



Making Cooperation Work
COMCEC STRATEGY
For Building an Interdependent Islamic World



COMCEC STRATEGY: THE STATUS OF PROGRESS

**10TH ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING OF
THE COMCEC WORKING GROUP FOCAL POINTS**

September 19-20, 2023

Online

OUTLINE

1. Research Efforts of the COMCEC (2022-2023)
2. COMCEC Project Support Programs
3. Contributions of the OIC Institutions

Vision of the COMCEC:

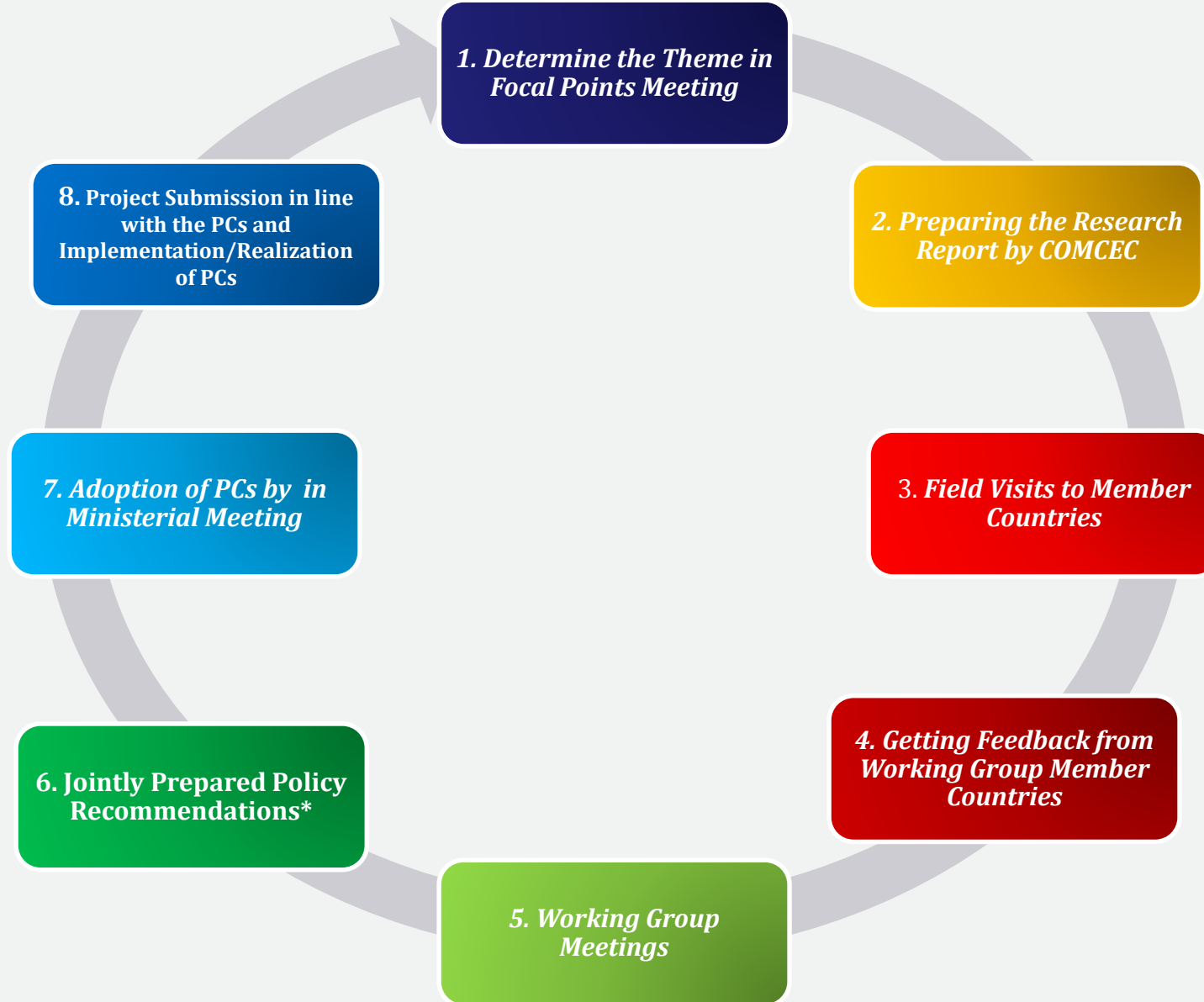
- *To build a prosperous Islamic Ummah based on solidarity and interdependence, enhanced mobility and good governance*

