

Statement
By the D-8 Secretary-General
at
The 3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer
and Exchange Network (TTEN)
1-2 December 2015, Kuala Lumpur

Hon'ble Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I begin with expressing my profound appreciation to the esteemed Government of Malaysia, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in particular, for accepting to host *3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)* in Kuala Lumpur. This timely initiative will indubitably take our agenda of promoting and networking technology transfer in the D-8 Member States to a newer height.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the esteemed Government of Malaysia for their continuous engagement in order to make this event a success. I also thank the Government of Malaysia for a wonderful preparation to both welcoming the delegates and organizing the meeting in a beautiful location in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. My appreciation goes to all delegates here, whose dedication and support has made this meeting possible.

Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

You are aware that the D-8 TTEN is a unique platform to coordinate and integrate technological initiatives of the D-8 Member States in a concerted manner and

subsequently, contribute to the networking and economic uplift. It also contributes to the sustainable development process of the D-8 Member States.

The importance of technology transfer and exchange network (TTEN) for economic development was institutionalized in 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation held in October 2012 in Dhaka. The Task Force outlined the scope and terms of reference for this platform. It noted that both the acquisition of technology and its diffusion foster productivity and subsequent growth; it envisioned an enabling environment in which the TTEN would facilitate technology transfer for the greater benefit of the peoples.

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Distinguished Delegates,

The body, i.e. D-8 Task Force Technology Cooperation, and subsequently the Ministerial plenary adopted formation of this TTEN platform which would, among others, inter-connect or develop databases for technology products and services, and demands of member countries in a form of an integrated internet-based system, plan for commercialization of technology, ideas and research results, provide with the opportunity of introducing their technology products and services and establish connections and cooperation, make available opportunity for attraction of foreign investments and finance in the area of technology and products, and strengthen commercialization, create opportunity for integration and synergy between technology companies in the eight developing countries for their readiness in global competitiveness, organize joint technology fairs, meetings and festivals aiming to connect the technology companies in eight member countries etc. We must redouble our efforts to yield harmonized outcome in line with time and mandate given to us.

Visible activities must be put in place to accelerate achievement of these objectives. TTEN lacked activities both from the Focal Points in the D-8 Member States

and the TTEN Secretariat in strengthening this platform into a truly attractive forum for fruitful exchanges. I call upon all the parties to lend their efforts in making this a forerunner and flagship platform of the D-8 Organization.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

I highlighted in the 2nd D-8 TTEN meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria, regarding availability and ease on access of Capital to finance and establish technology, need for marketing of technological produces to link existing markets and creation of demand, continuous investment in R&D for servicing and up-gradation and customisation of technology to make it an efficient blend of labour and capital. I continue to pursue the same given the premise that the global output is necessarily linked to technological exercise. Acquisition of a technology and periodic servicing of the same have been critically important for a country toward industrialization at an efficient scale and level.

I hope this meeting will review progress so far made and accordingly adopt policies and programmes that integrate the elements of capacity building, information and knowledge into comprehensive approaches for TTEN cooperation.

Finally, Hon'ble Minister, Excellencies, distinguished participants, please allow me to express, once again, my deep thankfulness and high appreciation to the Government of Malaysia, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in particular, for their timely initiative to bring the delegates from the D-8 countries to this important gathering. I hope that for the sake of consolidation and advancement of cooperation, this meeting will be able to finalize the date and venue of the next TTEN meeting.

I wish this meeting a resounding success and thank you for your kind attention.