

**DRAFT REPORT OF THE
46th MEETING OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE
(06 May 2025, Virtual Meeting)**

- The 46th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held virtually on May 6th, 2025.
- The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Selçuk KOÇ, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office. In addition to OIC General Secretariat and COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), the following OIC Institutions attended the Meeting:
 - Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
 - Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT)
 - Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
 - International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)
 - The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)
 - Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)
 - Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS)
 - OIC Labour Centre (OIC LC)
 - Standards and Metrology Institute of Islamic Countries (SMIIC)
 - Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD)
- The Meeting agreed on the following agenda items for discussion:
 - Implementation of the COMCEC Strategy: Contributions of the OIC Institutions to the COMCEC Strategy
 - Possible Contributions of the OIC Institutions to the Implementation of the SDGs in OIC Member Countries
 - Preparations for Annual Report on the Progress Towards Achieving the Prioritized SDGs at the OIC level
 - Activities of the OIC Institutions Serving to the Implementation of the SDGs
 - COMCEC Flagship Projects
 - OIC Business Intelligence Programme
 - Possible Contributions of the OIC Institutions for the Benefit of Palestinian People/ Al-Quds Sharif as well as Geographically Distant OIC Member Countries and Observer Countries
 - Any Other Business

Implementation of the COMCEC Strategy: Contributions of the OIC Institutions to the COMCEC Strategy

- Underlining the commendable efforts and contributions of the OIC institutions towards the realization of the COMCEC Strategy and the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations, the Committee reviewed the completed and planned activities of the relevant OIC Institutions directly serving the implementation of the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations and activities serving to the objectives of COMCEC Strategy since the 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session based on the cooperation areas.
- At the outset, the CCO has presented overview of the activities of the OIC institutions aligned with the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendation and the COMCEC Strategy. In this respect CCO reported that OIC Institutions have conducted 39 activities in Group A and 78 activities in Group B category, since the previous COMCEC Ministerial Session. It was also reported that 45 Group A activities and 117 Group B activities have been planned to be held until the end of this year.
- The Committee underlined the importance of the contributions of the OIC Institutions and appreciated their efforts towards the implementation of the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations as well as the realization of the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy.
- The Committee took note with appreciation of the efforts of SESRIC in contributing to the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy and COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations through specifically designed activities such as capacity building and training programmes.
- Furthermore, The Committee was informed about the projects implemented under the COMCEC Project Support Programs. It was highlighted that 23 projects are being implemented by OIC Member Countries and OIC Institutions under the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF) in 2025.
- The Committee commended the OIC Institutions for their contributions to the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy as well as COMCEC Policy Recommendations.
- Moreover, the Committee requested the OIC Institutions, to the extent possible, to involve in the projects of the OIC Member Countries as project partners by providing technical assistance in designing and implementing their projects to encourage Member Countries to become project partners for the 13th Call for Project Proposals under the COMCEC Project Funding.

Possible Contributions of the OIC Institutions to the Implementation of the SDGs in the OIC Member States

- SESRIC has informed The Committee about the two activities on SDG Indicators which were held after the 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session for the benefit of national statistical offices. These activities mainly focused on SDG 3 related to good health and well-being and SDG 8 related to decent work and economic growth.
- The Committee was informed by SESRIC about the preparations being conducted by SESRIC for the preparations of seventh report titled “Towards the Achievement of Prioritized Sustainable Development Goals in OIC Countries” to be submitted to the upcoming Ministerial Session.
- Regarding the SDG related activities of OIC institutions the CCO informed The Committee that, according to the COMCEC Online System, 11 activities have been completed, and 59 activities have been planned on the prioritized SDGs in 2025.

COMCEC Flagship Projects

- The Committee was informed by the CCO on the progress and recent developments in the implementation of the COMCEC Flagship Projects/Programs such as TPS-OIC, OIC Arbitration Centre and S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah Index and Fund, and COMCEC SME Program.
- Underlining the important role of the OIC institutions in increasing awareness in Member Countries about the COMCEC Flagship Projects, The Committee invited the relevant OIC institutions to further enhance their efforts to the extent possible for this purpose.

OIC Business Intelligence Programme

- The Committee was also informed by the ICIEC (IsDB Group) on the work being undertaken towards launching the OIC Business Intelligence Center Programme. The Committee noted training and capacity building programs including the latest one held in Jakarta, Indonesia in February 2025.
- Commending the efforts of ICIEC in collaboration with SESRIC, ICDT, and ICCD in conducting capacity building programs and recalling the relevant resolution of 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session, the Committee requested the ICIEC, in collaboration with the SESRIC, ICDT, and ICCD to continue their efforts to complete the technical preparations for launching the OIC Business Intelligence Programme as soon as possible.

Possible Contributions of the OIC Institutions for the Benefit of Palestinian People/ Al-Quds Sharif as well as Geographically Distant OIC Member Countries and Observer Countries

- The Committee was briefed by the OIC Institutions regarding their activities, projects and existing and newly launched programs for the benefit of Palestinian people and Al-Quds Sharif and geographically distant OIC Member Countries such as Guyana and Suriname, as well as Observer Countries.
- Taking note of the briefing made by IOFS on the humanitarian food relief appeal, including 200 plus tons of wheat flour since last January for Gaza by IOFS, the Committee took note with appreciation the critical and timely efforts of IOFS in this respect.
- The Committee commended that SESRIC organized 27 different activities for the benefit of 64 participants from the relevant national institutions of the State of Palestine since the 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session.
- The Committee noted with appreciation that the SMIIC's efforts to ensure active engagement of Palestinian counterparts to the capacity building activities within its scope of activities.
- Commending the effort exerted within the framework of COMCEC Al-Quds Program towards enhancement of the socio-economic conditions in Al-Quds, The Committee noted with appreciation that 8 projects are being implemented under this program to support SME's and empower women as well as youth through various vocational education programmes and training activities.
- Concerning the OIC institutions activities towards geographically distant OIC Member Countries, The Committee took note with appreciation the activities of SESRIC namely 12 different activities for the benefit of Guyana and 11 different activities for the benefit of Surinam.
- The Committee was also informed that under COMCEC Project Funding, Suriname will implement a project in the area of SMEs and Guyana will also benefit from the project as the beneficiary country.
- Commending the efforts of the OIC institutions, The Committee requested them to continue their efforts through among others conducting joint activities, projects, and programs.

Any Other Business

- The Committee Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

