruments**
- 15.55-16.00** **Closing**

Annex II

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
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