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COMCEC's Mission : «..... approximate policies in the cooperation areas to address and find solutions to the economic and social challenges of the Islamic Ummah»

Policy Recommendations:

- Transform COMCEC to a policy dialogue forum
- Provide significant inputs and guidance to the policy makers for better-informed decisions
- Put forward accurate and strategic targets based on empirical data and analysis
- Lead to the right path for policy approximation

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2) Formulation of Policy Recommendations by the Member Countries

Key Aspects of the Formulation of Policy Recommendations :

- Multilateral cooperation spirit
- Based on up-to-date and evidence-based data
- Addressing common needs and challenges
- Providing common and concrete solutions

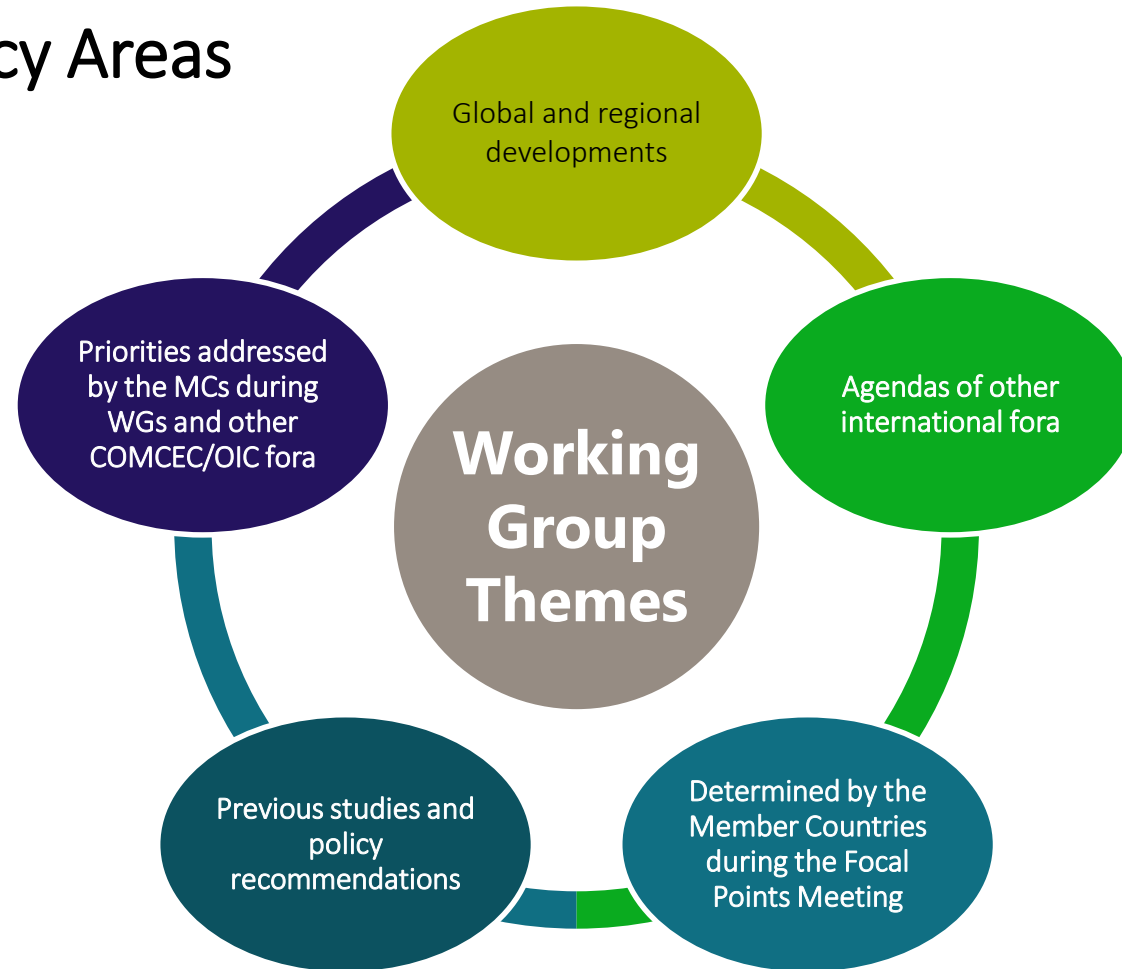
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Stages of Policy Formulation



