



Making Cooperation Work

COMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World



COMCEC STRATEGY: THE STATUS OF PROGRESS

9TH ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING OF THE COMCEC WORKING GROUP FOCAL POINTS

October 13-14th, 2022
Online

OUTLINE

- 1. Progress in the Implementation of the COMCEC Strategy (2013-2022)**
- 2. COMCEC Financial Support Programs**
- 3. Contributions of the OIC Institutions**
- 4. Follow-up of the Recommendations of the Previous Focal Points Meeting**

1. Progress in the Implementation of the COMCEC Strategy (2013-2022)

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Vision of the COMCEC:

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

Mission of the COMCEC:

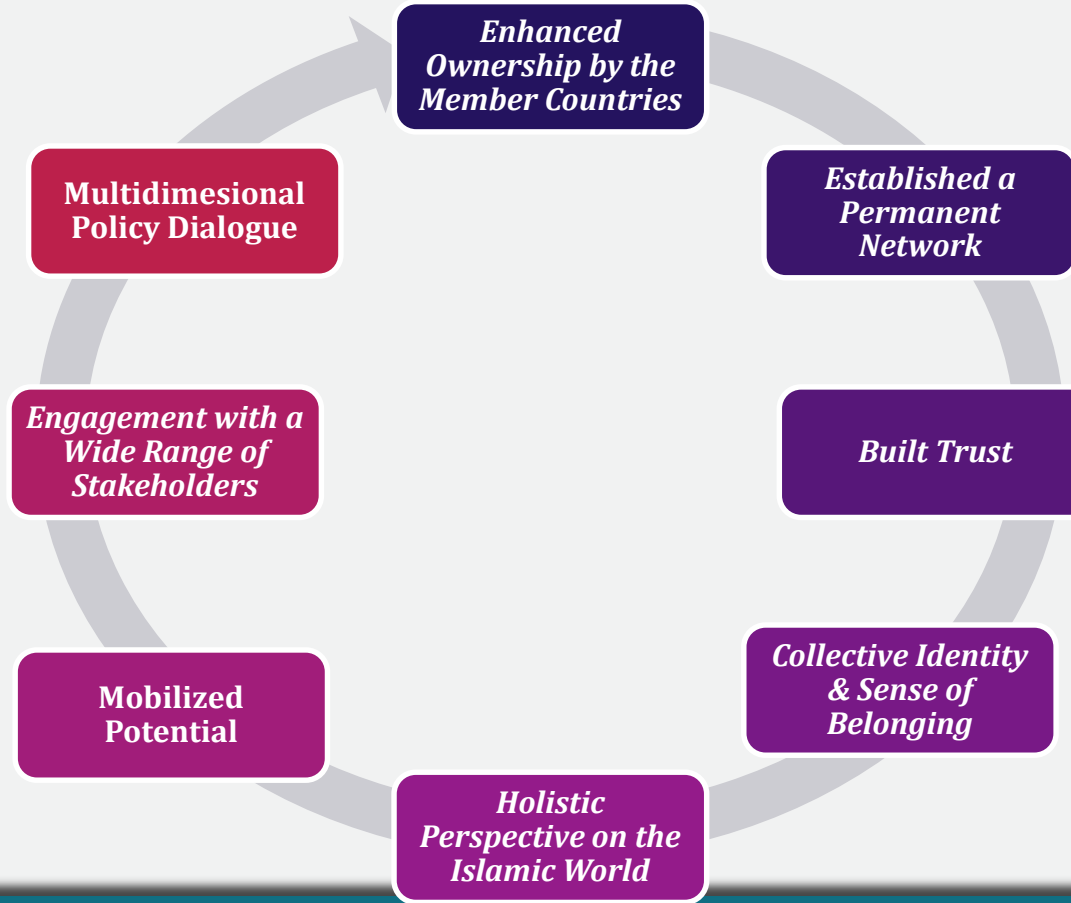
- *To provide a forum to*
 - *produce and disseminate knowledge,*
 - *share experiences and best-practices,*
 - *develop a common language/understanding*
 - *approximate policies*

1. Towards the Realization of the COMCEC Mission (2013-2022)

- Policy Dialogue Forum
- An Experience Sharing Platform
- Knowledge Production and Dissemination (COMCEC Strategy)
- Policy Approximation: From Shared Goals to Concrete Actions