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. Research Efforts in COMCEC (2022-2023)

1.1. The Cycle of the Research Efforts in COMCEC



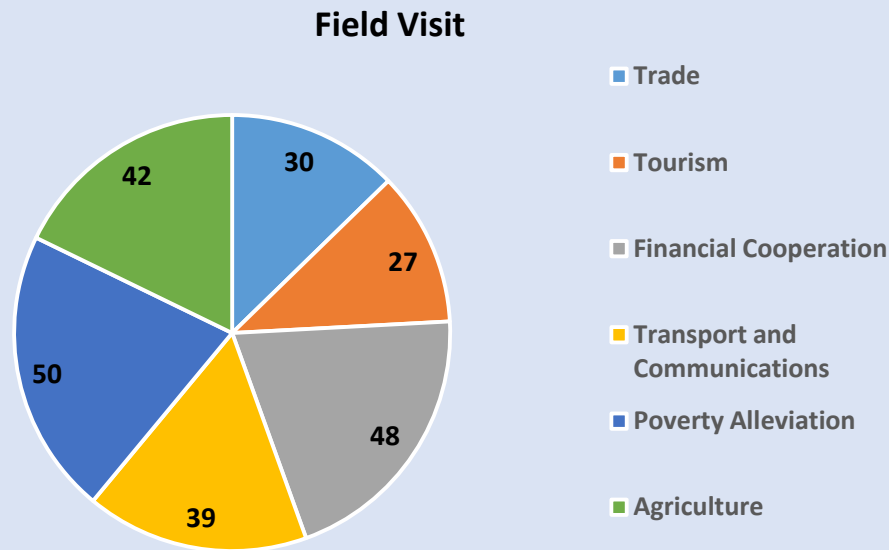
Comprehensive Research and Policy Formulation Efforts in 2023

- **12 Sectoral Working Group Meetings**
- **Conducting field visits to member countries (15 desk-based study, 14 field-visit study)**
- **Involvement of countries in the Guidance / Research Report preparation process by Surveys and Interviews**
- **Learning from each other and Experience Sharing Efforts (12 Presentations from Member Countries)**
- **Outcome: 4 Guides/Road Maps and 2 Research Reports**

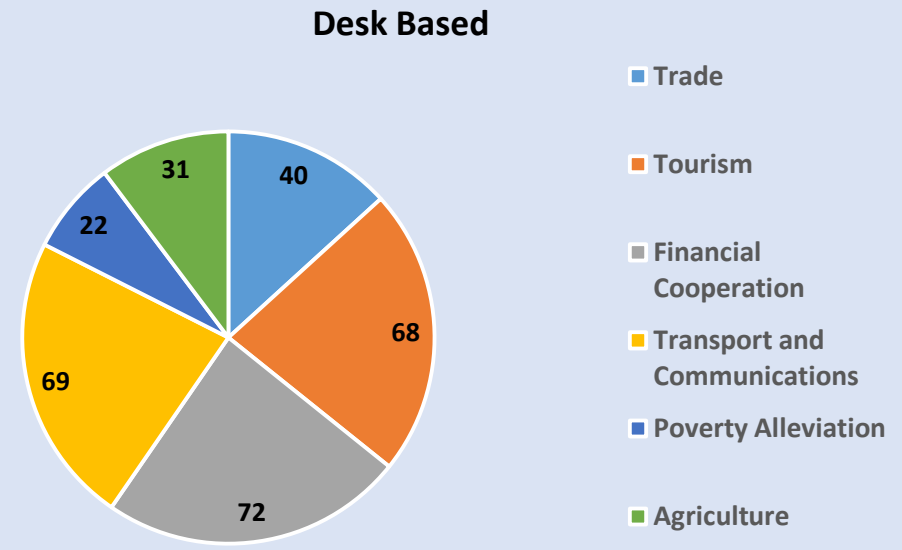
1.2. Case Studies Conducted in Different Sectors in 2023