2) Formulation of Policy Recommendations by the Member Countries

a-) Identifying Challenging Policy Areas



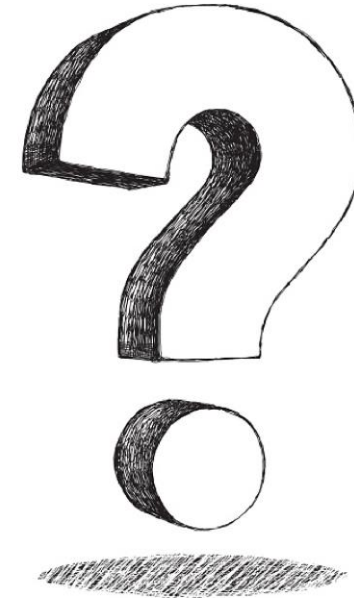
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b-) In-depth Analysis

- Analyzing the latest data
- Conducting surveys
- Conducting field researches
- Interviews with the relevant stakeholders
- Receiving feedbacks from the member countries

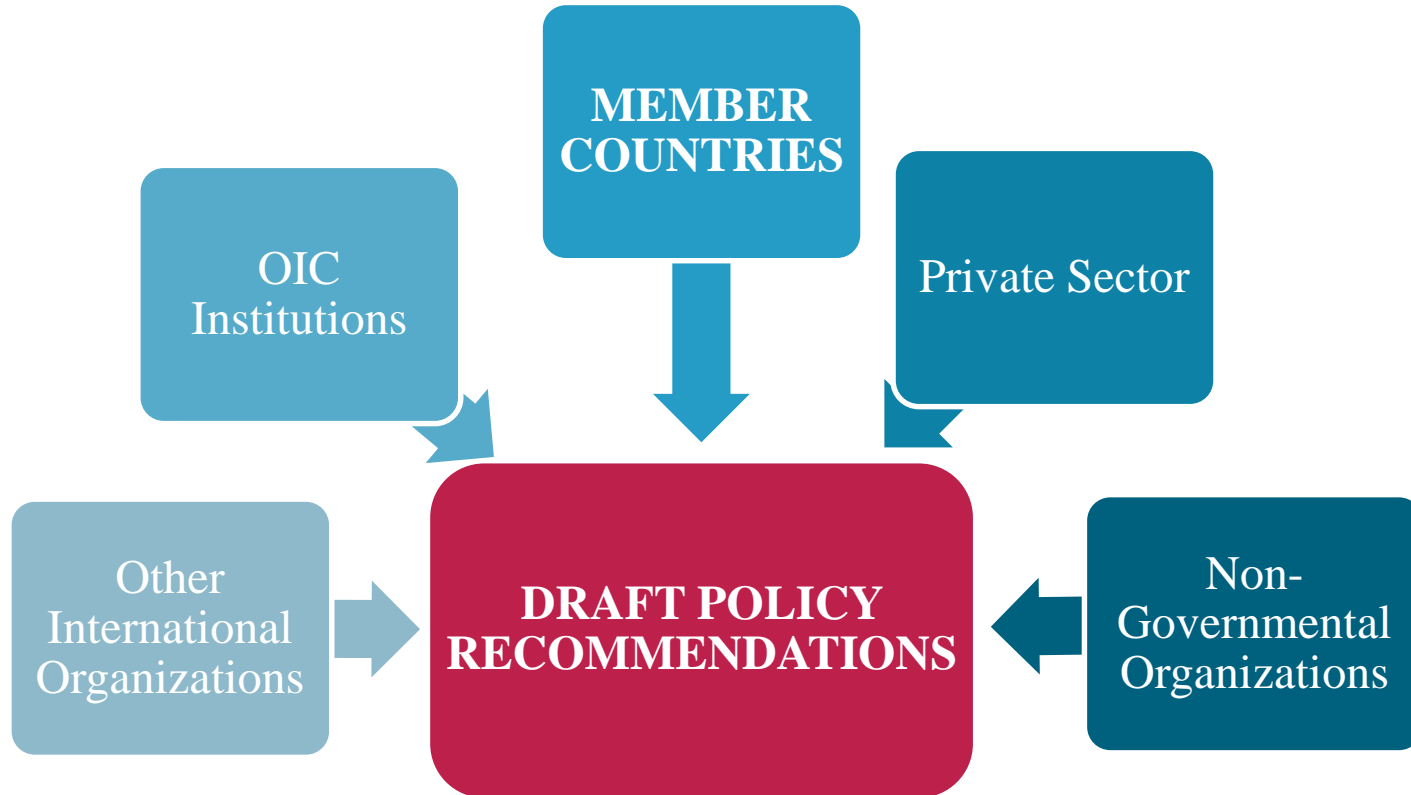
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c-) Understanding the Policy Environment