1.1 COMCEC as a Policy Dialogue Forum

ASSETS OF COMCEC POLICY DIALOGUE



1.1 COMCEC as a Policy Dialogue Forum

COMCEC Working Groups

- A primary platform to engage in policy dialogue
 - share experience and learn from each other
 - build common understanding and
 - approximate policies
- Direct involvement of the Member Country experts
- Technical experts gatherings with less procedure

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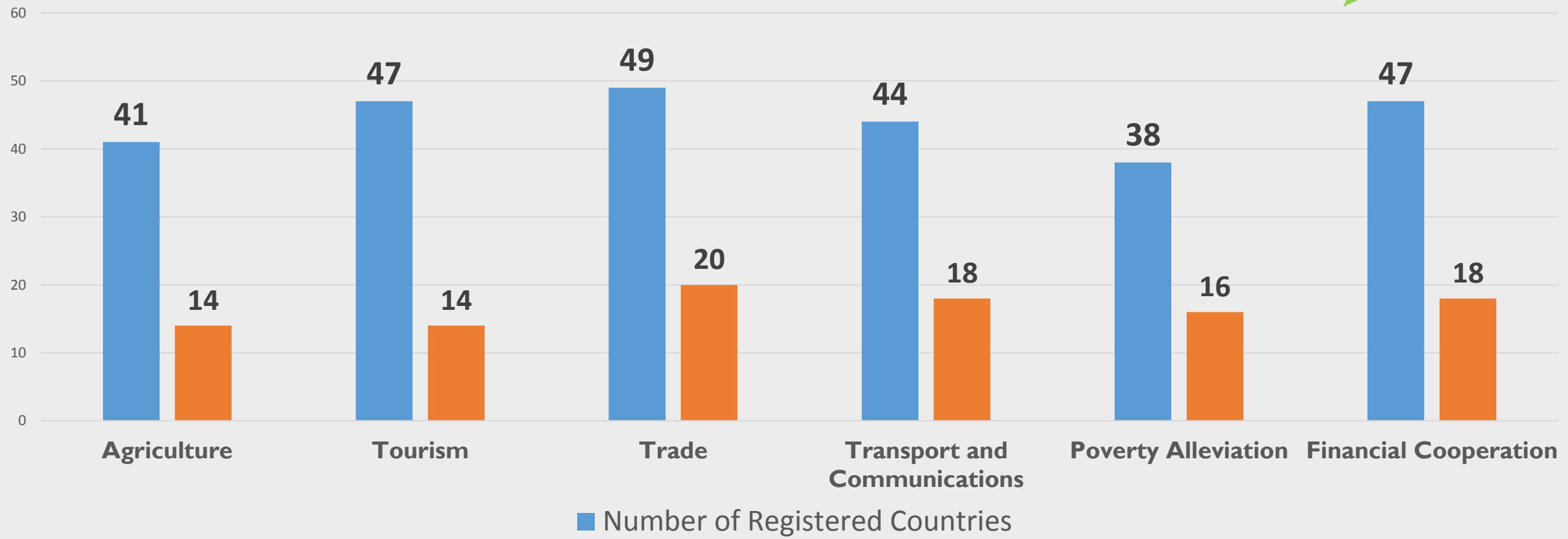
Benefits of the Working Group Meetings

- Focus on substantive issues
- High-quality reports based on intensive research
- Policy recommendations which are linked to Member Countries' policy environment

1.1 COMCEC as a Policy Dialogue Forum

A need for increasing the number of participants

Registration and Participation Status to the WGs (2013-2022)



1.2 COMCEC as an Experience Sharing Platform

- Sharing their experiences and the lessons learned
 - COMCEC Ministerial Meetings: Exchange of Views Session
 - Working Group Meetings:
 - ✓ Member Country Presentations
 - ✓ Presentations of International Institutions/Private Sector/NGO

1.3 Knowledge Production and Dissemination

Research Reports

- WG Themes based on MCs needs expressed in the Focal Points Meetings
- Relevant with common problems identified in the Strategy
- Prepared by renowned international organizations, scholars, consulting firms
- Use primary data and field visits
- In-depth research and analysis for case countries
- Assesses the current situation and provides policy recommendations for the Member States

