



## REPORT

### **1<sup>st</sup> TECHNICAL MEETING ON COMCEC HIGH LEVEL DIGITAL INITIATIVE/ PROGRAMME**

**(September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Virtual Meeting)**

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Meeting on COMCEC High-Level Digital Initiative/Programme was held virtually on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*(The Agenda and Programme of the Meeting are attached as Annex-I and Annex II)*

2. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the interested Member Countries of the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) and the relevant OIC Organs/Institutions, namely COMCEC Coordination Office, COMSTECH, IDB Group and SESRIC.

*(The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex-III)*

3. The Meeting started with a recitation from the Holy Quran.
4. At the outset, Mr. Selçuk KOÇ, Acting Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) delivered his opening remarks. Welcoming all participants to the meeting, Mr. KOÇ expressed his thanks and gratitude for the remarkable interest and support shown by the Member Countries to the technical preparations towards developing High-Level Digital Cooperation Initiative/Programme under the COMCEC. Recalling the relevant resolution of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Session, Mr. KOÇ highlighted the importance of enhancing cooperation in digital transformation area. Finally, Mr. KOÇ concluded his remarks by wishing every success for all the deliberations to be made during the Technical Meeting on COMCEC High Level Digital Initiative/ Programme.
5. Afterwards, Mr. Yavuz Emir BEYRİBEY, Vice-President of the Digital Transformation Office of the Republic of Türkiye, delivered his opening speech as the head of delegation of the host country.
6. In his opening remarks, Mr. BEYRİBEY highlighted the importance of the digital transformation since digital connectivity demonstrated the enormous potential of resilience towards crises, the pandemic. In addition, he made remarks regarding cooperation on digital governance, cyber security, digital skills and data as an important asset towards holistic digitalization. He also underlined that COMCEC High Level Digital Initiative/Programme will serve as an important platform for solving issues that concern the Muslim World and as a collaboration platform in the field of digital transformation. Therefore, he stated that developing an inclusive strategy with concrete goals and actions is crucial for guiding collaboration among the Member Countries. He concluded his

remarks by wishing the Meeting to be beneficial to the member countries and to the Muslim World.

### **Current State of Digital Transformation in the OIC Member Countries**

7. Ms. Şeyma ÖZCAN, Advisor, presented the Draft Concept Report on Current State of OIC Member Countries in Digitalization and the Current State of Digital Transformation in the Member Countries. In her presentation, Ms. ÖZCAN informed the participants regarding the importance of digitalization in the countries not only in enhancing government services but also improving businesses through entering new markets and opening small businesses to the international market. In this regard, Ms. ÖZCAN pointed out that many initiatives have been introduced by various OIC Institutions for reaping the benefits of digital transformation and there is a need for unifying these efforts under a high-level digital cooperation initiative.
8. Ms. ÖZCAN also briefed the current state of OIC Member Countries on digital transformation through elaborating on its different aspects, namely digital governance and leadership, digital resilience, digital connectivity, broadband infrastructure and access and digital skills and competencies. Ms. ÖZCAN underlined that the Member Countries had various levels of development in digitalization issues. At the end of her presentation, Ms. ÖZCAN presented the draft policy framework and potential thematic areas for cooperation prepared by considering the findings of the report.
9. The participants expressed their thanks and appreciation for the presentation and the comprehensive draft report on the current state of the Member Countries in digitalization. Afterwards, the participants highlighted the following issues regarding the report:
  - The issues of data governance, an essential part of digital infrastructure, can be analyzed in the report.
  - Some best practices from the member countries in the field of digital transformation can be provided in the report to the extent possible. Moreover, there is a need for a regular platform for experience-sharing in this area among the Member Countries.
  - The member countries, which have not done so yet, are expected to convey their responses concerning the Survey on Digital Transformation as well as observations, if any, on the Draft Concept Report to the CCO by October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **Moderation Session: Potential Areas of Cooperation**

10. Ms. Şeyma ÖZCAN moderated the Session on the potential thematic areas of cooperation in digital transformation.
11. The participants discussed potential thematic areas of cooperation. In this regard, the participants highlighted the following issues:

- The thematic areas indicated in the Draft Report namely, Developing Digital Government, Strengthening Digital Resilience and Safeguards, Enhancing Digital Connectivity, Broadband Infrastructure and Access, and Advancing Digital Skills and Competencies are quite important and pertinent.
- Legislative infrastructure and regulation issues can be provided in the Draft Report under a separate heading. Moreover, a model framework/legislation for regulating digital platforms can be developed especially towards the issues of competition and consumer rights.
- Sharing cyber threat intelligence among the OIC Member Countries can be added to the thematic areas.
- Developing a start-up ecosystem for SMEs as well as entrepreneurship issues can be provided in the report.
- Digital public services can be referred under the relevant thematic heading in the Draft Report.
- A Digital skills framework can be suggested for the Member Countries according to their current state on digital skills. Moreover, technologies used in classrooms for children can also be referred in the relevant section of the Report.
- There is a need for a regular platform, where the relevant authorities of the member countries convene and elaborate on the cooperation opportunities in this significant domain.

### **Closing Remarks**

12. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Selçuk KOÇ thanked all participants for the fruitful deliberations made during the meeting. Mr. KOÇ reminded all participants that the responses of the Member Countries to the Survey on Digital Transformation and their observations on the Draft Concept Report will be most welcomed by October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He also reminded the participants that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Meeting on COMCEC High Level Digital Initiative/Programme would be organized in the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 virtually and the High-level Meeting on the Digital Initiative will be held on the sidelines of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Ministerial Session to be held on 26-29 November 2022.



## **ANNEX I**

### **TECHNICAL MEETING ON COMCEC HIGH LEVEL DIGITAL INITIATIVE/ PROGRAMME**

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#### *Opening Remarks*

- 1. Progress in the Implementation of the COMCEC Strategy**
- 2. Potential Areas of Cooperation**
- 3. Any Other Business**

#### *Closing Remarks*

## ANNEX II



### **TECHNICAL MEETING ON COMCEC HIGH LEVEL DIGITAL INITIATIVE/ PROGRAMME**

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<b>13.15 – 13.30</b>	<b>Joining the Online Meeting</b> (The invitation link will be provided by the CCO)
<b>13.30 – 13.45</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	<b>Current State of Digital Transformation in the OIC Member Countries</b>
<b>13.45 – 14.15</b>	<i>Presentation: Ms. Şeyma ÖZCAN Advisor</i>
<b>14.15 - 14.45</b>	<i>Questions and Answers (Q &amp;A) and Discussions</i>
<b>14.45 – 15.45</b>	<b>Moderation Session: Potential Areas of Cooperation</b>  <i>Discussion</i>
<b>15.45 – 16.00</b>	<b>Closing</b>

## **ANNEX III**

### **TECHNICAL MEETING ON COMCEC HIGH LEVEL DIGITAL INITIATIVE/ PROGRAMME**

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#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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