	Sector Name	Desk Base Studies	Field Visit Countries
1.	Agriculture	Türkiye, Netherland	Kyrgyzstan, Egypt
2.	Trade	Pakistan, Somalia,Ireland,Tunusia	Azerbaijan, Jordan
3.	Financial Cooperation	Indonesia, Singapore	Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar
4.	Tourism	Türkiye, Australia, UK	Jordan, The Gambia
5.	Poverty Alleviation	Germany	Türkiye,Tunisia, Uganda
6.	Transport and Communication	USA, UK, Singapore	Malaysia, Jordan

Total Number of Countries Subject to Case Analysis (2013-2023)



Total: 236



Total: 302

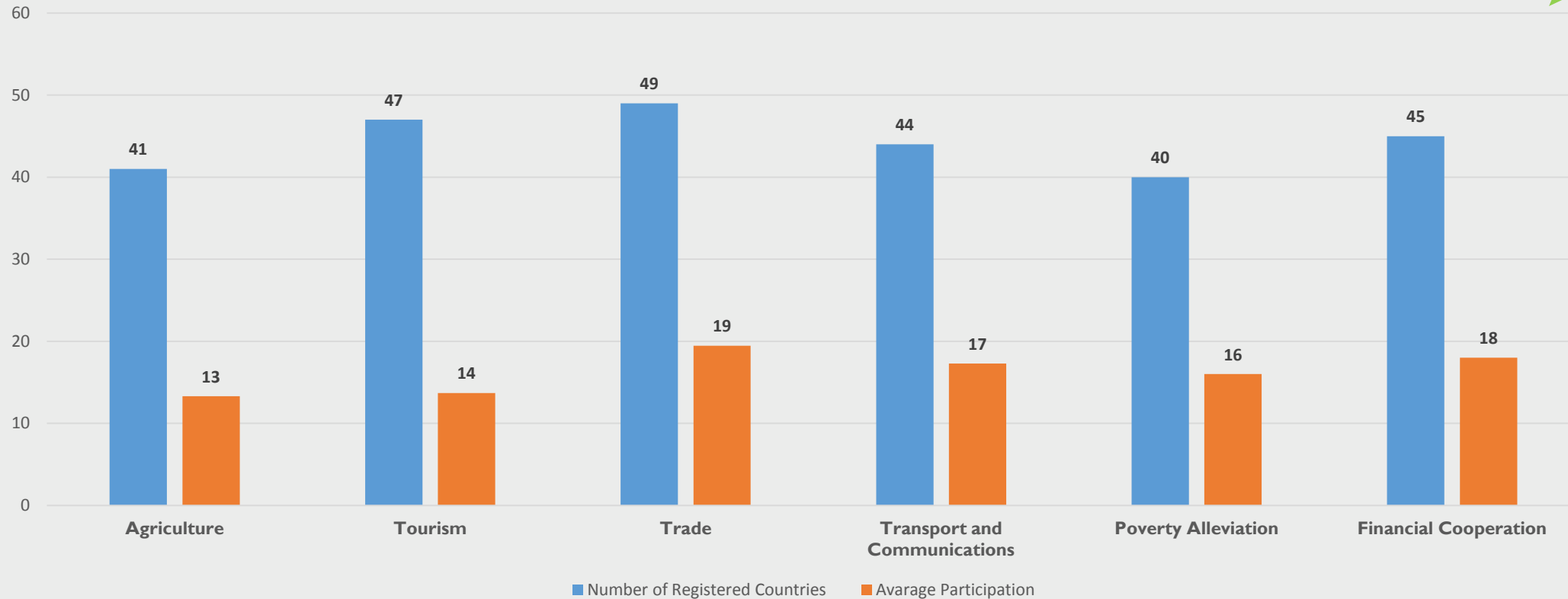
1.3. Sectoral Working Groups Meetings in 2023

