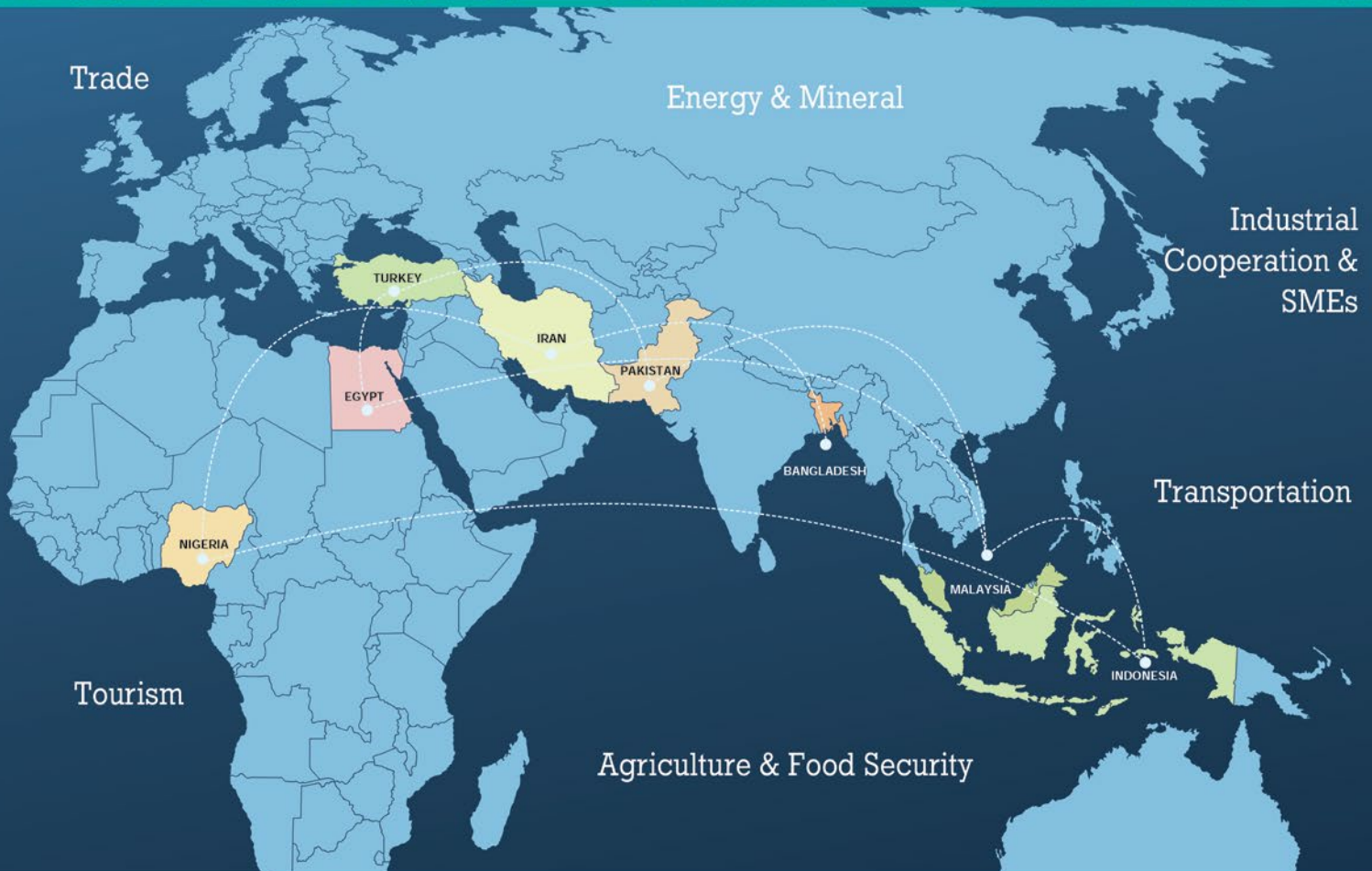




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D-8 Secretary-General H.E. Dr. Syed Alimohammad Meusawi called on H.E. Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, President of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) at the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah today. [\(more\)](#)

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The idea of the establishment of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation, which has come to be known as D-8, goes back to the “Cooperation for Development” Conference, held in October 1996 in Istanbul at the initiative of late Professor Necmettin Erbakan, then Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey. Subsequent to the conclusion of the Conference in which the eight countries (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey) had agreed on the creation of the new grouping, preparations were made for its official establishment. The gathering for this purpose, held at the level of Heads of State and Government of the Member Countries, took place on 15 June 1997 in Istanbul – which has been referred to ever since as the First D-8 Summit. The preparatory process for the First Summit included a number of meetings on political, organizational and technical matters, which agreed, among others, on the structure and functioning of the D-8. Envisioning the new grouping as a “co-operative mechanism” for socio-economic development, it was agreed that the following principles would guide its spirit and activities:

- peace instead of conflict
- dialogue instead of confrontation
- co-operation instead of exploitation

- justice instead of double standards
- equality instead of discrimination
- democracy instead of oppression

Moreover, agreement was reached on the broad areas of economic and industrial cooperation, with due emphasis on the need for the engagement of both public and private sectors in the Member Countries. The preparatory process also reached agreement on the establishment of a coordinating secretarial mechanism in Istanbul, Turkey – which developed later as the permanent seat of the D-8 Secretariat. The present Journal, prepared by the D-8 Secretariat, intends to present an overall picture of its development, and take stock of its achievements and challenges as it continues its journey of collective, cooperative efforts. The D-8 Secretariat sincerely hopes that the D-8 Journal will serve to promote and enhance public awareness of the Organization, highlight its activities, promote its image and status, and help make it a more dynamic and effective collaborative mechanism for economic progress and development of its Member Countries. It is a generally- agreed view within the D-8 community that it enjoys the requisite potential to be more active and effective and deserves a higher status and role.

