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**Workshop on  
Impact of Transportation Networks on Trade and  
Tourism  
&  
Experts Group Meeting on  
Transport Cooperation in the OIC Member  
Countries**

**Crowne Plaza İzmir,  
7-9 June 2011**

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# 1. Programme & Agendas

## Workshop on The Impact of Transportation Networks on Trade and Tourism 7-8 June 2011, Izmir, Republic of Turkey

### Day 1: Tuesday, 7 June 2011

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 **Opening Session**

Chair: SESRIC

- Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
- Welcoming address (Chair)
- Opening statements (OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC, IDB, MoT)
- Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 **Session 1: Trade and Transport Corridors in the OIC Member Countries**

Chair: IDB

- Presentation on the importance of the transport corridors in economic development and integration of OIC MCs
- Presentations on the following related issues:
  - Transport corridors review
  - Overview of trade in OIC member countries: regional trade analysis
  - Trade flows in transport corridors
  - Physical and non-physical barriers
  - Freight costs and freight tariffs
  - Road pricing and congestion
- General debate and discussions

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break



13:30-15:00  
Chair: MoT

## **Session 2: International Transport Corridors**

- Presentations on the following related issues:
  - Analyzing international corridors in terms of their comparative advantage, transit time, reliability, etc.
  - Best practices from OECD countries and International Organizations
- General debate and discussions

15:00 - 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15-16:45  
Chair: ITFC

## **Session 3: Trade and Transport Facilitation Policies**

- Presentations on the following related issues:
  - Broader Concept & Components of Trade and Transport Facilitation
  - Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements
  - Obstacles to implementation of international standards and norms
  - Customs and cargo clearance procedures, insurance, etc.
  - How to achieve efficient collaboration at national, regional and international level for the development of collaborative trade and transport facilitation programs
- General debate and discussions



## Day 2: Wednesday, 8 June 2011

09:00-10:30

Chair: IDB

### **Session 4: Prioritization of Transport Corridors and Policy Recommendations for Enhancing Cooperation**

- Presentations on the following related issues:
  - Initial prioritization of transport corridors
  - Rational for the priority corridors
  - Policy recommendations for enhancing cooperation in transport field among the OIC countries
- General debate and discussions

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00

Chair: COMCEC

Meeting of the Drafting Committee\*

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30

Meeting of the Drafting Committee (Continued)

14:30 - 16:00

Chair: IDB

Closing Session

- Adoption of the report and recommendations
- Closing statements

\*Open-ended committee comprising representatives of the OIC Member Countries, SESRIC, IDB, COMCEC, OIC General Secretariat and other relevant OIC Institutions (ICDT, ICCI, OISA).



**Experts Group Meeting on  
Transport Cooperation in the OIC Member Countries  
9 June 2011, Izmir, Republic of Turkey**

**Day 3: Thursday, 9 June 2011**

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:45 **Opening Session**

- Recitation from the Holy Quran
- Opening Remarks by the Chairman (MoT of Turkey)
- Message of the Secretary General of the OIC
- Adoption of the Agenda and the Programme

09:45 – 13:00 **Session 1: Identification of Common Problems, Challenges and Cooperation Opportunities**

- Presentation of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Workshop (Representative of the IDB)

**Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:15)**

- Country Perspectives and Deliberations on Common Problems and Cooperation Opportunities

**Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)**

14:00 – 16:00 **Session 2: A Possible Framework for the OIC Cooperation in the Field of Transport**

- Discussions on Identifying Viable Cooperation Areas for Transport
- Discussions on Modalities of Cooperation in the Field of Transport



16:00 – 17:00 **Coffee Break and Drafting of the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting by the**

17:00 – 18:00 **Closing Session**

- Adoption of the Final Report and Recommendations for Cooperation in the Field of Transport
- Final Comments and Remarks by the Participants
- Closing Remarks by the Chairman



## 2. General Information

### Venue

The meeting will take place at the **Crowne Plaza** in İzmir, Turkey.

Address: İnciraltı Cad. No:67 35340, Balçova, İzmir

Web : <http://www.cpizmir.com/>

Phone : +90 232 2921300

### Meeting Language

The working language of the meeting will be English, Arabic, French and Turkish.

### Information Desk

The Information Desk located at the lobby of the Crowne Plaza İzmir will be at the service of the participants during 6-9 June from 09:00 to 18:00 hours daily.

