COMCEC PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

21st Meeting of COMCEC Trade Working Group

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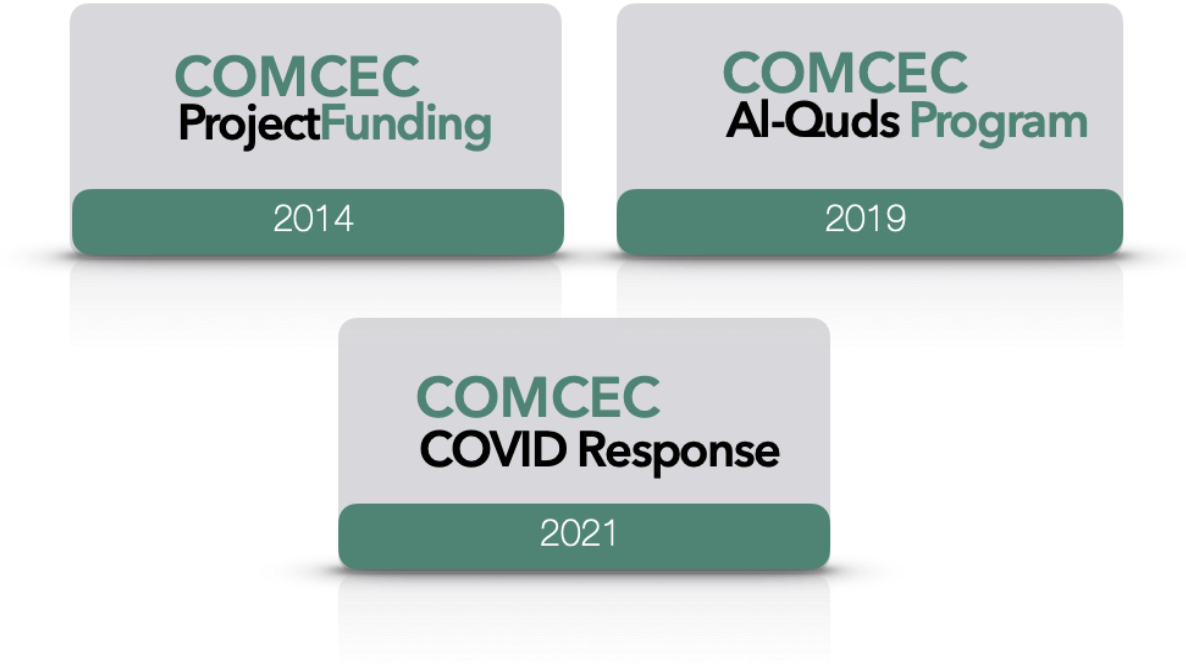
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2021

1) Overview

COMCEC ProjectFunding

* More than 130 Projects from 28 Countries and 6 OIC institutions (**29 Projects in Financial Cooperation**)

* More than 50 countries as a beneficiary

2) Objectives and Main Characteristics

WHAT?

A **grant-based finance mechanism**, was introduced by COMCEC Coordination Office in 2014 as a **policy support instrument** under the COMCEC Strategy

WHY?

- Increasing institutional and human capacity
- Supporting implementation of policy recommendations adopted by COMCEC Ministerial Sessions
- Enhancing cooperation and solidarity among the member countries

WHO CAN APPLY?

Relevant public institution of a Member Country (Registered to Relevant Working Group) or an OIC Institution/Organ operating in the field of economic and commercial cooperation

2) Objectives and Main Characteristics

HOW?

Financing projects in seven cooperation areas;

* Agriculture * Financial Cooperation * Digital Transformation

* Trade * Tourism * Poverty Alleviation

* Transport and Communications

MAIN PROJECT TYPES

- Training , Study Visit, Workshop, Conference and Seminar , Publicity Meetings and Preparation of Audio, Visual and Written Materials
- Peer-to-Peer Experience Sharing
- Needs Assessment

2) Objectives and Main Characteristics

SUPPORTED THEMES IN TRADE THIS YEAR

- Increasing Internationalization of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Promoting Formalization of SMEs towards Eliminating the Informalities in the Sector
- Developing National SME Strategy with A Special Emphasis on Internationalization of SMEs
- Increasing Export Capacities of SMEs through Vocational Education and Training Programs/Projects on Managerial and Human Resources Capacities
- Promoting the improvement of SMEs' Products in line with the Product-Specific Standards and Certifications
- Improving/Developing Market and Product Specific Standardization and Certification Requirements
- Supporting E-commerce know-how transfer programs among the OIC member countries
- Improving E-commerce capacities of the SMEs through effective usage of ICT tools
- Establishing/Developing comprehensive national e-commerce strategies
- Developing/Improving web-based platforms for providing information about e-commerce regulations and applications
- Encouraging youth and women entrepreneurship in e-commerce industry
- Improving Quality Infrastructure in the OIC Member Countries

2) Objectives and Main Characteristics

SUPPORTED THEMES IN TRADE THIS YEAR

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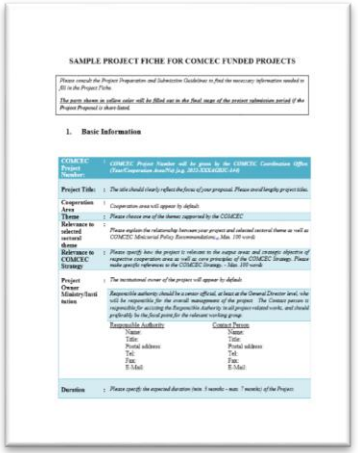
3) Project Preparation and Submission: a) How to Prepare a Project Proposal

