COMCEC PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

22nd Meeting of COMCEC Trade Working Group

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Outline

1. Overview of the COMCEC Project Support Programs
2. Objectives and Main Characteristics of the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF)
3. Project Preparation and Submission
   a) How to prepare a project proposal
   b) Online Project Submission
4. Timeline of Call for Project Proposals
5. Trade Projects under CPF in 2024

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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

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* 133 Projects from 29 Countries and 6 OIC institutions (**30 Projects in Trade Cooperation**)

* Almost all member countries as a beneficiary

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HOW?

Financing projects in seven cooperation areas;

* Agriculture   * Financial Cooperation   * Digital Transformation

* Trade   * Tourism   * Poverty Alleviation

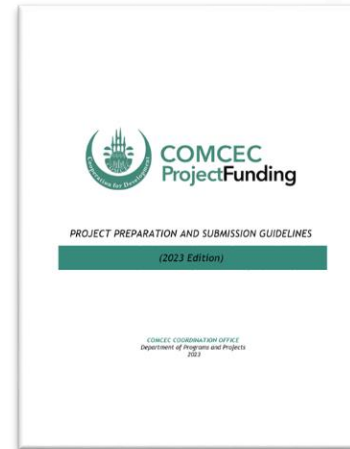* Transport and Communications

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
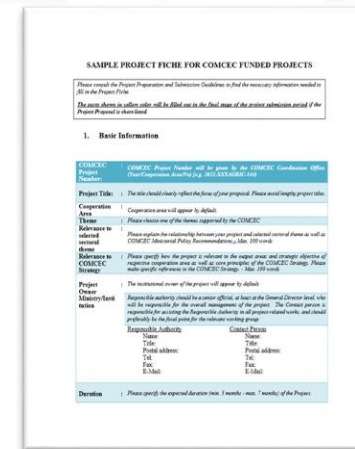
- Needs Assessment

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- *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 <u>online project fiche</u> through Project Management Information System*
- *Feel free to consult with the CCO*

Project Preparation and Implementation Guidelines

Sample Project Fiche

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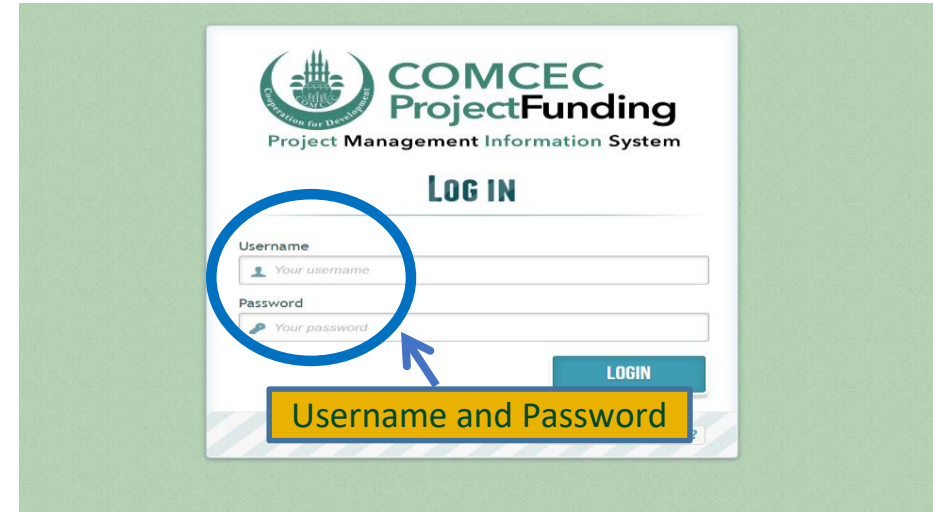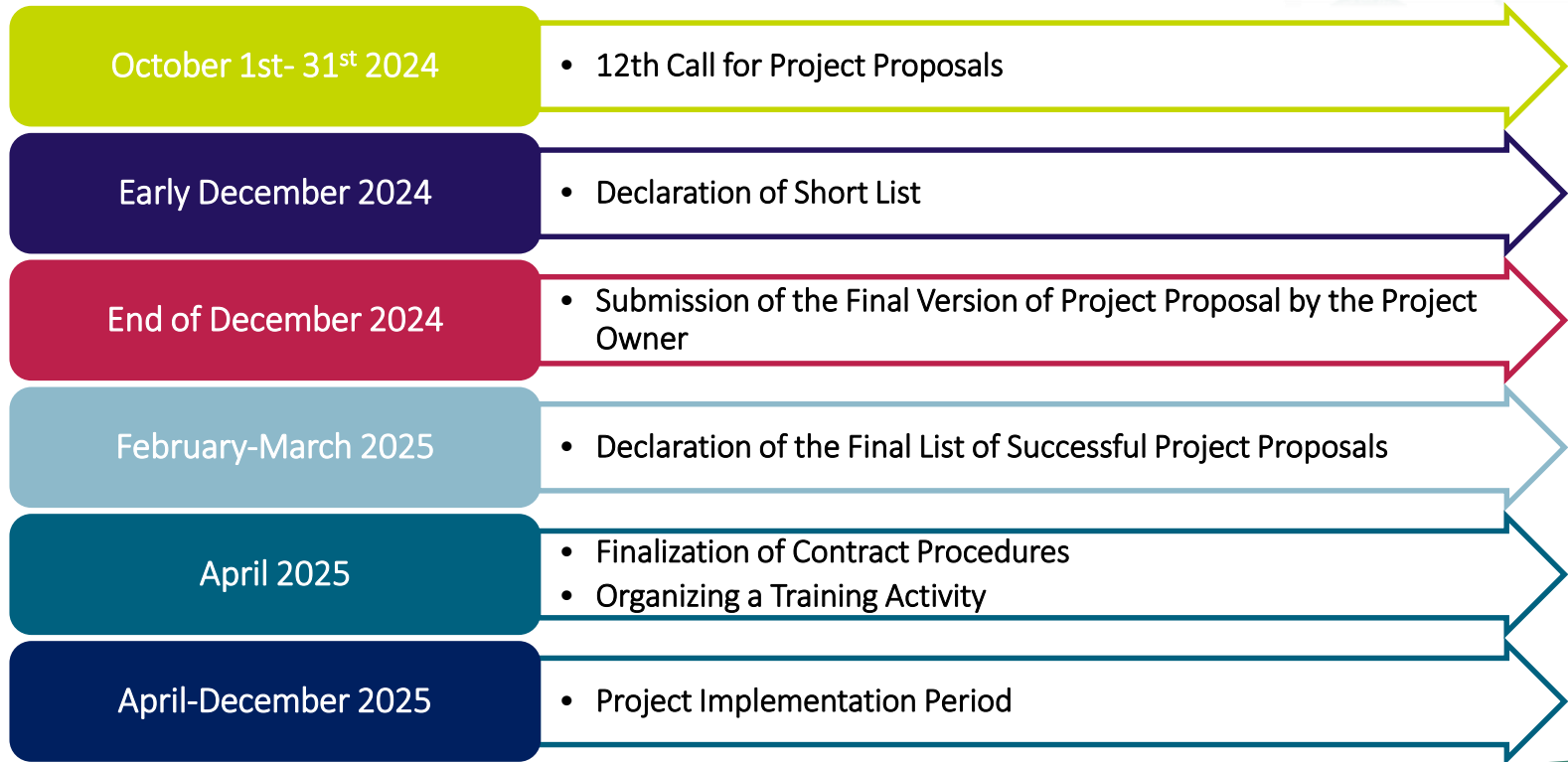## ONLINE PROJECT SUBMISSION:
https://project.comcec.org/