# Foreword



**Seyed Ali Mohammad MOUSAVI**  
Secretary-General

I cordially welcome you to the third edition of the D-8 Journal, following our inaugural publication in June, 2013. This edition covers events during the period between January and June 2014.

The year 2014 will mark a new phase for the D-8 Organization, having the 9th D-8 Summit ahead of us, to be held in Turkey. The Summit will be the most significant event for the Organization and will mark a turning point for our Organization whereby Turkey would chair the Organization for the second time after 16 years in its life-cycle.

As the Secretariat, we have been experiencing 2014 with a heavy agenda and busy schedule towards the accomplishment of the mandate received from our valued stakeholders.

We shall also hold a number of im-

portant Ministerial and Senior Official Meetings along with various technical meetings in our areas of cooperation throughout the year. It is encouraging to note that the D-8 has steadily made significant progress and introduced new initiatives such as successful arrangement of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) meeting in Istanbul, increasing external relations by establishing links with the UN as observer and building & consolidating Partnership with key International and Regional Organizations. The D-8 Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in its 16th Meeting decided to initiate the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) process to study and review the work of the Organization during its first life cycle over the span of 16 years of its existence and subsequently to recommend ways that would enhance the quality of its deliverables in coming years. The pro-

cess of obtaining observer status at the United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) is underway and the Secretariat has taken steps to establish and solidify cooperation with other International and Regional Organizations.

With the constructive engagement and determination by our Member Countries, D-8 will continue to march toward consolidating the development cooperation for the uplift of life and living of our peoples.

Our website can give you a very good idea about the activities and initiatives taking place within the Organization. Should you require more information related to the Organization and its activities, please feel free to contact us by visiting our website ([www.developing8.org](http://www.developing8.org)).

*Mousavi*

# D-8 successfully held its 35th Session of the Commission in Islamabad



The 35th Session of the D-8 Commission was formally inaugurated by H.E. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of the Foreign Affairs on 10 June 2014 in Islamabad, Pakistan. Commissioners and delegates from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey enga-

ged in an extensive and fruitful meeting in a cordial atmosphere in Islamabad. Syed Fatemi welcomed the delegates from eight brotherly countries and hoped that the proceedings of the meeting would yield fruitful outcome for the Organization. He recalled that establishment of this inter-governmental institution enta-

iled invigoration of multiple issues common to the Member States. He hoped that the Commission meeting would review the plan of action and its follow-up implementation so that the outcome was effectively translated into the public domain.





He stressed on the need to fully implement the agreements and instruments already concluded by the Member States in order to realize benefits from them. He appreciated the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) process and hoped that the EPG would come up with recommendations for better performance of the Organization. He made particular reference to

the need to augment human and financial resources of the Secretariat in order for it to function properly. The meeting presided over by H.E. Mr. Babar Hashmi, the Commissioner of Pakistan and the current Chair, discussed a host of issues on different and various agenda items including, among others, review of the current activities and engagements,

intensification of economic cooperation through implementation of the provisions of various agreements and institutional mechanisms, updating the statutory documents for a more functioning Secretariat etc. They focused on the need to facilitate cooperation on sectoral issues in order to take the Organization's agenda for economic cooperation forward.

# First D-8 Eminent Persons Group (EPG) Meeting held in Istanbul



The First D-8 Eminent Persons Group (EPG) held a two-day meeting in Istanbul from 15 until 16 May 2014. The Eminent Persons of the eight countries discussed prospect, challenges and opportunities, measures to enhance cooperation among the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and ways to strengthen the D-8 Secretariat. The report and recommendations produced in the sessions will be presented to the D-8 Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting

in September 2014 as well as to the D-8 Summit scheduled in December 2014, in Turkey. The D-8 countries comprise about one billion people, or around 17% of the world's population. The D-8 countries are rich with mineral and natural resources, reliable energy and agricultural sector, dynamic and competitive labour force, promising tourism prospect, and with lower operational costs. Some of its Member States are cited in top 25 merchandise exporters of the world.





All the D-8 countries are important players in their respective regions. Around 45 % of the total exports of 57 OIC Nations are

contributed by the eight countries of the D-8 organization. About 55 % of total GDP of the OIC countries are realized by the

D-8 Member States.