Sector Name	Theme	First Meeting (Virtual- Done)	Second Meeting
Financial Cooperation	Enhancing Cooperation between Central Banks with regard to Digital Currencies: Challenges and Prospects for the OIC Member Countries	May 9th, 2023	9-10 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE
Poverty Alleviation	Effective Vocational Education and Training Strategies to Reduce Youth Unemployment in the OIC Member Countries	May 10th, 2023	9-10 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE
Transport and Communication	Measuring the Environmental Impacts of Transport Infrastructures in OIC Member Countries	May 3rd, 2023	12-13 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE
Agriculture	Ensuring the Sustainability of Agricultural Inputs to Combat Food Insecurity in OIC Member Countries	May 11th, 2023	12-13 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE
Trade	Developing the E-Commerce Capacity of OIC Member Countries	May 2nd, 2023	16-17 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE
Tourism	Promoting Entrepreneurship for Tourism Industry Competitiveness in the OIC Countries	May 4th, 2023	16-17 October 2023, Ankara-TÜRKİYE

1.4 COMCEC as a Policy Development Ground

A need for increasing the number of participants

Registration and Participation Status to the WGs (2013-2023)



2. COMCEC Project Support Programs

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- COMCEC Project Funding (CPF)
- 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
- Enhances the human and institutional capacities of the Member Countries
- Important tool for enhancing solidarity
- Well-defined project cycle stages
- Grant based funding

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding (2022-23 revisions)

- The program was revised in 2022-23:
- New Project types:
 - Needs Assessment
 - Peer-to-peer Experience Sharing
- Digital Transformation added as a new cooperation area
- Member countries now can implement projects without partner countries
- OIC Institutions can be determined as partners in the project
- You can find all relevant details in the Project Preparation and Submission Guidelines via project.comcec.org accessing with your username and passwords
- 11th Call for Project Proposals will be open (1-31 October)

