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42nd SESSION OF THE COMCEC

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INFORMATION BOOKLET

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ABOUT COMCEC

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) was established by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca/Taif in 1981 and has become operational at the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference held in 1984, with the election of the President of the Republic of Türkiye to its chairmanship. COMCEC has been working for enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the 57 Member Countries of the OIC for 42 years.

In order to make the COMCEC a more fruitful platform to meet the growing needs of the OIC Member States, the COMCEC Strategy and Revised Statute were adopted at the 4th Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 August 2012 in Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and have become operational since 2013. Accordingly, COMCEC activities are guided by its Strategy.

The main objective of the COMCEC is to address the economic challenges of the Islamic Ummah and to contribute to the development efforts of the Member Countries. Furthermore, COMCEC is a policy dialogue platform for producing and disseminating knowledge, sharing experience and best-practices, developing a common understanding, and approximating policies among the Member Countries. Accordingly, COMCEC draws up programs for joint action, and coordinates and follows up activities for enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member Countries.

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ABOUT 42nd SESSION OF THE COMCEC

The Ministerial Session of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC, to be preceded by the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting on 31 October-3 November 2026, will commence on Monday, November 2nd, 2026 with the Opening Ceremony which will be chaired by H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Türkiye and Chairman of the COMCEC.

Ministerial Exchange of Views Session, which will take place in the afternoon of November 2nd, 2026, will be held with the theme of "Developing Effective Trade Financing Tools for Increasing Export in the OIC Member Countries". The attending Ministers will have the opportunity to share their views and experiences with their colleagues.

The Ministers attending to the 42nd Session of the COMCEC will also have the chance to conduct bilateral talks with their counterparts. CCO will make necessary arrangements if requested in advance.

This booklet aims at giving general information on the arrangements for the 42nd Session of the COMCEC as well as some practical information for the participants.

Original: English

DRAFT AGENDA
OF THE 42nd SESSION OF THE COMCEC

(31 October - 3 November 2026)

1. Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda
2. Report on the COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation
3. The Implementation of the OIC Programme of Action
4. World Economic Developments with Special Reference to the OIC Member Countries
5. Intra-OIC Trade
6. Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation
7. Deepening Financial Cooperation
8. Improving Transport and Communications
9. Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector
10. Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security
11. Alleviating Poverty
12. Cooperation on Digital Transformation
13. Exchange of Views on "Developing Effective Trade Financing Tools for Increasing Export in the OIC Member Countries"
14. Date of the 43rd Session of the COMCEC
15. Any Other Business
16. Adoption of the Resolutions

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE 42nd SESSION OF THE COMCEC

31 October 2026 (Saturday)

09:00 – 18:00	Senior Officials Meeting

1 November 2026 (Sunday)

09:00 – 11:00	Drafting Committee Meeting
11:00 – 17:00	Special Event: *B57+ Business Leaders' Summit 2026*
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00– 15:15	Special Event: *Panel on COMCEC Syria Program*
16:00 – 17:00	Closing Session of the Senior Officials Meeting

2 November 2026 (Monday)

11:00 – 13:00	Ministerial Opening Ceremony
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 18:00	Ministerial Working Session
19:30	Official Dinner

3 November 2026 (Tuesday)

10:30 – 12:30	Special Event: *Panel on Reinforcing Family Institution through Value-Based Policies in Digital Era*
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Ministerial Closing Session

During the meeting: Exhibition on COMCEC Project Support Programs: Member Country Implementation Experiences (B2 Floor-Foyer area**)*

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

Date and Venue of the Meeting

All meetings of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC will be held at İstanbul Congress Centre (ICC), between 31 October-3 November, 2026.

Registration

All delegates can use the link to register themselves easily (https://registration.comcec.org/). After filling in all required fields, it is important to save form and submit. All delegates are also required to send their registration forms via diplomatic channels to register.

The registration desks, located at the lobby of the Marmara Taksim Hotel and ICC will be put at the disposal of the delegates from 30 October to 3 November, 2026.

Identification Badges

ID badges will be prepared for all registered delegates at ICC. For security reasons, all participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times during the meetings and social events.

Colours of identification badges:

- **Red:** Only Ministers
- **Dark Blue:** Head of Delegations (even if in absence of Minister), Head of Organizations and Members of Delegations
- **Turquoise:** COMCEC Coordination Office
- **Yellow:** Press
- **Orange:** Staff of Organisation Company
- **Grey:** Medical personnel
- **Beige:** Staff of Meeting Hall

Working Languages and Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation among Arabic, English, French, Russian and Turkish will be provided during all sessions. The main documents of the Session will be produced and will be published on COMCEC website in three OIC languages (English, French and Arabic) during the meeting.

Bilateral Talks

There will be bilateral meeting rooms and a ministerial lounge at ICC. Ministers attending the meeting may also conduct bilateral talks with their counterparts. CCO will make necessary arrangements if the requests are made in advance (Ali ORUÇ / ali.oruc@sbb.gov.tr & Hilal BAŞKARAHAN / hilal.baskarahan@sbb.gov.tr)

Press Center

There will be a press center located at ICC for the use of all members of the foreign and local press carrying identification badges. All questions pertaining to press activities will be handled by this center.

Press Accreditation & Badges

All members of the foreign and local press who wish to cover 42nd Session of the COMCEC and utilize the Press Center as well as uplink vehicles must be accredited by the Turkish Presidency of Communication. Only accredited members of the press will have access to the Session and the press center.

