



**5th MEETING OF THE COMCEC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP
(March 5th, 2015, Ankara)**

*“Improving Institutional Capacity: Strengthening Farmer Organizations in the
OIC Member Countries.”*

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.15 Opening Remarks

09.15-09.45 The COMCEC Agriculture Outlook

- *Presentation: Mr. E. Emrah HATUNOĞLU
Expert
COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO)*

- *Discussion*

09.45-11.00 Overview of Farmer Organizations and Policy Environment in the Member Countries

- *Presentation: Ms. Madji SOCK
Partner and Africa Regional Director
Dalberg - Global Development Advisors*

- *Questions for Discussion*

- *Is there an apex body for farmer organizations in your country? If yes what are the functions of this body?*
- *What are the policies/programmes implemented in your country for strengthening farmer organizations? What are the challenges faced by your country in this respect?*

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.15 Recent Trends in Strengthening Farmer Organizations (FOs) at a Global Level and Recommendations for the Member Countries

- *Presentation: Ms. Madji SOCK
Partner and Africa Regional Director
Dalberg - Global Development Advisors*

- *Question(s) for Discussion*

- *How does your country perceive the recent global trends for strengthening farmer organizations and how does it respond to these trends?*

- *What are the main factors attracting farmers to involve in farmer organizations in your country? (i.e. providing access to resources, obtaining higher value-added products)*

12.15-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Policy Options for Strengthening Farmer Organizations in the Member Countries

There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The main inputs of the session will be the findings of the analytic study and the member states' responses to the policy questions circulated by the COMCEC Coordination Office.

- Question(s) for Discussion
 - *How can the cooperation be furthered among the Member Countries for strengthening farmer organizations and what are the cooperation opportunities in this regard?*

15.15-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 Member State Presentations

- *Discussion*

17.00-18.00 Multilateral Efforts / Non-Governmental Initiatives for Supporting Farmer Organizations

- Presentation: "COGECA's Experience in Strengthening Farmer Organizations"
 - *Mr. Prodromos KALAITZIS*
Senior Policy Advisor
General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives (COGECA)
- Presentations: "NGO's Experience in Strengthening Farmer Organizations"
 - *Mr. Zuhair Arif JWEIHAN*
Chairman
Jordan Exporters and Producers Association (JEPA)
 - *Mr. Cem KAPTAN*
Manager
PANKOBİRLİK
- Questions for Discussion
 - *What are the success factors and challenges for multilateral initiatives in strengthening farmer organizations?*
 - *What lessons can be learned from NGOs' / multilateral experiences?*

18.00-18.15 Utilizing the COMCEC Project Funding

- *Presentation: Mr. Ali ORUÇ*
Expert

COMCEC Coordination Office

- *Discussion*

18.15-18.30 **Closing Remarks**

