

PRESS RELEASE

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Participation in the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade

The ECO Trade and Development Bank (ETDB) delegation attended the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade, held from 24–26 November 2025 in Istanbul. The Ministerial Meeting was jointly inaugurated by H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, Minister of Trade of Türkiye, and H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, ECO Secretary General. The meeting emphasized advancing regional economic cooperation, endorsing key trade and customs instruments, adopting the Istanbul Declaration, and reaffirming Member States' support to strengthen intra-regional trade, investment facilitation, and sustainable economic cooperation. Dr. Mohammad Hashem Botshekan, President of ETDB, delivered a statement highlighting the Bank's role as an international financial institution in advancing development projects, trade, and prosperity across the ECO region. He also met with ECO Member State delegations to discuss regional development and cooperation.