- *Review the reference documents on the Project Management Information System (**https://project.comcec.org/**) and Programs Website (**https://programs.comcec.org/**)*
  - *Project Preparation and Submission Guidelines*
  - *Sample Project Fiche*
  - *Supported Themes*
  - *COMCEC Strategy*
- *Send the relevant documents to the interested national institutions/departments*
- *Fill out the online project fiche through Project Management Information System*
- *Feel free to consult with the CCO*

Project Preparation and Implementation Guidelines

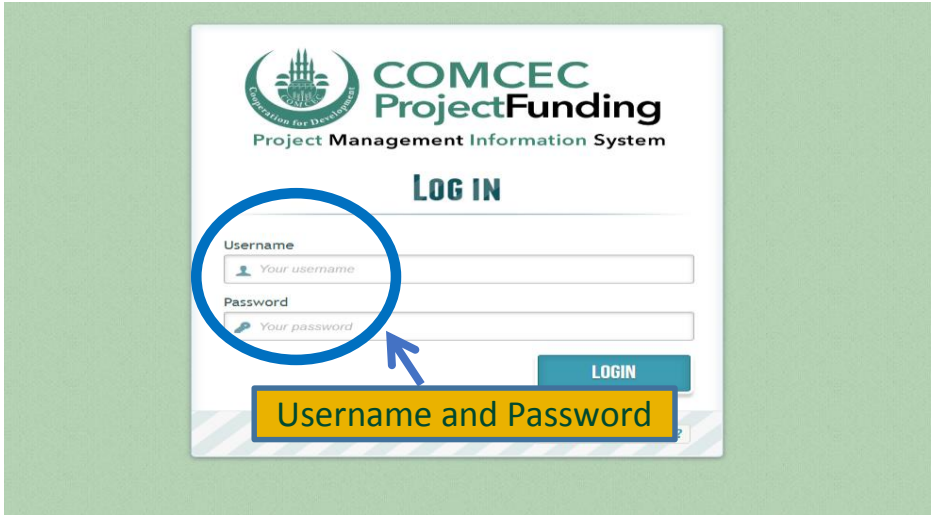


Sample Project Fiche

3) Project Preparation and Submission:
b) Online Project Submission

ONLINE PROJECT SUBMISSION:
https://project.comcec.org/

- *The Username and Password are only provided to the sectoral focal points.*
- *If you do not have username and password, please contact cpf@comcec.org.*



4) Timeline Cycle of the Project

October 1st- 31st 2023	• 11st Call for Project Proposals
Early December 2023	• Declaration of Short List
End of December 2023	• Submission of the Final Version of Project Proposal by the Project Owner
February-March 2024	• Declaration of the Final List of Successful Project Proposals
April 2024	• Finalization of Contract Procedures • Organizing a Training Activity
April-December 2024	• Project Implementation Period

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5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

BANGLADESH	Developing Export Competitiveness of Potential Halal Products of Bangladesh
IRAN	Capacity-building and Institutional Strengthening for Rules of Origin in OIC Member States
SURINAME	Supporting and Ensuring SMEs in Suriname and Guyana to Continue Business during Crisis
TÜRKİYE	Raising Awareness for Multilateral/Mutual Recognition According to the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards
SMIIC	Halal food and meat Detection Methods Training and Inter laboratory Comparison

5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

BANGLADESH

Project Title : Developing Export Competitiveness of Potential Halal Products of Bangladesh

Project Owner : Ministry of Commerce (Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute)

Project Partners : Türkiye, SMIIC

Project Activities : Study Visit and Training

Project Purpose : enhancing the capacity of the officials from public and private sector engaged in trade of halal products in order to ensure Bangladesh to enter into the Global Halal Market

5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Project Title : Capacity-building and Institutional Strengthening for Rules of Origin in OIC Member States

Project Owner : Trade Promotion Organization of Iran

Project Partners : Türkiye

Project Activities : Training

Project Purpose : Improving human capacity and institutional structure of related organizations and private sectors of OIC member states in the field of Rules of Origin

5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

SURINAME

Project Title : Supporting and Ensuring SMEs in Suriname and Guyana to Continue Business during Crisis

Project Owner : Ministry of Economic Affairs, Entrepreneurship & Technological Innovation

Project Partners : Guyana, Türkiye

Project Activities : Training

Project Purpose : Enhancing the capacity of trainers at the Ministry of Economic Affairs to guide SMEs during crisis

5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

TÜRKİYE

Project Title : Raising Awareness for Multilateral/Mutual Recognition According to the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards

Project Owner : Ministry of Trade-Halal Accreditation Agency

Project Partners: Azerbaijan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan

Project Activities: Workshop and Seminar

Project Purpose : Emphasizing the need for harmonized halal accreditation systems to unify halal standards for the mutual recognition of halal certificate

5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2023

SMIIC

Project Title : Halal Food and Meat Detection Methods Training and Interlaboratory Comparison For OIC Countries

Project Owner : Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)

Project Partners: 10 Member Countries

Project Activities: Training, Seminar

Project Purpose : improving human capacity in laboratories performing halal testing and developing unified methods for halal food and meat detection

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