**D-8 Eminent Persons are:**

Mr. M. Afsarul Qader (Bangladesh Former Ambassador)

Mr. Mohamed el-Orabi (Egypt, Former Foreign Minister)

Mrs. Adiyatwidi Asmady (Indonesia, Ambassador)

Mr. Morteza Damanpak Jami (Iran, Ambassador)

Mr. Zakaria Sulong (Malaysia, Former High Commissioner to the Great Britain)

Mr. Sulaiman Dahiru (Nigeria, Former Ambassador)

Mr. Ahmad Shamshad (Pakistan, Former Foreign Secretary)

Mr Numan Kurtulmus (Turkey, Deputy Chairman of AK PARTI)

# Turkey's Economy Minister: Turkey is Eager to Cooperate with the D-8 Countries



D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi held a meeting with Turkey's Economy Minister, H.E. Mr. Nihat Zeybekci, on 3 February 2014 in Ankara, Turkey. SG Mousavi congratulated Mr. Zeybekci on his recent appointment as the Minister and thanked him for Turkey's continued support, stating that Turkey is the 'father' of this organization and the 9th Summit will be held again in Turkey in 2014. "In the upcoming Summit, the vital role of the Chair will be rotated again to Turkey. This second phase of life-cycle will be a turning point for the D-8 to move in a manner commensurate with the requirements of developments" he said. "Since the D-8 is an economic organization, trade is backbone of our cooperation and the total

**"Turkey immediately wants to implement the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to reach the target \$500 billion intra-trade among D-8 Member States by 2018" Minister of Economy of Turkey**

trade of D-8 countries at the end of 2012 was \$1.8 trillion which covered the 5.0% of total world trade in 2012, around \$36 trillion. Increased trade volume would accord the countries having such potential. Hence, according to the Roadmap approved by the State's Presidents in 2008, it has been aimed to increase this number to \$500 billion until 2018," he said. Highlighting the fact that \$500 billion is a huge amount and a big challenge, but if we look at the potential of the every Member States of the D-8, I know that we can do it and also thanks to private sector's potential as well as the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), visa and customs agreements, which are already entered into force. Implementation of these agreements would serve positively to reach that aim," he told the Minister. Minister Zeybekci stressed on the issue that Turkey is eager to continue its cooperation and support for the D-8. "We immediately want to implement the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreements (PTA) to reach the aim to increase the intra-trade volume among D-8 countries to reach \$500 billion until 2018" Zeybekci said. He also underlined that Turkey's total trade volume with D-8 countries has increased to US\$15 billion from US\$2.9 billion between 1997 and 2013. He finally expressed that Turkey is going to host the D-8 PTA Supervisory Committee meeting at the end of March and D-8 Trade Minister Council Meeting at the end of June 2014.

# D-8 Secretary-General: “D-8 Needs New Mechanisms to Strengthen Cooperation among the Private Sectors”

D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, visited the President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, at his office. Stating that D-8's target is to reach 500 billion USD trade volume in D-8 countries in 2018, Mousavi said that TOBB will be working on great goals when it takes over the Presidency of the D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (D-8 FCCI) by the 9th Summit in 2014 in Turkey. Mousavi expressed that they hope for an increase in private sector cooperation and in order to increase trade all obstacles need to be eliminated. He also underlined that D-8 has completed the fundamental legal framework to facilitate economic and trade cooperation among the businessmen of D-8 countries, such as the entry into force of the Preferential Trade Agreement, Visa Agreement, and Customs Cooperation Agreement. He also mentioned that new and additional mechanisms should be created in order to further enhance collaboration to strengthen economic and trade relations among D-8 private sector and TOBB should be instrumental to create this mechanism as the next D-8 FCCI



President. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu underlined that D-8 countries are the most populous 8 countries among Islamic countries and that the obstacles to trade amongst these 8 countries and with the world should be eliminated. Stating that the intra-trade volume of the D-8 countries is equal to 8% of their total trade, TOBB President Hisarcıklioğlu said that they are ready to provide all the necessary support to increase cooperation between D-8 and D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He also expressed that TOBB is ready to share experience and promotion of cooperation with the D-8 private sector and also expressed his readiness to host and enhance the sidelines of the Summit, such as business forum and trade fair.

“To expedite the involvement of private sectors in D-8 cooperation and in order to increase trade among Member States; D-8 has finalized the fundamental legal instruments such as the Preferential Trade Agreement, Visa Agreement, and Customs Cooperation Agreement” said Dr. Mousavi, Secretary-General.

# Trade is Backbone of D-8 Cooperation



“Trade is backbone of D-8 cooperation and the D-8 leaders set the target of increasing the intra trade up to USD 500 billion by 2018 and this target is achievable by the implementation of D-8 main instruments such as the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), Visa and Custom Agreements and also by improved linkages and efficient networking among D-8 private sectors”- Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General

D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, paid a visit to the Chairman of Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM), Mr. Mehmet Buyukeksi on 18 March 2014 at TIM's headquarters in Istanbul. Dr. Mousavi exchanged views with Mr Buyukeksi on trade cooperation between Turkey and D-8 countries. During the meeting, Dr. Mousavi underlined that with the upcoming 9th Summit in 2014, in Turkey, the vital role of the Presidency will be rotated again to Turkey for the second time, which he considered would be a turning point for D-8. Secretary-General Mousavi expressed that as D-8 is an economic organization, trade is backbone of its cooperation and the D-8 leaders set the target of increasing the intra trade up to USD 500 billion until 2018. “If we look at the potential of each Member State of D-8, this target is achievable by the implementation of D-8 main instruments, the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), Visa and Custom Agreements and also by improved linkages and efficient network-



king between D-8 private sector”, he said. During the meeting he also highlighted the D-8 trade volume and the figures: “The volume of D-8 intra-trade increased impressively from US\$ 15 billion in 1997 to almost US\$ 150 billion in 2012. By percentage share to the volume of D-8 total trade, growth of D-8 intra-trade increased from 3.4% in 1997 to 8.2% in 2012, which represents a solid improvement”, he added. Mr. Mehmet Buyukeksi, the Chairman of TIM, expressed that in order to increase D-8 intra-trade and reach the 2018 target, the implementation of D-8 Agreements on Trade, Visa and Custom play vital role. “Furthermore, for reaching this target we need the active involvement of the private sector of D-8 Member States. We should also encourage D-8 private sector for more trade among each other”, he expressed. He noted that the main issue would be how to activate the business community and at the same time encouraging authorities for resolution of the current problems on trade. He finally underlined that the share of Turkish exports to D-8 countries increased from US\$ 2,2 billion in 1997 to almost US\$ 15 Billion in 2012. “These figures shows that the volume of Turkey's export to the D-8 boosted up to seven times during 1997-2012” Mr. Buyukeksi concluded.