- *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.*

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4) Timeline Cycle of the Project

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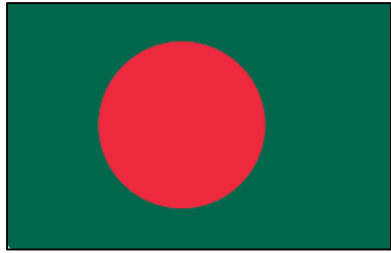| October 1st- 31st 2024	• 12th Call for Project Proposals
Early December 2024	• Declaration of Short List
End of December 2024	• Submission of the Final Version of Project Proposal by the Project Owner
February-March 2025	• Declaration of the Final List of Successful Project Proposals
April 2025	• Finalization of Contract Procedures • Organizing a Training Activity
April-December 2025	• Project Implementation Period

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5) Trade Projects under CPF in 2024

BANGLADESH	Strengthening Cross-Border E-Commerce Sector in Bangladesh through Enhancing Capacity of SMEs and Professionals
INDONESIA	Developing Product Information and Determining Halal Critical Points
SURINAME	Increasing Internationalization of SMEs in Suriname and Guyana
TÜRKİYE	Free Zone Training Program for Internationalization of SMEs
UGANDA	Enhancing good governance and technical capacity in SME to eliminate informalities in the sector

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BANGLADESH

Project Title : Strengthening Cross-Border E-Commerce Sector in Bangladesh through Enhancing Capacity of SMEs and Professionals

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

Project Partner: Malaysia

Project Activities: Study Visit and Training

Project Purpose: to expand the international trade of Bangladesh by integrating SMEs into global market through cross-border e-commerce.

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INDONESIA

Project Title : Developing Product Information and Determining Halal Critical Points

Project Owner : Ministry of Trade

Project Partners: Malaysia, Türkiye, Brunei Darussalam, UAE and SMIIC

Project Activities: Study Visit and Training

Project Purpose: improving the comprehension and application of Halal principles and practices in the food industry

SURINAME

Project Title   : Increasing Internationalization of SMEs in Suriname and Guyana

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

Project Partners: Guyana and Türkiye

Project Activities: Training

Project Purpose:
Ensuring market expansions by supporting entrepreneurs in Suriname and Guyana

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TÜRKİYE

Project Title : Free Zone Training Program for Internationalization of SMEs

Project Owner : Ministry of Trade

Project Partners: Indonesia, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Malaysia

Project Activities: Study Visits and Training

Project Purpose: Enhancing the global competitiveness of SMEs through the utilization of free zone advantages

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UGANDA

Project Title : Enhancing good governance and technical capacity of SMEs to eliminate informalities in the sector

Project Owner : Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives

Project Activities: Trainings

Project Purpose: ensuring formalization of SMEs by enhancing training skills of personnel from cooperatives, business enterprises, associations or groups, relevant public institutions

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