Applications for press accreditation, including official photographers and official cameramen, must be made online on the following link: http://akreditasyon.iletisim.gov.tr.

A confirmation e-mail for successfully completed accreditations will be sent to the applicants. Badges will be delivered to accredited press members at the press center located at ICC. Badges must be collected in person upon the presentation of identification cards (passports for international press members) and originals of press cards or letters of authorization submitted online. (Information on when and where to collect the badges will be provided to accredited media representatives in due course).

Hall for Press Conferences

A hall for press conferences will be held at ICC. Please contact with Kadir ALTINTOP (00905322554594) about your requests.

Airport Welcoming Services

Welcoming and farewell services for the delegates will be available from October 30 to November 4, 2026. On arrivals, CCO staff will be waiting for the delegates with COMCEC hand boards for hotel transfers at International/Domestic/VIP Terminals. If any COMCEC staff are not present to meet them at the airport, the delegates are kindly requested to apply COMCEC Welcome Desk located at International Arrivals Terminal.

Participants are kindly requested to notify the CCO of their names and flight schedules by 20 October 2026 at the latest to enable the host officers to meet them at the airport and make necessary arrangements.

Transportation

All participants will be transferred from the Istanbul Airport to the Marmara Taksim Hotel. All transportation services will be provided from 30 October to 4 November, 2026. Reserved cars will be available only for Ministers from 1 to 4 November, 2026. Shuttle services will be provided between the Marmara Taksim Hotel and ICC.

Accommodation for Delegates of Member States

COMCEC will cover the accommodation and meal expenses (excluding all other expenses) of three representatives (one person as Head of Delegation and two other guests) from each member countries from 30 October to 4 November 2026 (check-in date: 30 October 2026, check-out date: 4 November 2026, totally 5 nights) at the Marmara Taksim Hotel. COMCEC will also cover the accommodation and meal expenses (excluding all other expenses) of two delegates, including the head of delegation from each observer and guest country from 30 October to 4 November 2026 (check-in date: 30 October 2026, check- out date: 4 November 2026, 5 nights in total) at the Marmara Taksim Hotel. Delegates are expected to attend all COMCEC Sessions and panel events during their stay. Please contact with Selim UYAR (00905313109130) about your requests for accommodation and registration issues.

NOTE: If you have an accompanying person or prefer to stay at a double room, the price difference for double room will not be covered by the COMCEC. Suit rooms are covered by the COMCEC only for Ministers from 1 to 3 November, 2026 (totally 3 nights).

Flight Confirmations and Departures

Delegates should contact with information desk located at ICC or the Marmara Taksim Hotel as soon as possible to confirm their return flight reservations. To facilitate travel arrangements, the delegates are kindly requested to fill in flight departure forms and return them to the above mentioned desk.

SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE DELEGATES

Climate

In November, the weather in İstanbul is generally rainy and_warm. Coat and umbrella are recommended. The average temperature in November is 6-11 Celsius. The most recent weather forecast for İstanbul may be accessed at: www.meteoroloji.gov.tr

Prayer Times

Prayer times in İstanbul during the Meeting will be as follows:

DATE	FAJR	SHURUG	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHREB	ISHAA
30.10.2026	05:43	07:25	12:59	15:49	18:11	19:41
31.10.2026	05:44	07:26	12:59	15:48	18:10	19:40
01.11.2026	05:45	07:27	12:59	15:47	18:09	19:39
02.11.2026	05:46	07:28	12:59	15:46	18:07	19:38
03.11.2026	05:47	07:29	12:59	15:45	18:06	19:37
04.11.2026	05:48	07:31	12:59	15:45	18:05	19:36

Local Time

The time zone in Türkiye is G.M.T. plus 3 hours.

Electric Current

The electric current in Türkiye is 220 volt, AC 50 cycles. Two prong round plugs are used.

Visas

All participants are advised to check www.evisa.gov.tr or contact with the Turkish Consular Missions (where available) for visa requirements. For participants coming from countries where there is no resident Turkish Consular Mission, visas will be issued upon arrival at İstanbul Airport.

Currency and Exchange

The most recent exchange rate values may be accessed at the website of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye, www.tcmb.gov.tr. Convertible foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, hotel, exchange offices and at all banks in accordance with the current exchange rates announced daily. International credit cards are widely used in Türkiye.

Addresses of Diplomatic Missions

Contact Information of Consular Missions in İstanbul is listed at the diplomatic portal,

https://cd.mfa.gov.tr/mission/mission-list?clickedId=3

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM (DOCUMENT FILE)

During the meeting, the document file can be viewed according to Annotated Agenda Items using tablets, which will be ready on the desks of the Heads of Delegations. Other delegates can follow the same documents from the link which will be active during the meeting at the addresses given above.

DOCUMENTS OF THE 42nd COMCEC SESSION

All documents prepared for the 42nd Session of the COMCEC will be available on COMCEC website. Documents will be updated as they become available. Delegates are advised to check updates regularly from the address below:

https://www.comcec.org/comcec-meetings/

COMCEC PUBLICATIONS

COMCEC Publications and reports of the previous meetings are available as full text e-books on ebook.comcec.org.

All documents, reports and media of the previous COMCEC Ministerial Sessions are also available on COMCEC website, https://www.comcec.org/history/comcec-ministerial-sessions/

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34367 Şişli/İstanbul

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THE MARMARA TAKSİM HOTEL
Gümüşsuyu, Osmanlı Sk. No:1 D:B
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