

Esteemed Colleagues,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to contribute to this important session.

Complementing today's discussions on SDG 6, I would like to briefly share with you the broader efforts undertaken within the COMCEC framework to support the implementation and follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals in the OIC Member Countries.

Since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015, the COMCEC has attached particular importance to supporting the efforts of the OIC Member Countries towards their achievement.

In this framework, particular attention has been given to the eight prioritized SDGs, namely SDG 1 on No Poverty, SDG 2 on Zero Hunger, SDG 3 on Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4 on Quality Education, SDG 5 on Equality between Women and Men, SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9 on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, and SDG 13 on Climate Action.

The COMCEC Coordination Office regularly compiles the programs, projects and activities undertaken by the relevant OIC institutions in these prioritized areas and reports them to the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions.

SESRIC also contributes to this process by preparing annual progress reports on the implementation of the SDGs in the OIC Member Countries.

In addition to these follow-up efforts, the COMCEC contributes to the achievement of the SDGs through its activities in its main cooperation areas, namely trade, tourism, financial cooperation, agriculture, poverty alleviation, transport and communications and digital transformation.

Within these areas, the COMCEC conducts studies and prepares analytical reports on a wide range of development issues, including education, employment and women's empowerment, and supports relevant projects in the OIC Member Countries.

To facilitate the follow-up process, the COMCEC Coordination Office has established an online system through which OIC institutions can directly enter and update information on their SDG-related activities.

We therefore encourage all relevant OIC institutions to regularly provide and update information on their programs, projects and activities through the COMCEC Activities System.

Keeping the information up to date is important, as these inputs form the basis for reporting SDG-related activities within the COMCEC framework.