# Private Sector is the Engine of D-8 Cooperation



D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Nail Olpak, the President of Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association of Turkey (MUSIAD). He had a long, cordial and productive discussion about the potentials of engagement of private sector to facilitate D-8 intra-trade. Dr. Mousavi highlighted that D-8 - with a combined population of over 1 billion and a market size of more than \$1,5 trillion - is set to emerge as one of the world's most promising trade blocs and has made important progress in the intra-trade which has reached almost USD 150 Billion in 2012. "We are looking forward to achieving the target of \$500 billion in intra-trade, which has been set by our respective governments for 2018", he added. "It is a very challenging target but I believe with strengthening the economic and trade relations among D-8 private sectors, creating new and additional mechanisms and also with

the available agreements, we can reach this target. In this regard, private sector is the essential element in assuring the effectiveness of the work of the D-8 economic cooperation and we need a very active involvement of the private sector of D-8 Member States" he stated. Secretary-General Mousavi highlighted that with the upcoming event of the 9th D-8 Summit in 2014, in Turkey, the vital role of the Presidency will be rotated again to Turkey for the second time. He considered this to be a crucial point for D-8 and hoped that it will bring significant momentum to the activities of the private sector as the engine of D-8 cooperation. D-8 aims to build and strengthen effective public-private partnership mechanisms through enhanced networking, entrepreneurial mentorship and information exchange between private sectors, governments and relevant multilateral organizations. He also underlined that D-8 has completed the funda-

mental legal framework to facilitate economic and trade cooperation among the businessmen of D-8 countries, such as the entry into force of the Preferential Trade Agreement, Visa Agreement, and Customs Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Nail Olpak, President of MUSIAD, underlined the necessity for more economic, industrial, commercial and technical cooperation among the D-8 countries. He said with the understanding of equal partnership among the members, the D-8 should establish the mechanisms that will provide utmost economical cooperation, materialize the vision, and create strong partnerships. He also informed the Secretary-General of the MUSIAD International Fair which is organized every two years by MUSIAD in parallel with International Business Forum (IBF). This year, MUSIAD International Trade Fair will take place at CNR Expo Center in Istanbul. This fair and forum represent great opportunities for bringing together the businessmen not only from Turkey but from more than 92 countries all over the world, including D-8 countries. Mr. Olpak added that, such events provide opportunities to the businessmen, investors, entrepreneurs and also institutions to discuss the possibilities of cooperation with the private sector in common areas of interests, such as finding new markets for their products, financing new projects, setting up partnerships in joint ventures and applications for trade financing.

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# D-8 Marches for Strengthening its Intra-trade Cooperation



Over the past several years, global trade has been subdued – both because of weak overall demand in high-income countries, but also because of changes in the composition of demand away from import sensitive categories of demand like investment goods and toward less trade creating government spending. With this in mind, the D-8 Organization held its Third Meeting of the Supervisory Committee of the Preferential Trade Agreement from 9 to 10 April 2014 in Ankara-Turkey. The objective behind this meeting was that Contracting Parties should take necessary actions, as a matter of priority, in order to implement the D-8 PTA

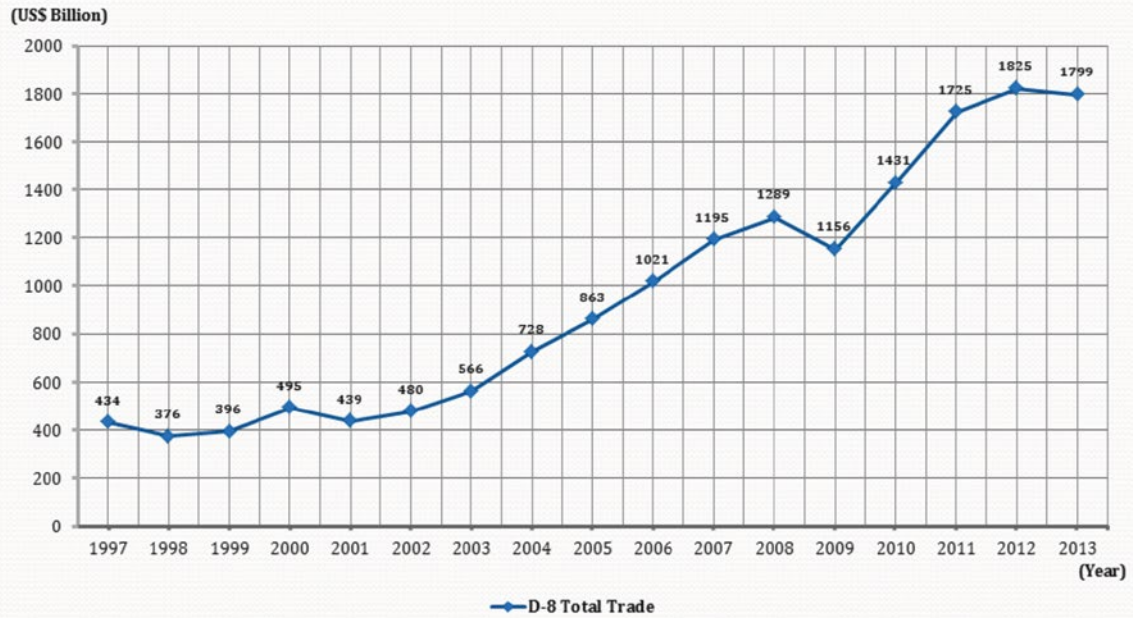
in concrete terms. It was also mentioned that it is estimated that the D-8 total trade volume would slightly decrease from US\$ 1.8 trillion in 2012 to US\$ 1.7 trillion in 2013. As a percentage share of the world trade, D-8 total trade would decrease from 5% in 2012 to 4.4% in 2013. In addition, it is also estimated that D-8 intra-trade volume would slightly decrease from US\$ 148 billion in 2012 to US\$ 131 billion in 2013. This signifies a decrease from 8.2% in 2012 to 7.4% in 2013. Taking into account these important figures and the target set by the D-8 Roadmap, Member States should do their best and take necessary measures to compensate the D-8