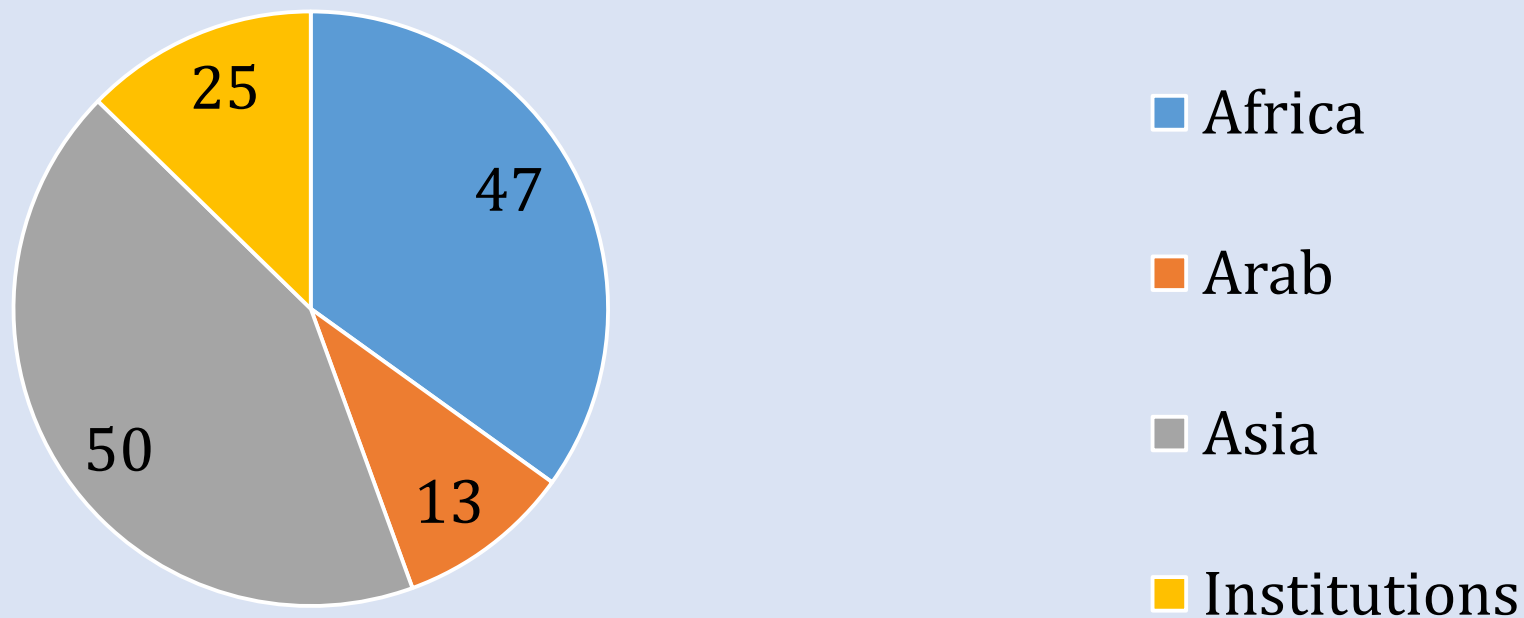
2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
Agriculture	2	2	2	5	4	4
Finance	-	2	3	2	2	1
Poverty Alleviation	4	2	5	1	2	3
Tourism	4	4	5	2	2	3
Trade	2	4	4	3	3	7
Transport	1	3	3	1	3	4
Total	13	17	22	14	16	22

- *With the 3 projects which were not completed as of 2022, a total of 22 projects are planned to be finalized in 2023 implementation period.*

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

Distribution of the COMCEC Projects according to OIC Regional Groupings (2014-2023)



**The list includes the projects which are being implemented in 2023 implementation period.*

2.1. COMCEC Project Funding

Top Ten Project Owner Countries (2014-2023)

Country	Number of Implemented Projects
Türkiye	19
The Gambia	15
Indonesia	8
Benin	7
Suriname	7
Nigeria	6
Iran	5
Mozambique	4
Malaysia	4
Uganda	4

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2.2. 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

2.2. COMCEC Al-QUDS Program

The List of Projects are being implemented in 2023 under the program

Project Owner	Project Title
The Ministry of National Economy of Palestine	Supporting Traditional Handicrafts and Industries in Jerusalem
	Old City Butcheries: Economic and Social Support
	Increasing the Tourism Recovery Opportunities in Al-Quds by Promoting Organized Tours, and Supporting Entrepreneurs in Handicraft Industries
	Enhancing the E-commerce Capacities of SMEs Located in Al-Quds
	Empowering the Palestinian Economy in Al Quds by means of Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the Tourism Sector

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 ‘WORKSHOP ON “Promoting Islamic Social Finance and Accelerating the Growth of Halal Value Chain Ecosystem” will be held on 20-21 September 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **SMIIC:** «Practical Training on different non-Halal Detection Methods» will be held on October 10th, 2023. Moreover, International Seminar on Halal Testing will be held on the sidelines of the 9th World Halal Summit 2023 to be held on November 23-25th, 2023 in İstanbul/Türkiye.
- **ICCIA:** Webinar on “Successful Businessmen around the World- Inspiring Stories”, will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.



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