



**THE DRAFT PROGRAMME
THE 25TH MEETING OF THE COMCEC TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP
(17-18 September 2025, The Ankara Hotel, Ankara, Türkiye)**

“Enhancing and Sustaining Rural Accessibility in the OIC Member Countries”

September 17th, 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:05	Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
09:05 – 09:20	Opening Remarks
09:20 – 09:40	Outlook of Transport and Communications in the OIC Member Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Presentation: Ms. Betül ÖZAL KARAHAN</i> <i>Working Group Coordinator, COMCEC Coordination Office</i>
09:40 – 09:50	Discussion
09:50 – 10:30	Presentation of the Draft Research Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Presentation: Dr. Akif FİDANOĞLU</i> <i>Consultant, Hisartech Consultancy</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	Main Findings of the Selected Case Country Analysis and the Lessons Learnt <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Presentation: Dr. Akif FİDANOĞLU</i> <i>Consultant, Hisartech Consultancy</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Experiences/Perspectives of the Member Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Egypt</i>- <i>Qatar</i>- <i>Uganda</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 15:45 Experiences/Perspectives of International Institutions

- *Presentation: “Enhancing and Sustaining Rural Accessibility: UNESCAP’s Experiences”
by Mr. Edouard CHONG
Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*

Discussion

15:45 – 16:30 Utilizing the COMCEC Project Support Programs

- *Presentation: Mr. Muhammet Ziya SARI
COMCEC Coordination Office*

Discussion

September 18th, 2025

09:30 – 11:45 Policy Debate Session: Formulation of Policy Recommendations on “*Enhancing and Sustaining Rural Accessibility in the OIC Member Countries*” to be submitted for the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session

A policy debate session will be held to come up with a set of policy recommendations to address enhancing and sustaining rural accessibility in the Member Countries.

Discussion

11:45 – 12:00 Closing Remarks and Family Photo

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