intra-trade's deficit in coming years. A number of specific issues were discussed in the Meeting, such as the current state of implementation cut-off date for the first installment of tariff reduction, discussion of the consolidated draft "Dispute Settlement" Document, consideration of the Proposal of Bangladesh regarding their request to have 30% Local Value Addition Criteria for LDCs, election of the new Chairman of the Supervisory Committee and finally, the possibility of having new arrangements for hosting the Supervisory Committee back-to-back with the Trade Ministers Council in the future.

## D-8 Total Trade 1997 – 2013

(Source: IMF, International Financial Statistics 2014)

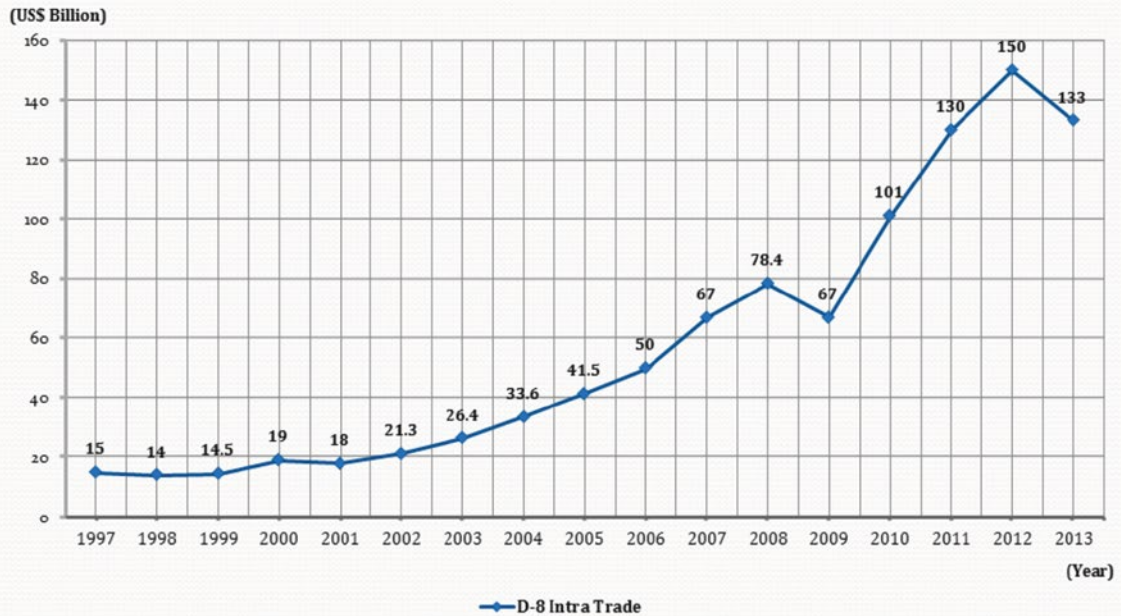
D-8 Total Trade for 1997 – 2013 (US\$ Billion)



## D-8 Intra Trade 1997 – 2013

(Source: IMF, International Financial Statistics 2014)

D-8 Intra Trade for 1997 – 2013 (US\$ Billion)



# State Bank of Pakistan hosts D-8 Central Banks Meeting



State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) hosted an Expert Meeting on D-8 Countries' Central Banks focusing on the promotion of financial inclusion and Islamic Banking on 21st April 2014 at National Institute of Banking and Finan-

ce (NIBAF) in Islamabad. The meeting was inaugurated by Mr. Ashraf Mahmood Wathra Acting Governor of SBP. D-8 is an organization for cooperation among 8 developing countries namely; Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. The objectives of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation are to improve all Member States' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at internatio-

nal level, and improve standards of living. In this backdrop, this event is continuation of efforts for achieving these goals. The focus of the Meeting was Financial Inclusion, Branchless Banking and Islamic Finance. Experts from D-8 central banks, members of private sector industry and other officials attended the meeting. The experts shared experience of Member States and deliberated on further cooperation in promoting Financial Inclusion, Branchless Banking and Islamic Finance in D-8 countries.