### Registration

All participants must fill out and send the registration forms to one of the contact persons until 16 May 2011 at the latest.

### Visas

All participants are advised to check with the Turkish Consular missions (where available) for visa requirements. Detailed information on visa requirements is available at [http://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Visa\\_Welcome.aspx](http://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Visa_Welcome.aspx) .

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## 3. Some Practical Information for Travel

### Local Time

The time in İzmir is GMT/UTC plus 2 (two) hours.

### Electricity

The electric current in İzmir is 220 Volt, 50 Hz. Two-pin round plugs are used.

### Weather

The climate of Izmir during summer can be easily characterized by its lengthy and sunny months. During June, temperatures in Izmir regularly exceed 30°C/86°F and can often top 35°C/95°F. However, the added humidity levels can make the climate feel even hotter.

### Currency Exchange

The currency used in Turkey is ‘Turkish Lira’. Convertible foreign country currency can be exchanged at the airport, hotels, exchange offices and at all banks in accordance with the current exchange rates announced daily. International credit cards are widely used.

### Banks

Working hours for most of the banks are from Monday to Friday, 08:30 - 16:30. They are closed at weekends and at public holidays.



## 3. Some Practical Information for Travel, Con't

### **Driving License**

International Driving Licenses are recognized throughout Turkey. Car Rental Companies ask for a valid driving license.

### **Restaurants**

For all participants, it will be an outstanding opportunity to taste various samples of Turkish, European, Asian and international cuisine in İzmir.

### **Shopping**

Most shops in İzmir are generally open from 09:00 to 19:00, Monday to Saturday. Big shopping centers are open all through the week, usually from 10:00 to 22:00. In all shopping centers major credit cards are accepted and tax-free shopping is possible. You will also have the chance to do shopping in in the historical Kemeraltı or Kızılağası Bazaars, which are located in the city center.

### **Prayer Times**

You can obtain information on prayer times in İzmir during the meeting dates from the information desk which will be located at the Hotel lobby.



## 4. Accommodation

Accommodation costs of 2 (two) participants from each OIC member country in **Crowne Plaza İzmir** on between 6-10 June (4 nights) will be covered by the organisation. While additional participation will be welcomed, extra participants will cover his/her accommodation costs.

For extra participants the following special rates will be applied from **Crowne Plaza İzmir**:

1 day accommodation in standard room + breakfast: 185 TL

Some other Hotels close to the meeting venue (no special rate):

- Swissôtel Grand Efes

<http://www.swissotel.com.tr/izmir/index.asp>

- Mövenpick Hotel

[http://www.moevenpick-hotels.com/en/pub/your\\_hotels/worldmap/izmir/overview.cfm](http://www.moevenpick-hotels.com/en/pub/your_hotels/worldmap/izmir/overview.cfm)

- Karaca Otel

<http://www.otelkaraca.com.tr/eng/>

- Beyond Hotel

[http://www.hotelbeyond.com/en/index\\_english.htm](http://www.hotelbeyond.com/en/index_english.htm)

- Myhotel

<http://www.myhotel.com.tr/html/home.html>

- Hilton İzmir

<http://hilton.com.tr/tr/Hilton-Izmir/default.aspx>



## 5. Transportation to the Hotels Area

**Transfers of the participants from/to the Airport and to/from the Hotel will be ensured by the organisation.**

### **İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB)**

Venue of the meeting (the Swissôtel) is around 20 minutes (23km / 14.29miles) from the Airport.

- Transportation by airport cabs is approximately 35-40 TL.
- “Havaş” shuttle services are just in front of the hotel and costs 10 TL. Shuttle service starts to operate at 03.00 in the early morning till 23.30.

## 6. Downtown Information

### **Historical Places (Distance to Meeting Venue)**

Clock Tower –Konak Square (3.7 km / 2.29 mi)

Kemeraltı Bazaar – Kızlarağası – Hisar Mosque (2 km / 1.24 mi)

Agora Historical Site (1.41 km / 0,87 mi)

Historical Elevator (4.7 km / 2,92 mi)

Efes Historical Site (80 km / 49.71 mi)

### **Entertainment (Distance to Meeting Venue)**

Alsancak (1.5 km / 0.93 mi)

Kordon Recreation Area (1.5 km / 0,93 mi)

İzmir Fair (0.69 km / 0.42 mi)

Bostanlı (14 km / 8.69 mi)

Çeşme (89 km / 55 mi)



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