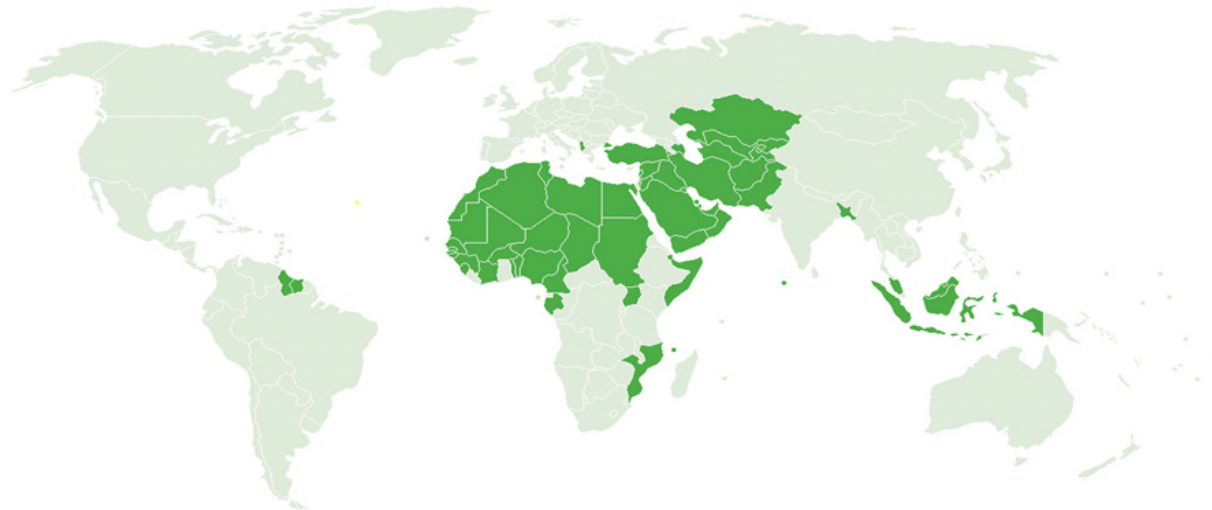




# **IMPLEMENTING WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT in OIC COUNTRIES**

## **COMCEC's WORK ON TRADE FACILITATION**

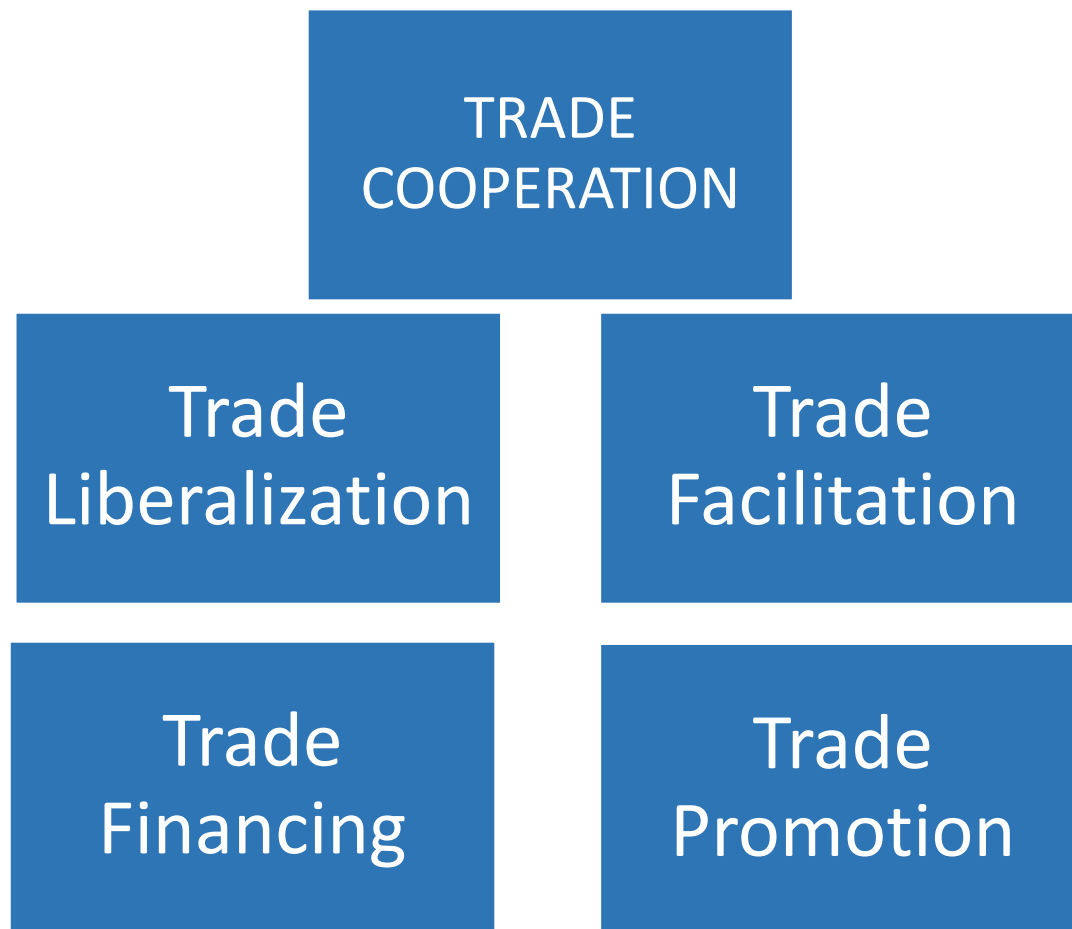


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# OUTLINE

- 1. COMCEC's Work on Trade Facilitation**
- 2. Trade Facilitation Bodies in the OIC Member States**
- 3. Policy Advices**

# COMCEC STRATEGY-TRADE WORKING GROUP



# TRADE WORKING GROUP THEMES



2016-I

- **Strengthening the Compliance of the OIC Member States to the International Standards**

2016-II

- **Improving Border-Agency Cooperation among the OIC Member States**

2017-I

- **Modernization of Border Clearance Processes: Single Window Systems in the OIC Member States**

# TRADE WORKING GROUP 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING



17 SEPTEMBER, 2015

- **Establishing Well Functioning National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the OIC Member States**

# FINDINGS OF THE ANALYTICAL STUDY ON OIC NTFBs



Standing Committee  
for Economic and Commercial Cooperation  
of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC)

## Establishing Well Functioning National Trade Facilitation Bodies (NTFBs) in the OIC Member States



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# COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG ALL THE RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS



- **National Trade Facilitation Body (NTFB) is considered a multi-agency permanent platform where relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors discuss and coordinate trade facilitation measures at a national level. (UNCTAD definition)**

# WTO TFA ARTICLE (Section III, article 23.2)



**“Each Member shall establish  
and/or maintain a national  
committee on trade facilitation”**



## HIGH TRADE COSTS IN MANY MEMBER STATES



- **High customs clearance time and cost in many Member States**
- **There is a large room for improvement to reduce trade costs in the OIC**
- **39 out of 57 Member states have a NTFB or a similar mechanism**
- **Most of the OIC countries that have performed remarkably well over the years when trading across borders have had an NTFB in place that functions well.**

# NTFBs in the OIC MEMBER STATES- ARAB GROUP



No.	OIC Member Arab Group	National trade facilitation body
1	<b>Bahrain</b>	National trade facilitation committee
2	<b>Egypt</b>	National trade facilitation sub-committee
3	<b>Jordan</b>	The national committee for transport and trade facilitation