## D-8 promotes IT in Visa Application System

Visa policies are among the most important governmental policies influencing international trade, business travel and tourism sector. In this regard, Turkey hosted D-8 workshop on information technologies from 16 to 17 April 2014 in Ankara, Turkey. The workshop was meant to promote electronic visa (e-visa) application systems as well as information technologies applications, including visa application system,

amongst D-8 Member States. It was expected that Member Sta-



tes might initiate a fruitful collaborative exchanges among the foreign ministries in information technology. The workshop also highlighted the importance of the ability of modern technology to achieve core visa functions such as security, immigration control, and revenue generation through use of real-time information, monitoring capabilities, and ability to redirect resources to likely security risks.

The main objective of the workshop was to “promote electronic visa (e-visa) application system as well as information technology applications amongst Member States”



# D-8 Strengthens Cooperation in Visa Procedures for Business Society Benefits



Taking into account the important role of in enhancing economic relation, the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the meeting of Consular Authorities of Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures between 17 and 18 February 2014 in Tehran, Iran. During the Meeting, Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran, Mr. Ghashghaavi, D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi, and other high dignitaries from D-8 Countries exchanged their views regarding challenges in visa application procedures and

conveyed some viable recommendations for further enhancement of the Agreement. Their main view was establishing some efficient mechanism for the visa application procedures in order to have user-friendly, transparent, prioritized, accountable and timely tools on the proceeding and facilitating visa procedures for business society among D-8 Countries. It was expected that through these mechanisms the private sectors as the main vehicle of economic activities would

have easier and simpler procedures for obtaining visa. After deliberations, the Meeting made several outcomes such as establishment of the working group on visa procedures (business ID Card, Visa on arrival, travel/visa sticker, etc.), the idea on having a workshop on technical aspects of electronic visa (e-Visa), and the need for having lesson-learned from APEC and SAARC on their experiences in visa facilitation for businessmen.

In addition, the Meeting encouraged D-8 Member States, who have not acceded to the Visa Agreement, to ratify it as soon as possible as well as for facilitating the issuance of visa for businessmen using the Agreement on voluntary basis. The Meeting also proposed to have the Meeting

on annual basis and, at the same time, encouraged Member States to optimize Visa Agreement in concrete and efficient ways in order to strengthen trade and investment relations among themselves. It was hoped that with the collaborative coordination amongst relevant institutions

on visa and immigration issues in D-8 Member States, a set of viable recommendations based on the common understanding for further enhancement of the simplification of Visa Agreement would be achieved in the near future.



Establishment of the working group on visa procedures which will discuss particular issues such as business ID Card, Visa on arrival, Travel/Visa Sticker, etc.

Initiation of protocol/agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst D-8 Member States regarding information technologies cooperation, including electronic visa (e-Visa) application systems.

# D-8 Diversifies Transport Cooperation



D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Lütfi Elvan, the Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of Turkey on 3 February 2014 in Ankara, Turkey. He thanked Turkey for its full-fledged support and assistance to the D-8 since its establishment. He reiterated that transportation plays a significant role in the mobilization of resources within the D-8 economy. He emphasized the significance of the area of transportation for

D-8 cooperation and expressed hope that that D-8 Ministerial meeting would be held at the earliest. In addition, he mentioned that, there are many diverse sub-areas such as civil aviation, railways, shipping, road, logistics, etc. under the transportation sector, which need to be focused with more importance.

Minister Elvan stressed the need for continued close collaboration and cooperation within D-8 countries. He was in agreement

with the Secretary-General's view on the efforts to establish new Working Groups. Mr. Elvan stressed the issue of the D-8 Member States' practices on maritime and aviation areas. "Turkey has been working on supporting the D-8 by improving overall flight volumes and civil aviation," he added. Elvan continued: "The trade agreements and developing cooperation with the D-8 countries depend on this legislative harmonization."

# D-8 Secretary-General Exchanges views with Minister of Transport of Nigeria



On the occasion of the 3rd Expert Working Group Meeting on Shipping (11-12 March 2014, Abuja-Nigeria), the D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi exchanged views with the Minister of Transport of Nigeria, Senator Idris A. Umar on the importance of shipping cooperation as one of main vehicles to increase intra trade in D-8 Countries. While expressing gratitude for Nigeria's active role in the D-8 shipping cooperation as the prime mover during 2010-2012, Dr. Mousavi also highlighted on the need for conducting feasibility cooperation between Nigeria and other Member States in the field of shipping, logistics and railways. In response, Senator Umar also expressed Nigeria's readiness to work with other members towards achieving the objectives of D-8 shipping cooperation.

# D-8 Strengthens Aviation Cooperation through Capacity Building



Turkey hosted Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Training Workshop on Capacity Building for D-8 States from 3 to 4 June 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. Participants from relevant government departments of the D-8 Member States attended the 2-day workshop. Transportation, civil aviation in particular, is one of the priority sectors identified in the D-8 Roadmap for the economic uplift of the peoples of the region. The aviation industry, inc-

luding cargo and logistics, has significant inter-connected role in thriving of the tourism industry, service sector and the growing global economy. The D-8 leaders envisaged closer and intense co-operation in this sector among the Member States and agreed on the framework for engagement. The objective of the event was to engage Member States with more good practices and methods so that the industry could adopt the best and implement them in their respective aviation sector. The workshop was designed to share experience among practitioners and personnel involved in the aviation industry as well as to indulge into detailed exercise on such important areas of the industry as airport management, security, standardization of airports, ground handling



among D-8 Member States, harmonization etc. One of the major items in this programme included best practices with regard to airport management as an integral and one of the most vital parts of this industry, drawing global attention and allocation of substantial resources for continuous improvement. This workshop also explored the possibility of joint initiatives or partnerships in this sector, particularly aimed at growth and investment.