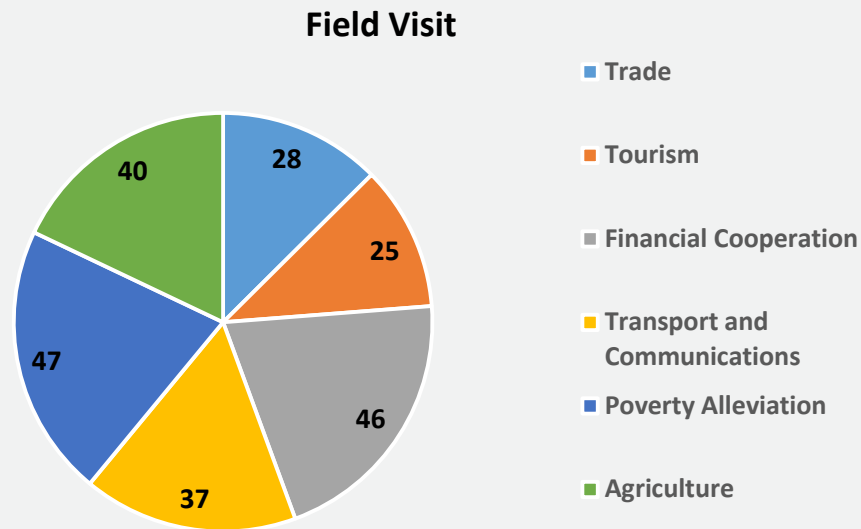
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Dissemination of Knowledge

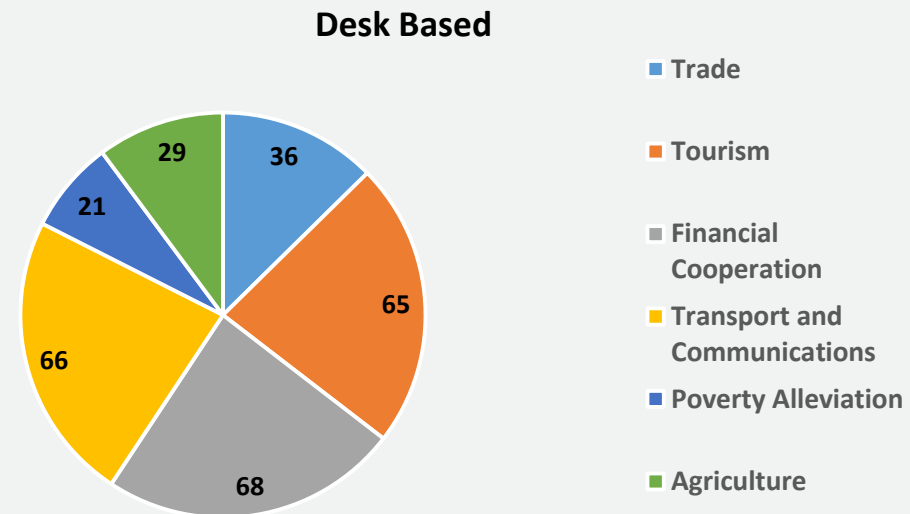
- Case studies / Field Visits
- Member Country Presentations during the Working Group Meetings
- Policy Questions / Surveys / Interviews

1.3 Knowledge Production and Dissemination

Number of Countries Subject to Case Analysis (2013-2022)



Total: 223



Total: 285

1.4 Policy Approximation: From Shared Goals to Concrete Actions

Approximating Policies - I

- Understanding policy environment
 - intensive research
 - policy questions
- Sharing experiences and creating common understanding
 - Room Document
 - Policy advices
 - MC presentations

1.4 Policy Approximation: From Shared Goals to Concrete Actions

Approximating Policies - II

- Developing Policy recommendations and utilizing knowledge
 - Informing the decision-making bodies
 - Adoption of the **policy recommendations** by the Ministerial Sessions
 - COMCEC Project Funding - policy support instrument

2. COMCEC Project Support Programs

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- COMCEC Project Funding (CPF)
- COMCEC COVID Response Program (CCR)
- COMCEC Al-Quds Program (CQP)