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d-) Stakeholder Engagement in the whole process



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e-) Consideration and Decision by High Level

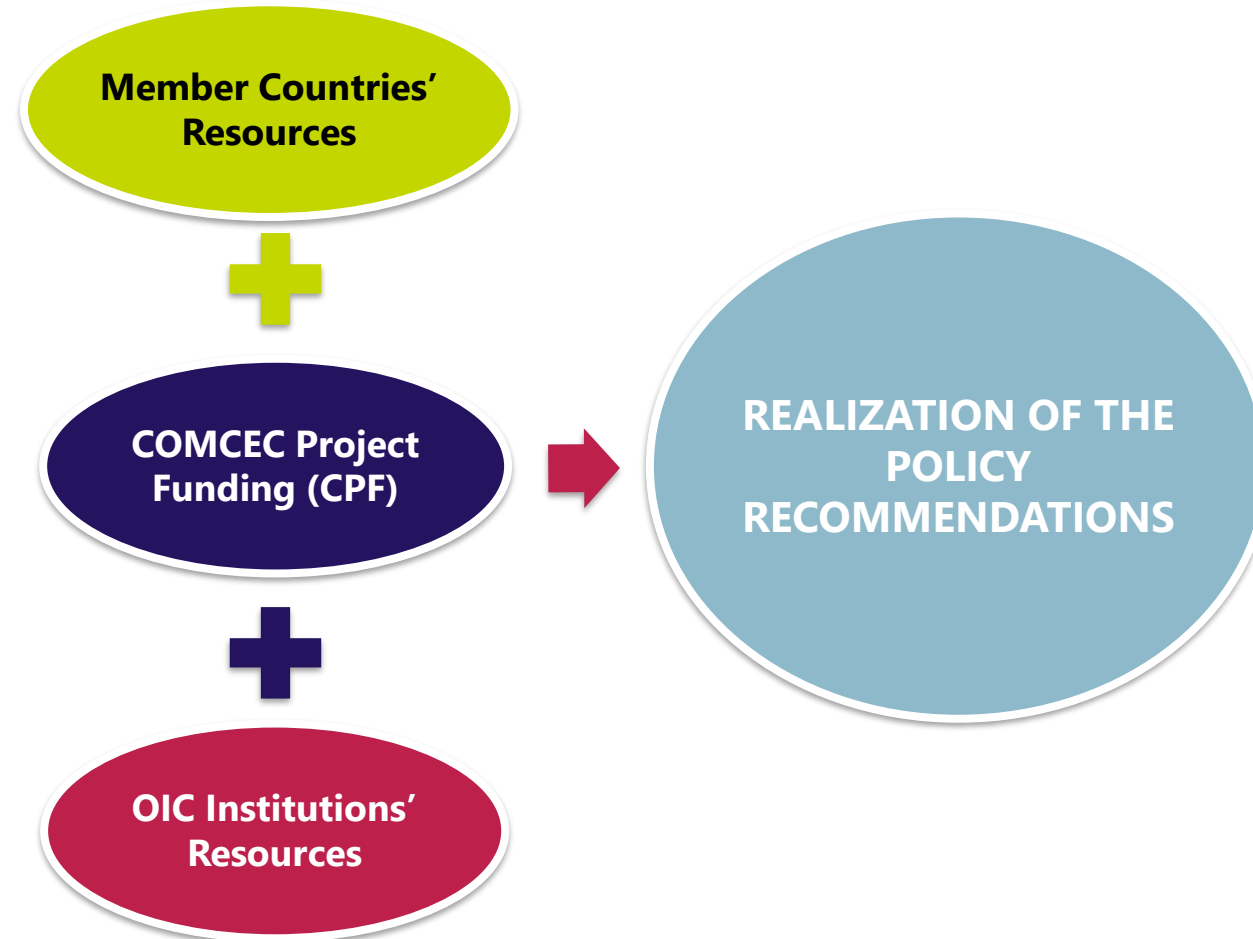


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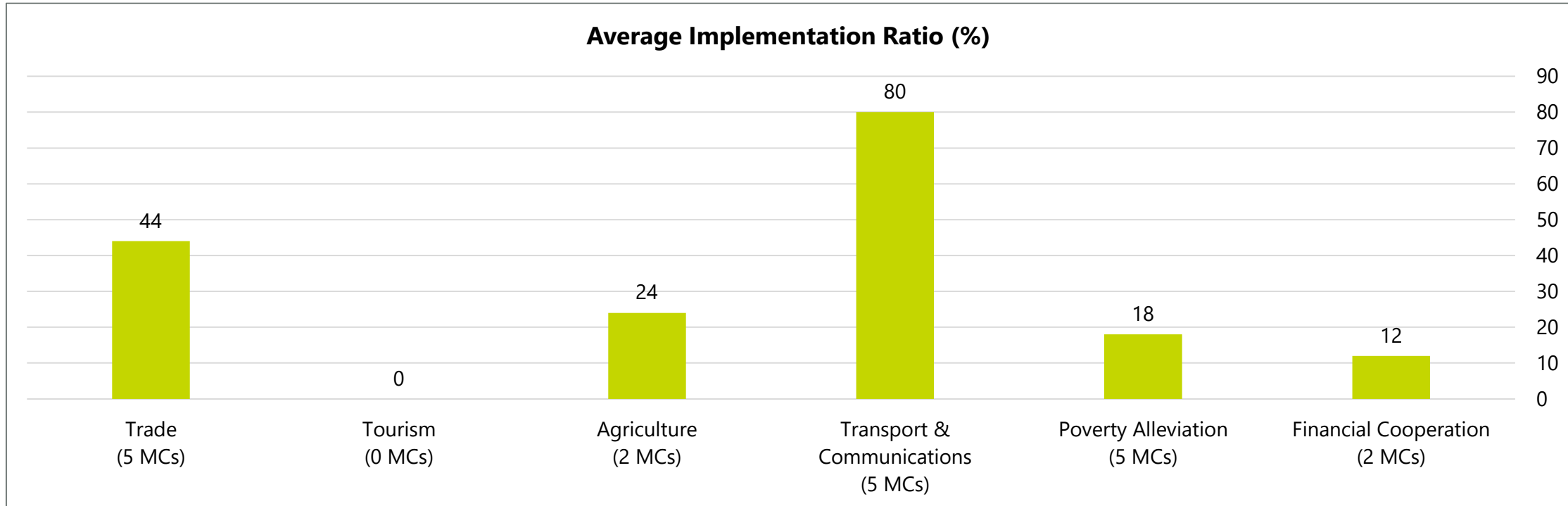
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Main Instruments for the Implementation of PRs



3) Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

Implementation of the Policy Recommendations adopted in the 34th and 35th COMCEC Ministerial Sessions*



* The policy recommendations that at least one activity was carried out by a member state for its implementation.

3) Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

Implementation of the Policy Recommendations adopted in the 34th and 35th COMCEC Ministerial Sessions* (main implications)

- Trade, Poverty Alleviation, and Transport and Communications are three areas with relatively higher implementation rate.
- The overall average implementation rate is 47%.
- The highest implementation rate exists in Transport and Communications area with 80%.
- Low implementation rate exists in Financial Cooperation with 12% - due to lack of Islamic finance sector in some countries and W.G. themes are focusing on niche areas of Islamic Finance.
- For tourism sector, no country has reported the implementation of PRs.
- Overall, the implementation rate of the PRs has declined during the pandemic.
- The efforts at the national level need to be increased and the WG Focal Points should report the developments related to the implementation of the PRs via PFS.

3) Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

Some Implementation Examples (with their own resources)

Trade (JORDAN)

- A road map for encouraging the establishment of a formal consultation mechanism

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- An action plan in encouraging the establishment of a formal consultation mechanism and increasing the number of mutual recognition agreements (MRAs)

Transport & Communications (INDONESIA)

- A road map for promoting the development of transport corridor governance

Agriculture (BENIN)

- A regulation on building supply-side capacity and improving demand side capacity for a sustained agricultural trade structure

Poverty Alleviation (ALGERIA)

- Conducting trainings on increasing teaching and learning effectiveness

Financial Cooperation (IRAN)

- Conducting Workshop; Training Program; Study Visit; Seminar; Exchange of experts for Developing the Islamic Capital Markets Infrastructure

3) Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

Examples of Implementation (through the CPF)

Trade (MALDIVES)

- Developing/Strengthening a National Quality Infrastructure (2019-MDVTRADE-785)

Transport & Communications (TURKEY)

- Developing/Improving an enabling legal, institutional and regulatory framework for ensuring effective cooperation among the member countries (2019-TURTRANS-638)

Tourism (CAMEROON)

- Encouraging self-funding of DMOs and improving efficiency as well as transparency in utilization and management of resources (2019-CMRTOURI-741)

Agriculture (SURINAME)

- Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in the OIC Member Countries in Face of Future Food Crises (2019-SURAGRIC-791)

Poverty Alleviation (BENIN)

- Development of vocational education programs (2019-BENPOVER-698)

Financial Cooperation (SIERRA LEONE)

- Strengthening Human Capital in Islamic Finance through Enhanced Financial Literacy and Awareness Programs/Projects (2019-SLEFINAN-644)

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COMCEC Policy Follow-up System (PFS)

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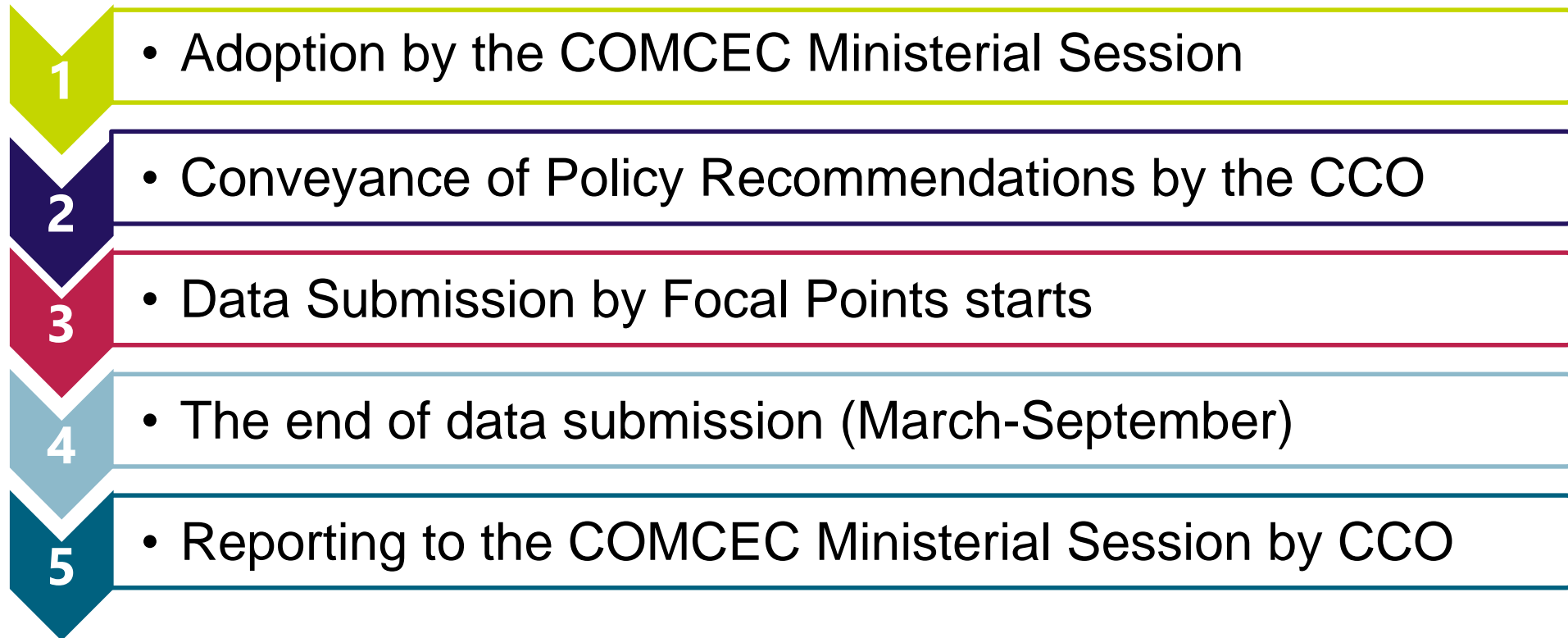
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Features of the System

