

**REPORT OF THE
48th MEETING OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE
(05 May 2026, Virtual Meeting)**

- The 48th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held virtually on May 5th, 2026.
- The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Selçuk KOÇ, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office. In addition to the OIC General Secretariat and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), the following OIC Institutions attended the Meeting:
 - Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
 - Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT)
 - 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
 - The List of Activities of the OIC Institutions Aligned with the COMCEC Strategy and COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations
 - Utilizing COMCEC Project Funding for the Implementation of COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations
 - 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
 - The Proposal on the “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

- CCO has presented an overview of the activities of the OIC institutions aligned with the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations and the COMCEC Strategy. In this respect, it was reported that OIC Institutions have conducted 31 activities in Group A and 128 activities in Group B categories, since the previous COMCEC Ministerial Session. It was also reported that 61 Group A activities and 101 Group B activities have been planned to be held until the end of this year. To ensure more accurate reporting and avoid duplications, the CCO shared some observations on the data entry of OIC Institutions related to their activities. In order to avoid duplications and to ensure up-to-date reporting of the activities, the Committee requested relevant OIC institutions to insert data and information regarding their activities in a timely manner to the online system.
- In this context, the Committee reviewed the completed and planned activities of the relevant OIC institutions that directly link with the implementation of the Ministerial Policy Recommendations and the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy across the cooperation areas since the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session.
- The Committee commended the valuable efforts and contributions of the OIC institutions towards the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy and the Ministerial Policy Recommendations.
- The Committee underlined the importance of the COMCEC Policy Follow-up System as an important instrument for better reflecting the OIC Institutions' activities in the reports prepared for the relevant OIC fora and requested the OIC Institutions to insert necessary inputs to the system in a timely manner.
- 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 programs.
- Furthermore, the Committee was informed about the projects implemented under the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF). It was highlighted that 31 projects are being implemented by OIC Member Countries and OIC Institutions under the CPF in 2026.
- Moreover, the Committee requested the OIC Institutions, to the extent possible, to be involved in the projects of the OIC Member Countries as project partners by providing technical assistance in designing and implementing their projects under the COMCEC Project Funding.

- The CCO informed the Committee that the COMCEC Syria Program has become operational and 5 projects will be implemented this year. The Committee encouraged the relevant OIC institutions to support the implementation of projects which are related to their field of competence to the extent possible.

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

- The Committee took note with appreciation of the information provided by SESRIC on the preparations for the 2026 edition of the report titled “Towards the Achievement of Prioritized Sustainable Development Goals in OIC Countries”, to be submitted to the 42nd COMCEC Ministerial Session.
- Regarding statistical capacity-building programmes, the Committee commended SESRIC for organizing 4 activities on SDG indicators since the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session for the benefit of National Statistical Offices and other relevant national authorities of OIC Member Countries, covering SDG 2, SDG 9 and effective communication of SDG data.
- Concerning the SDG-related activities of OIC institutions, the CCO informed the Committee that 33 activities have been completed and 25 activities have been planned on the prioritized SDGs in 2026. The Committee requested the OIC Institutions to convey the list of their SDG-related activities to the CCO by 23 October 2026 for their submission to the next COMCEC Session.

COMCEC Flagship Projects

- The Committee was informed by the CCO about the progress and recent developments in the implementation of the COMCEC Flagship Projects/Programs such as TPS-OIC, COMCEC Syria Program, OIC Arbitration Centre, and COMCEC High Level Digital Transformation Forum Initiative and COMCEC SME Program.
- Emphasizing the significant role of the OIC institutions in raising awareness among Member Countries regarding the COMCEC Flagship Projects, the Committee encouraged the relevant OIC institutions to further enhance their efforts in this regard.

OIC Business Intelligence Programme

- The Committee was informed by ICIEC (IsDB Group), due to the current challenges in implementing the OIC Business Intelligence Programme, the work being undertaken towards re-scoping its implementation plan.
- The Committee requested ICIEC to assess the current stage in the implementation of the Program and to get the views and contributions of the OIC Member Countries and

the relevant stakeholders for the steps that might be taken for the advancement of the implementation of the 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

- The Committee was briefed by the OIC Institutions regarding their endeavors aiming at supporting the Benefit of Palestinian People/ Al-Quds Sharif as well as Geographically Distant OIC Member Countries and Observer Countries. The Committee welcomed these efforts as a critical contribution to OIC's collective support for Palestine.
- The Committee noted the proposal made by IOFS that, there would be dedicated sessions on Palestine during the future sectoral meetings of the Organization as well as Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI).
- The Committee took note with appreciation of the ongoing efforts and planned initiatives of IOFS aimed at supporting the people of Palestine, including various activities in the areas of capacity-building, stakeholder engagement, and agricultural development.
- The Committee commended the SESRIC for its efforts to conduct training and capacity building programs for the benefit of Palestinian people to enhance their institutional infrastructure and human capacity, particularly successfully organizing 15 specialized activities for this purpose since the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session, benefiting 47 professionals from the relevant Palestinian institutions, thereby contributing to enhanced technical capabilities. The Committee also took note with appreciation the activities of SESRIC 7 different activities for the benefit of Guyana and 13 different activities for the benefit of Suriname.
- The Committee took note with appreciation the efforts of ICCD regarding the organization of Palestinian Breakfast event on the sidelines of London Halal Forum with the objective of promoting the Palestinian cultural identity, heritage and products to an international audience of business leaders and policymakers.
- Commending successful implementation of the projects under the COMCEC Al-Quds Program, aiming at improving socio-economic conditions in Al-Quds, The Committee took note with appreciation that ten projects are being implemented this year to enhance SME competitiveness and empower women and youth through targeted vocational and technical education and skills development.
- The Committee welcomed the implementation of the project in the area of trade under the COMCEC Project Funding in Suriname, in partnership with Türkiye and Guyana.

- The Committee encouraged all relevant OIC Institutions to continue their collaborative efforts in implementing and expanding programs and initiatives that benefit of Palestinian People/ Al-Quds Sharif as well as Geographically Distant OIC Member Countries and Observer Countries.

Any Other Business

- Taking into consideration some overlaps in the activities under the OIC, The Committee requested OIC Institutions to pay due regard to the calendar of high level OIC/COMCEC meetings (i.e., the Council of Foreign Ministers, COMCEC Ministerial Meeting and Follow-up Committee Meeting, sectoral ministerial meetings, etc.), in designing the schedule of activities in order to avoid from any overlaps and for ensuring better coordination.
- The Committee Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