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

- Policy support instrument for implementing the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations
- Important instrument for mobilizing the human and institutional resources
- Well-defined project cycle stages
- Important tool for enhancing solidarity
- Improves the ability of the Member Countries to work together
- Grant based funding

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding (2022 revisions)

- The program was revised in 2022:
- New Project types:
 - Needs Assessment
 - Peer-to-peer Experience Sharing
- Member countries now can implement projects without partner countries
- You can find all relevant details in the Project Preparation and Submission Guidelines via project.comcec.org accessing with your username and passwords
- 10th Call for Project Proposals is currently open (1-31 October)

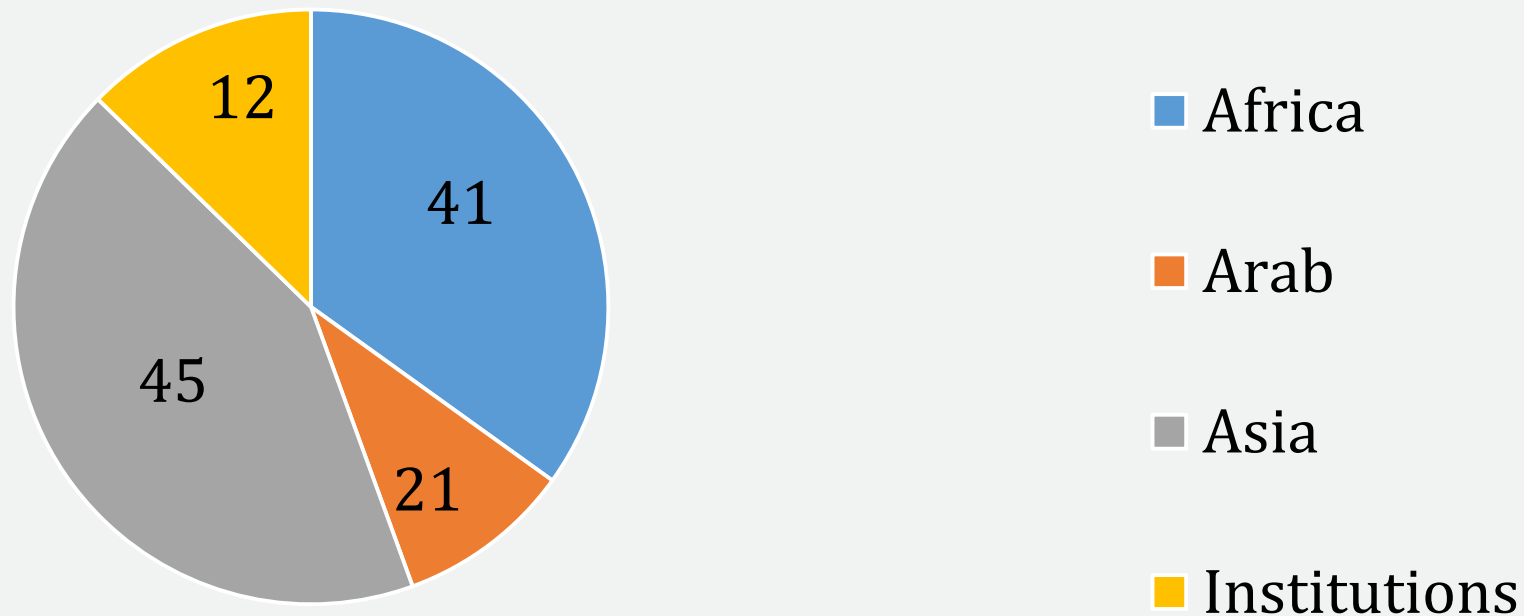
2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Agriculture	2	2	2	5	5
Finance	-	2	3	2	2
Poverty Alleviation	4	2	5	1	3
Tourism	4	4	5	2	3
Trade	2	4	4	3	5
Transport	1	3	3	1	3
Total	13	17	22	14	21

** With the 4 projects which were not completed as of 2021, a total of 21 projects are planned to be finalized in 2022 implementation period.*

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

Distribution of the COMCEC Projects according to OIC Regional Groupings (2014-2022)



**The list includes the projects which are being implemented in 2022 implementation period.*

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

Top Ten Project Owner Countries (2014-2022)

