

INFORMATION BOOKLET

40th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

2-5 November 2024, İstanbul



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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 40 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.

ABOUT 40th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

The Ministerial Session of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, to be preceded by the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting on 2-5 November 2024, will commence on Monday, November 4th, 2024 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 4th, 2024, will be held with the theme of “Digital Transformation of Payment Systems 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 40th 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 40th Session of the COMCEC as well as some practical information for the participants.

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DRAFT AGENDA
OF THE 40th SESSION OF THE COMCEC
(2-5 November 2024)

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-2025: 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 “Digital Transformation of Payment Systems in OIC Member Countries”
14. Date of the 41st Session of the COMCEC
15. Any Other Business
16. Adoption of the Resolutions

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE 40th SESSION OF THE COMCEC

2 November 2024 (Saturday)

09:00 – 18:00 Senior Officials Meeting

22:00 – 24:00 Drafting Committee Meeting

3 November 2024 (Sunday)

09:30 – 15.00 Side Events

15:00 – 16:00 Closing Session of the Senior Officials Meeting

4 November 2024 (Monday)

11:00 – 13:00 Ministerial Opening Ceremony

14:30 – 18:00 Ministerial Working Session

20:00 Official Dinner

5 November 2024 (Tuesday)

11:00 – 14:00 Side Events

14:00 – 15:00 Ministerial Closing Session

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

Date and Venue of the Meeting

All meetings of the Fortieth Session of the COMCEC will be held at İstanbul Lutfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC), Rumeli Building between 2-5 November 2024.

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 ICEC will be put at the disposal of the delegates from 1 November to 5 November 2024.

Identification Badges

ID badges will be prepared for all registered delegates at ICEC. 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
- Green : COMCEC Coordination Office
- Yellow : Press
- Grey : Security and Medical personnel
- Orange : Staff

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 ICEC. 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).

Press Center

There will be a press center located at ICEC 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 40th 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>. Applications must be submitted no later than 21 October 2024 (until 18:00 hours Turkish local time).

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 ICEC. 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

Hall for press conferences will be held at ICEC. Please contact with Kadir ALTINTOP (00905322554594) about your requests.

Airport Welcoming Services

Welcoming and farewell services for the delegates will be available from November 1 to November 5, 2024. 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 or call Ozan LiF (00905356476860).

Participants are kindly requested to notify the CCO of their names and flight schedules by 21 October 2024 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 1 to 5 November, 2024. Reserved cars will be available only for Ministers from 3 to 6 November, 2024. Shuttle services will be provided between the Marmara Taksim Hotel and ICEC.

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 1 to 5 November 2024 (check-in date: 1 November 2024, check-out date: 6 November 2024, 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 1 to 5 November 2024 (check-in date: 1 November 2024, check-out date: 6 November 2024, 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 3 to 6 November, 2024 (totally 3 nights).

Flight Reconfirmations and Departures

Delegates should contact with information desk located at ICEC 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 cool. 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
01.11.2024	06:02	07:28	12:53	15:40	18:07	19:28
02.11.2024	06:03	07:29	12:53	15:39	18:06	19:27
03.11.2024	06:04	07:30	12:53	15:38	18:05	19:26
04.11.2024	06:05	07:32	12:53	15:38	18:04	19:25
05.11.2024	06:06	07:33	12:53	15:37	18:03	19:24
06.11.2024	06:07	07:34	12:53	15:36	18:02	19:23

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 Atatürk 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,

<http://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 the Ipads, 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 40th COMCEC SESSION

All documents prepared for the 40th 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/>



USEFUL ADDRESSES

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ULUSLARARASI KONGRE VE SERGI SARAYI
Harbiye, Darülbedai Caddesi
No:4, Taşkışla Cd., 34367
Şişli / İSTANBUL

HOTEL

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Gümüşsuyu, Osmanlı Sk. No:1 D:B
34437 Beyoğlu/İSTANBUL