## D-8 Cooperation in Civil Aviation

The initiation of D-8 Civil Aviation Cooperation started back in 2007. Since then, lot of achievements has been made, in particular the entry of into force of the Memorandum of Understanding on D-8 Civil Aviation Cooperation for all D-8 Member States in June 2011. In order to strengthen and energize collective efforts in the field of D-8 civil aviation cooperation, the D-8 Civil Aviation Working Group agreed on 4 (four) task forces on civil aviation cooperation during 5th Working Group Meeting on Civil Aviation (June 2011), namely Task Force on Commercial Issues, Task Force on Training and Capacity Building, Task Force on Safety and Security Task Force on Air Navigation and Air Traffic Management. Besides holding trainings and workshops, each of Task Force is also underway to prepare a set of necessary policies and measures, including in the area of promulgation of necessary legislation and development of requisite rules and regulations.

# D-8 Intensifies Shipping Cooperation through Mutual Partnership



In his opening speech at the 3rd D-8 Expert Working Group Meeting on Shipping, Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General expressed that the global shipping industry is one of the biggest industries of today's time, including the shipbuilding. Nowadays, the shipbuilding industry worldwide is facing some challenges from a significant excess capacity, particularly due to the large improvements in the productivity of the shipyards and the over-investments in the industry. Therefore, the improving market outlook (as empirically indicated by GDP and seaborne trade statistics) demonstrates modest growth potential and aiding future prospects for sea transport capacity demand levels.

There are several growth determinants and challenges facing the global shipping industry in front of us, including the role of bunker oil prices, target price sensitivity, the impact of China's steel industry on the global dry bulk shipping sector, the high growth of the handy-size segment, and the likely consolidation in the global shipping industry.



Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi underlined the particular importance of two more aspects; one, to promote investment, education and training in shipbuilding technology; and two, to prepare an action plan for implementing the recommendations from the Working Group.

Transportation, particularly shipping and maritime sectors, has remained a major tool for economic development in the promotion of economic cooperation in D-8 countries. With this fact in mind, the Federal Ministry of Transport and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) organized the 3rd Expert Working Group

Meeting on Shipping from 11 to 12 March 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. The meeting was entitled as "Harnessing Shipping Potentials for Economic Empowerment of the D-8 Member States". At the opening Session, Senator Idris Audu Umar (Minister of Transport of Nigeria), Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi (D-8 Secretary-General), and Ambas-

sador Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi (Permanent Secretary and D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria) delivered their statements. In their statements, they emphasized, among others, the cornerstone of shipping cooperation for effective promotion of trade & investment, as well as growing the D-8 Countries' economy.



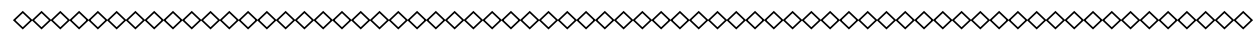
The meeting reviewed the implementation of the decisions adopted at the 1st and 2nd Expert Working Group. In addition, the Meeting also discussed some substantive issues under shipping and maritime services, some of which, among others, are, ship-building and repairs, human capacity building (i.e. training for cadet), Public Private Partnership in shipping projects and infrastructure, maritime capacities, as well as stakeholders networking. The Meeting also encouraged Member States to enter into mutual agreements (i.e. Memorandum of Understanding between shipping stakeholders in D-8 Countries) and joint venture cooperation to develop the shipping and maritime services.





# D-8 Secretary-General visited Marmara Foundation

D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Akkan Suver, the Chairman of Marmara Group Foundation in Istanbul on 4 March 2014. Secretary-General Mousavi informed Dr. Suver of the D-8 activities and emphasized the importance of the cooperation between Think Tanks and D-8. Dr. Mousavi also underlined the importance of D-8's visibility in Turkey, as the next Chair of the Organization. He also mentioned that not only the contribution of political organizations, but also the contribution of business world, academia and non-governmental organizations are significant for the D-8's growth and prosperity.



# D-8 Secretary-General's visit to Ambassador Kenan Ipek



D-8 Secretary-General Mousavi paid a courtesy visit to Ambassador Kenan Ipek, the recently appointed Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey in Istanbul on 7 February 2014. During the visit, both sides exchanged views on how to increase the visibility of the Organization. Ambassador Ipek

pointed out the importance of establishing relations with D-8 and the African Union, a union consisting of 54 African states based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he represented Turkey as an Ambassador in his previous tenure. Ambassador Ipek reiterated that there will continue his full fledged support for D-8.

## D-8 Secretary-General joins the Fifth Think Tanks Forum of OIC Member States



In his keynote speech at the Fifth Think Tanks Forum of OIC Member States Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, expressed that in this era of globalization and inter-dependence, governments in developed and developing countries are revitalizing their national economies through various strategies, policies, and measures, including through establishing or joining group/collective arrangements. The complexity of today's global economic environment has made it more important to recognize and encourage the qualitative as well as the quantitative aspects of growth, integrating such concepts as inclusiveness, environmental sustainability to provide constructive works.