- The system is accessed through the link: pfs.comceec.org
- In order to login in the system, the Username/Password provided for Project Funding is used
- Monitoring the last 3 years' policy recommendations adopted in the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions
- 2 submission terms in a year (March-September)
- The user guideline can be reached through pfs.comceec.org

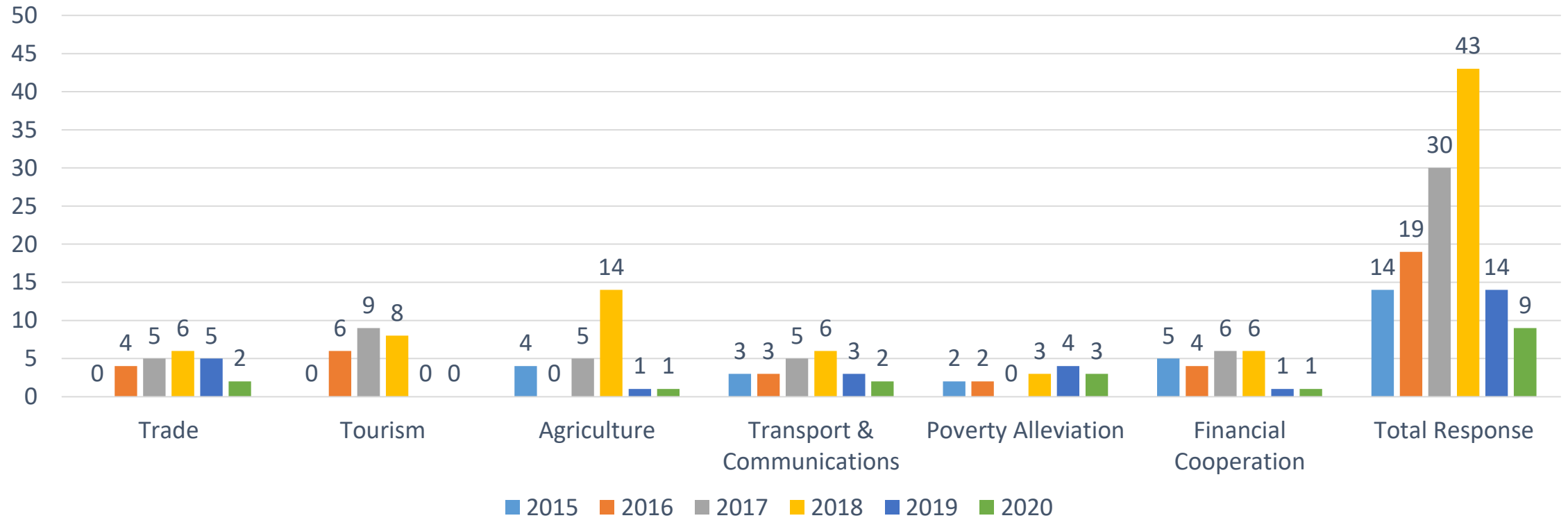
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Timeline for COMCEC-PFS



