COMCEC PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

23rd Meeting of COMCEC Tourism Working Group



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Outline



- 1. Overview of the COMCEC Project Support Programs
- 2. Objectives and Main Characteristics of the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF)
- 3. Project Preparation and Submission
 - a) How to prepare a project proposal
 - b) Online Project Submission
- 4. Timeline Cycle of the Project
- 5. Tourism Projects under CPF in 2024



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* More than 150 Projects from 30 Countries and 6 OIC institutions (30 Projects in Tourism)

* Almost all member countries as a beneficiary







WHAT?

A grant-based finance mechanism, was introduced by COMCEC Coordination Office in 2014 as a policy support instrument under the COMCEC Strategy

WHY?

- Increasing institutional and human capacity
- Supporting implementation of policy recommendations adopted by COMCEC Ministerial Sessions
- Enhancing cooperation and solidarity among the member countries

WHO CAN APPLY?

Relevant public institution of a Member Country (Registered to Relevant Working Group) or an OIC Institution/Organ operating in the field of economic and commercial cooperation





HOW?

Financing projects in eight cooperation areas;

MAIN PROJECT TYPES

- Training, Study Visit, Workshop, Conference and Seminar, Publicity Meetings and Preparation of Audio, Visual and Written Materials
- Peer-to-Peer Experience Sharing
- Needs Assessment

Moreover, Opportunity to implement project individually





^{*} Transport and Communications



SUPPORTED THEMES IN TOURISM THIS YEAR (to be updated in the COMCEC website)

- Sustainable Human Resource Management in Tourism Sector
- Developing/Improving National Tourism Human Resources Crisis Management Plan/Program/Strategy
- Improving Human Resources Skills for addressing Changing Customer Demands and Expectations
- Promoting Entrepreneurship for Tourism Industry Competitiveness in the OIC Countries
- Developing/Improving financial tools (i.e. incentives) for enhancing women and youth entrepreneurship
- Designing guidance and training programs in order to increase the number of entrepreneurs in tourism sector
- Developing effective strategies for improving tourism entrepreneurship
- Developing and Branding Gastronomy tourism destinations within OIC





SUPPORTED THEMES IN TOURISM THIS YEAR

https://programs.comcec.org/





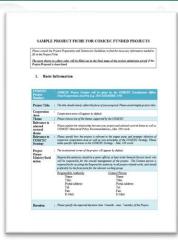
3) Project Preparation and Submission: a) How to Prepare a Project Proposal



- Review the reference documents on the Project Management Information System (https://project.comcec.org/) and Programs Website (https://programs.comcec.org/)
 - Project Preparation and Submission Guidelines
 - Sample Project Fiche
 - Supported Themes
 - COMCEC Strategy
- Send the relevant documents to the interested national institutions/departments
- Fill out the <u>online project fiche</u> through Project Management Information System
- Feel free to consult with the CCO



Project Preparation and Implementation Guidelines



Sample Project Fiche





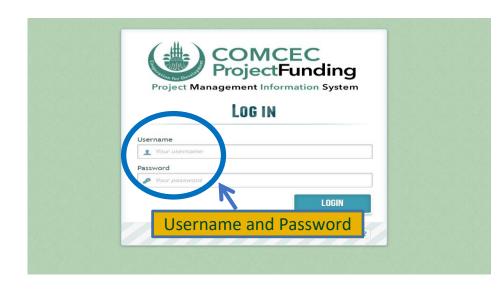
3) Project Preparation and Submission: b) Online Project Submission



ONLINE PROJECT SUBMISSION:

https://project.comcec.org/

- The Username and Password are only provided to the sectoral focal points.
- If you do not have username and password, please contact cpf@comcec.org.





4) Timeline Cycle of the Project



October, 1st-31st 2024 • Opening of 12nd Call for Project Proposals Early December 2024 Declaration of Short List • Submission of the Final Version of Project Proposal by the Project End of December 2024 Owner February-March 2025 Declaration of the Final List of Successful Project Proposals Finalization of Contract Procedures April 2025 Organizing a Training Activity April-December 2025 Project Implementation Period





MALI	Capacity Building of Tourism Guides in Selected OIC Member Countries
NIGERIA	Enhancing Capacities of Tourism Stakeholders for Adapting to Customers Changing Needs
TOGO	Improving Entrepreneurial Capacities of Selected Tourism Stakeholders for Ensuring Competitiveness in Tourism
UGANDA	Empowering Entrepreneurship Skills of Community-Based Tourism Enterprises to Enhance Competitiveness of Tourism Industry
SESRIC	Strengthening the Capacities of African Tourism Boards through Sustainable Human Resource Management Practices







Project Title : Capacity Building of Tourism Guides in Selected OIC Member

Countries

Project Owner: Ministry of Tourism

Project Partners: Burkina Faso and Niger

Project Activities: Training and Local Site Visit

Project Purpose: Enhancing the competencies of tourism guides for changing

conditions and the sustainability of the sector.







Project Title : Enhancing Capacities of Tourism Stakeholders for

Adapting to Customers Changing Needs

Project Owner: Federal Ministry of Tourism

Project Partners: The Gambia, Uganda and Mali

Project Activities: Training and Local Site Visit

Project Purpose: Improving the qualifications of human resources employed in

the private sector in line with the changing demands of customers for ensuring a strong and sustainable tourism.







Project Title

: Improving Entrepreneurial Capacities of Selected Tourism Stakeholders for Ensuring Competitiveness in Tourism

Project Owner

: Ministry of Culture and Tourism

Project Partners: Türkiye

Project Activities: Study Visit and Training

Project Purpose

: To promote competitiveness of the tourism industry and

ensure development and management tourism services







UGANDA

Project Title : Empowering Entrepreneurship Skills of Community-

Based Tourism Enterprises to Enhance Competitiveness of

Tourism Industry

Project Owner : Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities

Project Partners: Cameroon, Malaysia and Senegal

Project Activities: Training and Local Site Visit

Project Purpose : To increase the entrepreneurial skills of private sector

stakeholders (youth and women) in the tourism sector







Project Title

: Strengthening the Capacities of African Tourism Boards through

Sustainable Human Resource Management Practices

Project Owner

: SESRIC

Project Partners

: Benin, Burkina Faso, Kamerun, Çad, Gabon, Gambiya, Gine,

Malezya, Mali, Mozambik, Nijer, Nijerya, Senegal, Sierra Leone,

Togo, Türkiye and Uganda

Project Activities: Training and Workshop

Project Purpose

: Increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of African tourism

boards on sustainable human resource management





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