Country	Number of Implemented Projects
Türkiye	15
The Gambia	13
Indonesia	8
Suriname	6
Nigeria	6
Iran	4
Mozambique	4
Malaysia	4
Benin	3
Uganda	3

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2.2. COMCEC COVID Response (2021-2022)

- Addressing the existing and potential ramifications of the COVID Pandemic
- Alleviating the negative impact of the pandemic on member country economies
- Under the Program, the CCO are financing three types of projects;
- Needs assessments
- Sharing expertise
- Direct grants

2.2. COMCEC COVID Response (CCR)

The Project Owner-Cooperation Area of Projects Being Implemented in 2022

	Project Owner	Cooperation Area
1	Azerbaijan	Agriculture
2	Benin	Agriculture
3	Türkiye	Agriculture
4	Nigeria	Tourism
5	Sierra Leone	Tourism
6	Senegal	Trade
7	The Gambia	Transport and Communication

2.3. COMCEC Al-QUDS Program

The List of Projects Completed between 2021-22 in Al-Quds

Project Owner	Project Title
The Ministry of National Economy of Palestine	The Artists' Identity Path: Tracing Heritage in Jerusalem
	Jerusalemites: Because We Are the Place and Time
	Enjoy the Hidden Jewels of Al Quds Promotion Program
	Old City Bakeries: Food Tourism and Heritage
	Al-Quds: Secrets and Narratives to Unfold

2.3. COMCEC Al-QUDS Program

- The program modified in 2022 to enhance well-being of Muslims in Al-Quds and aims at;
- Developing human capital and encouraging investment in tourism sector,
- Improving technical and vocational education by empowering women, youth and children,
- Developing employment policies, income generating actions and sustainable livelihood,
- Capacity building in e-learning, e-commerce, micro finance, SME development, entrepreneurship

3. Contributions of the OIC Institutions

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- The relevant OIC Institutions (**ICDT, SESRIC, SMIIC and ICCIA**) conduct various activities aligned with COMCEC Strategy.
- Examples:
 - **ICDT:** The 17th Trade Fair of Islamic Countries was organized from 13th to 19th June 2022 in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in cooperation with the Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (ICDT).

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➤ Examples (cont'd):

- **SESRIC:** Workshop on ‘Best Practices on Promoting Financial Literacy and Islamic Finance in the OIC Member Countries on 25-26 September 2022 on the sidelines of the OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum in İstanbul.
- **SMIIC:** The 9th OIC Halal Expo & 8th World Halal Summit 2022 will be held on November 24-27, 2022 at the Istanbul Expo Center under the theme of For a Sustainable Trade: Explore All Aspects of the Growing Global Halal Industry
- **ICCIA:** Webinar on “Successful Businessmen around the World- Inspiring Stories”, will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

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<p>Considering the level of participation of the Member Countries to the WGs, the active participation of the WG focal points and the relevant experts to the meetings need to be ensured.</p>	<p>Needs to be improved</p>
<p>The Member Countries are invited to utilize more actively the implementation mechanisms of the COMCEC Strategy, namely WGs and CPF, as well as other OIC Institutions' facilities/activities aligned with the COMCEC Strategy.</p>	<p>✓ Ongoing</p>
<p>The activities of the various OIC Institutions in the economic domain need to be effectively coordinated in order to avoid duplication and waste of scarce resources. Sessional Committee as a suitable platform should be utilized for this purpose.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>The CCO can organize regional workshops for raising-awareness of the Member Countries on the COMCEC's activities and important projects.</p>	<p>Adversely affected by the Pandemic</p>

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<p>National coordination committees along with technical level gatherings can be established in each member country for facilitating the overall coordination and efficient decision-making for the COMCEC-related matters at the national level.</p>	<p>(Need to be enhanced)</p>
<p>To increase the network and interaction among the Member Countries's Focal Points, the CCO would complete its ongoing efforts for establishing the database of the Focal Points including their contact details etc.</p>	<p>(Ongoing)</p>

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The Focal Points are expected to provide their feedbacks/country positions during the formulation process of the PRs (e.g. policy questions, room documents, policy advices, discussions during the WGs) to ensure the harmony between the national plans/strategies and COMCEC policy recommendations.

✓

The Annual Coordination Meetings of the Focal Points can be utilized more effectively to come up project ideas, create networks, finding partner countries, exchange of experience, etc.

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