



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COMCEC POVERTY ALLEVIATION WORKING GROUP (February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Ankara)

#### *“Activation Policies for the Poor in the OIC Member States”*

08.30-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15-09.45 **The COMCEC Poverty Outlook**

- Presentation: “Outlook of Poverty in the OIC Member States: Multidimensional Poverty”  
*Ms. Hande HACIMAHMUTOĞLU, Expert  
COMCEC Coordination Office*
- Views and Comments

09.45-10.45 **Current Developments in Activation Policies**

- Presentation: “Activation Policies for the Poor and Global Trends”  
*Mr. Alexandre KOLEV, Head of Unit  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

#### Question(s) for Discussion

- What is the existing employment situation of the poor and people at risk of poverty in your country?
- What are the challenges related to the employment situation of the poor in your country?

10.45-11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00-12.00 **Overview of the Activation Policies and Programmes in the OIC Member States**

- Presentation: “Employment situation and activation policies and programmes implemented in the OIC Member States with special focus on case studies”  
*Mr. Christopher MELVIN, Director  
Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion (CESI)*

#### Question(s) for Discussion

- What are the public employment/job search support policies and programmes aiming to match unemployed poor and possible vacancies in your country (like job placement, counseling, job mobility support etc.)?
- What are the training programmes in your country aiming to increase qualifications and skills of unemployed poor?

- What are the job creation policies and programmes (like micro-credit, subventions, public work programmes for the poor) aiming to support labour demand by expanding the set of earning opportunities for the poor?

12.00-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.30 **Policy Options for Improving Activation Policies**

*There will be a moderation session under this agenda item. The participants are expected to deliberate on the policy options/advices for Activation Policies and Programmes.*

Question(s) for Discussion

- Is there any Public Employment Services (PES) in your country; if yes, do you think that the existing PES is effective?
- Do the vocational training programmes meet the need for skill improvement of the poor?
- Do you think that the funds allocated to the activation programmes are sufficient?

15.30-15.45 **Coffee Break**

15.45-17.15 **Member Country Presentations**

- Sharing Experiences and Good Practices in Activation Policies and Programmes

Question(s) for Discussion

- Is there a link between activation policies/programmes and poverty reduction in your country? If no, is there any future plan to establish such a link?

17.15-17.45 **The Experience of Non-governmental Organizations/Local Authorities in Activation Policies and Programmes**

- Presentation: “*Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee’s (BRAC) Experience in the Activation Policies and Programmes*”

*Mr. Asif SALEH, Senior Director*

*Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee (BRAC)*

- Presentation: “*The Experience of İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Art and Vocational Training Courses (İSMEK) in the Activation Programmes*”

*Mr. Mehmet DOĞAN*

*İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Art and Vocational Training Courses (İSMEK)*

Question(s) for Discussion

- What is your country experience in developing/implementing activation programmes with international organizations?
- How the NGOs are involved in the activation programmes in your country?

17.45-18.05 **Utilizing the COMCEC PCM**

- Presentation: “Utilizing the COMCEC Project Cycle Management”

*Mr. Deniz GÖLE, Expert*

*COMCEC Coordination Office*

Views and Comments

18.05-18.15 **Closing Remarks**