4	<b>Djibouti</b>	Committee on Trade Facilitation
5	<b>Iraq</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
6	<b>Lebanon</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
7	<b>Morocco</b>	National commission of facilitation of trade procedures
8	<b>Oman</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
9	<b>Palestine</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
10	<b>Qatar</b>	The National Committee on Trade
11	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	AFACT
12	<b>Sudan</b>	National trade facilitation committee
13	<b>Syria</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
14	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	National Transport Authority
15	<b>Yemen</b>	National trade and transport facilitation committee

# NTFBs in the OIC MEMBER STATES



## African Group

No.	OIC Member Arab Group	National trade facilitation body
1	<b>Benin</b>	Working group on trade facilitation in Benin National committee on transport facilitation and inter-state road transit
2	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	The national committee monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the WTO agreements
3	<b>Cameroon</b>	Comité national de facilitation du trafic maritime international
4	<b>The Gambia</b>	National trade facilitation committee
5	<b>Mali</b>	National sub-commission of facilitation of trade procedures
6	<b>Niger</b>	National committee on trade facilitation
7	<b>Nigeria</b>	WTO negotiations on trade facilitation support group
8	<b>Senegal</b>	National sub-committee an trade facilitation
9	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	National trade facilitation committee
10	<b>Togo</b>	Sub-committee on trade facilitation
11	<b>Uganda</b>	National Task Force on trade facilitation

# NTFBs in the OIC MEMBER STATES



## Asian Group

No.	OIC Member Arab Group	National trade facilitation body
1	<i>Afghanistan</i>	AFPRO
2	<i>Albania</i>	ALBAPRO
3	<i>Azerbaijan</i>	AZERPRO
4	<i>Bangladesh</i>	Working group on trade facilitation customs valuation National trade facilitation committee
5	<i>Indonesia</i>	National trade facilitation mechanism
6	<i>Iran</i>	PRO Committee
7	<i>Kyrgyz Republic</i>	Kyrgyz Republic national council on trade and transport support
8	<i>Kazakhstan</i>	Inter Ministry Commission for transport
9	<i>Malaysia</i>	Focus group on trading across borders
10	<i>Maldives</i>	National trade and transport facilitation committee
11	<i>Pakistan</i>	PAKPRO
12	<i>Tajikistan</i>	Contact details
13	<i>Turkey</i>	Trade facilitation support group

# KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR SUSTAINABLE NTFBs



## Organizational

Political Commitment  
From Hierarchies Of Public  
And Private Sectors

The Appropriate  
Membership And  
Attendees

Availability of Funds

## Institutional

A Strong Legal And  
Institutional Framework

Consistency In Holding  
Meetings

Regular Communication  
Strategies

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

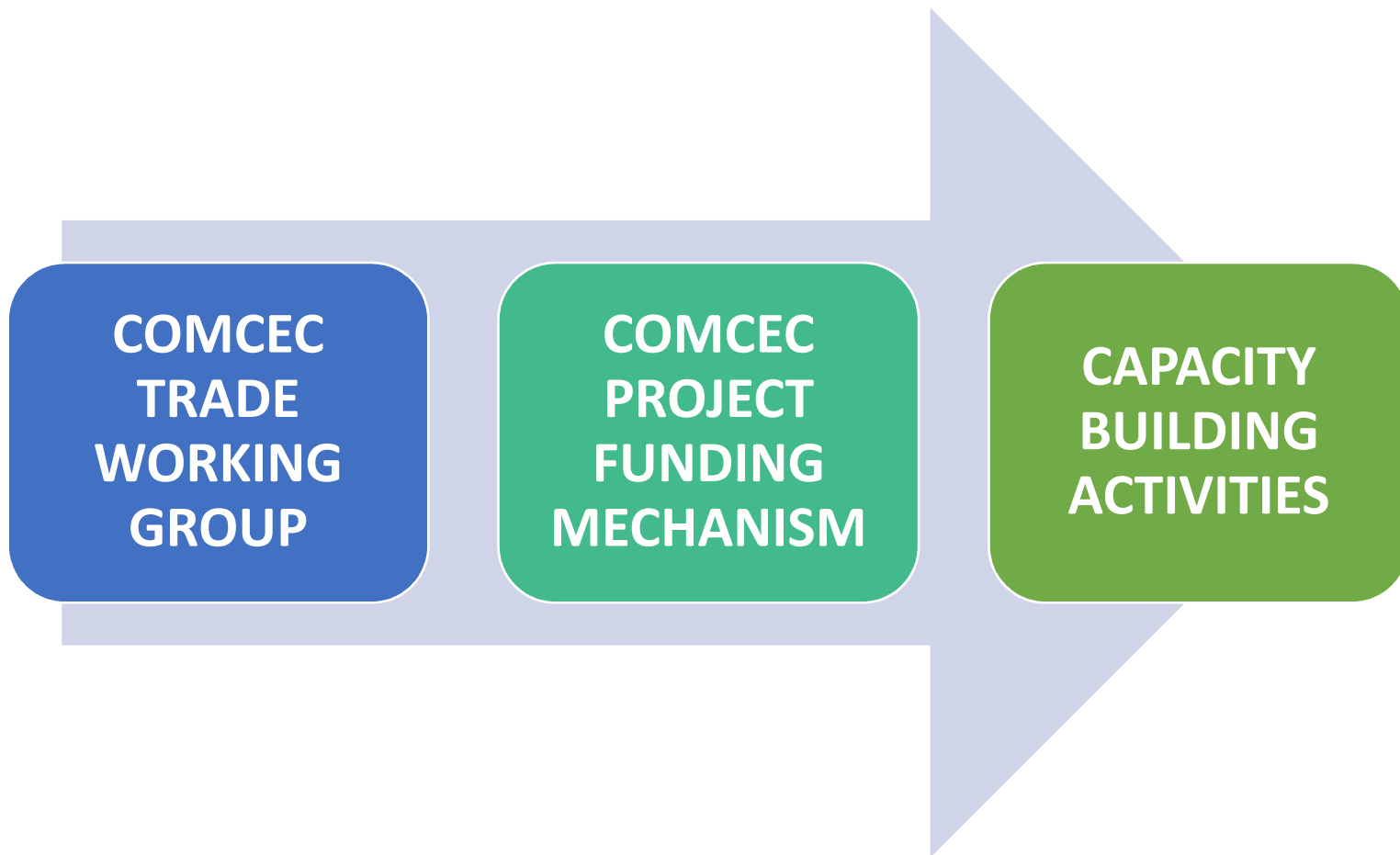
**Policy Advice I:** Extending assistance to the Member States for establishing/maintaining NTFBs

**Policy Advice II:** Involving the private sector in the activities of the NTFBs

**Policy Advice III:** Establishing effective communication systems within the framework of the work of the NTFBs

**Policy Advice IV:** Designing Performance Evaluation Criteria for the Existing NTFBs

# INSTRUMENTS TO REALIZE THE POLICY ADVICES





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