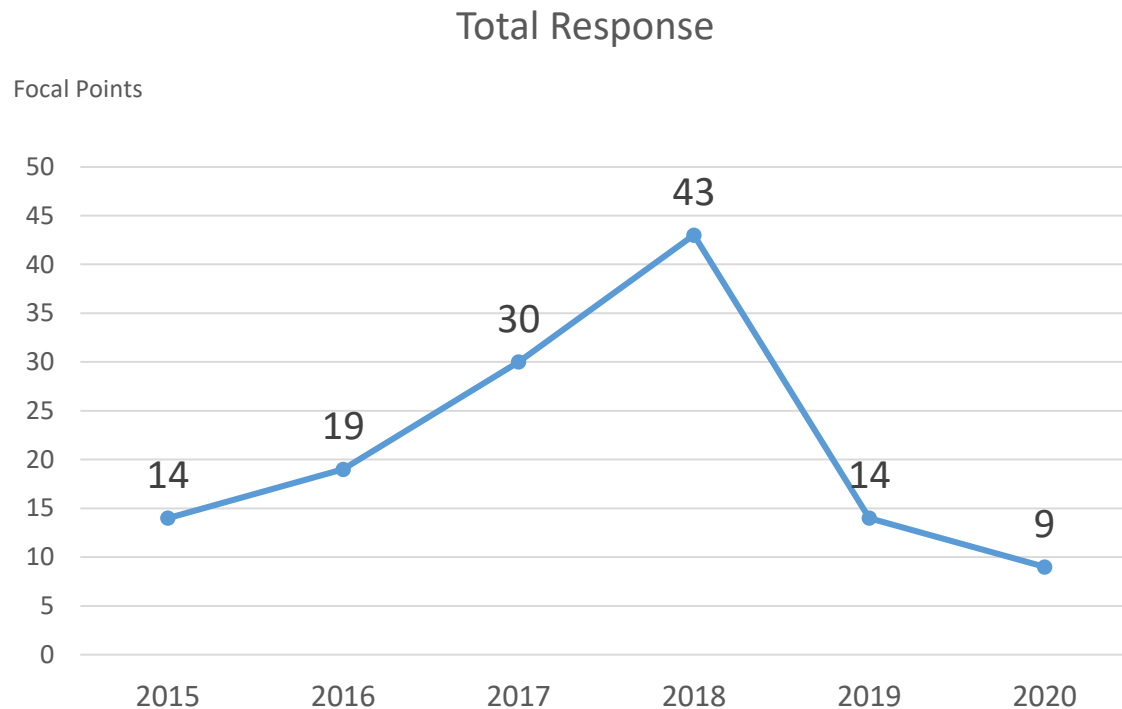
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Evaluation Form and COMCEC PFS: Responding Member Countries (2015-2020)



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Evaluation Form and COMCEC PFS : Responding Member Countries (2015-2020)



- Important instrument for evaluating the implementation of PRs,
- Increase in the response rate between the years 2015-2018,
- Decrease in the response rate since 2018,
- FPs' further efforts are needed to enhance the implementation of the PRs at the national level and their reporting to the CCO.

4) Following-up the Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

The Role of FPs in COMCEC PFS

Initiate/facilitate the necessary actions for the implementation of PRs

Collect the necessary information on the implementation of PRs from the relevant institutions/departments

Enter and submit requested data and information on the implementation of PRs into the system

Provide the updates on the implementation of the PRs

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Policy areas are identified by the MCs –Focal Points Meetings
- ✓ Formulated by the Member Countries- WGs,
- ✓ Adopted by the Member Countries – COMCEC Ministerial Session
- ✓ Implementation- Instruments are available!
- ✓ Follow-up- COMCEC PFS

The relevance, success, and usefulness of the studies would be our collective achievement.

Therefore, what we need is your further support and contributions.



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