The complexity of today's global economic environment, globalization and inter-dependence are imperative to be considered as important issues for developing countries. In this line, upon invitation from the Government of Republic of Iraq, Iraqi Prime Group for Strategic Studies and

Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM), D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, attended the "5th Think Tanks Forum of the OIC Countries", from 21 to 22 February 2014, Baghdad – the Republic of Iraq. In his statement at opening session of the Forum,

Dr. Mousavi highlighted the role of D-8 as one of Intergovernmental Organizations, including the background, objectives, development potentials (i.e. resources, market size/population, etc.) as well as the areas of cooperation.



In addition, Dr. Mousavi emphasized the D-8's perspectives on unity in diversity among its Member States. The reality of diversity in many respects among the D-8 Member States was, somehow, taken for granted, including the natural resource endowment, infrastructure, technical/technological advancement, etc. In this context, the D-8 members

should engage in cooperative efforts to ensure that the entire D-8 community benefits – collectively – from such capacities and capabilities and reaches higher level of development and prosperity, in ameliorating the state of extreme wealth and rampant poverty. Dr. Mousavi also underlined the role of D-8 Organization towards globalization. He emphasized

that the D-8 Organization – through its principal organs and technical meetings – has been experimenting, with the best possible ideas and formulas, to present an overall picture of the significant changes taking place in the global level with important implications and repercussions for the future of the cooperation.



With the political significance of the upcoming 9th Summit in 2014 in Turkey, the Organization is bound to seize this momentum to enter its second life-cycle phase, and strategically devise effective way to achieve its entire goals, in accordance with the principles of its great founders. Finally, in his concluding statement, he added that D-8 and its Member States are preparing in line with the vision for the future of the Organization, including the importance of competitiveness and partnership. The pressures stemmed from the current economic and political situation in the world had directly challenged D-8 to seek innovative ways to sustain their economies. The vision needs to address concerns for macroeconomic stability – both domestically and internationally – and for competitiveness, domestically. All these dimensions need to be organized in the coherent agenda of the Organization.



## D-8 Secretary-General visited Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)



D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of the Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the subsidiary organ of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Halit Eren

on 6 March 2014, at IRCICA's headquarters in the historical Yıldız Palace in Besiktas, Istanbul. Dr. Mousavi exchanged views with Dr. Eren on the areas of potential future cooperation between the two organizations. During his visit, he was informed of the histo-

rical works and the studies being conducted at the Center. Secretary-General Mousavi, at the end of his program, signed the IRCICA's special book. Director General Eren later presented a Holy Quran which was attributed to Ali b. Abi Talib, the copy of Sana'a.



# D-8 Secretary-General meets Ambassador Aminu Wali, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria



The D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, called on H.E. Ambassador Aminu Wali, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on 12 March 2014, in Abuja, Nigeria. During the Meeting, Secretary-General Mousavi

conveyed his sincere congratulations to Ambassador Wali, on his appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. He also expressed gratitude for the extraordinary support and active role of Nigeria to the Organization, including hosting of two

Ministerial Meetings in Nigeria in 2013, namely the 1st Trade Minister Council (June 2013) and the 4th Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security (December 2013).



Dr Mousavi also briefed the Minister on a number of Organization's activities and recent organizational accomplishments, such as D-8 Charter, D-8 Global Vision, D-8 Agreements, and MoUs signed with regional and international organizations. Furthermore, Dr. Mousavi also informed the Minister on the importance of the 9th D-8 Summit which will be held in Turkey in 2014. Responding to the D-8 Secretary-General, the Hon'ble Minister highlighted that Nigeria has always fully supported the Organization with a view to achieving its objectives. In addition, the Minister underlined that the Organization's role in the international economic decision process to make positive contributions to economic growth and sustainable development for its members is imperative due to competitiveness and globalization around the world.





## Secretary-General attended ESAM's International Congress Meeting

In his keynote speech at the ESAM's International Congress Meeting Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General mentioned the achievements of D-8 Organization:

- The ratification of the "Visa Agreement", entered into force on 05 February 2010.
- The ratification of the "Preferential Trade Agreement among D-8 Member States", entered into force on 25 August 2011.
- The ratification of the "Customs Agreement", entered into force on 24 October 2011.





The Economic and Social Research Center (ESAM) organized 23rd Congress of the International Union of Muslim Communities in Istanbul on Thursday at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel. The Congress had participants of 120 politicians and academics from 50 countries.

- The ratification of the “Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Civil Aviation”
- D-8 Statutory Documents, adopted in Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia on July 2008
- D-8 Charter, adopted in Islamabad on November 2012 (8th Summit)
- D-8 Global Vision adopted in Islamabad on November 2012 (8th Summit)
- Memorandum of Understandings with OIC, ECO, IYF, AARDO
- Letter of Intent with World Maritime University
- Relations with other international organizations like OIC, ECO, IYF, AARDO, WMU, ISC

The congress started with recitation of the holy Quran. The congress theme entitled ‘Global Threats and Islamic World’ envisioned bringing together politicians and opinion leaders to discuss problems in the Islamic world. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General in his statement at the Congress, said that the organization had created both opportunities and challenges for developing countries, conscious of the deep-rooted and sincere aspirations of humanity for peace, dialogue, cooperation, justice, equality and democracy. He added that “D-8 is based on friendship, solidarity and pursuit of sustainable economic growth, endowed with abundant human and natural resources, aspires to become a dynamic economic grouping promoting sustainable development of its Member States, as well as be a major actor in

the global economic governance and system, and international economic cooperation.” Furthermore, the Secretary-General Mousavi highlighted trade figures of the D-8. He said the total trade of D-8 countries at the end of 2012 was \$1.8 trillion and it covered about 5.0% of the total world trade in 2012, which was around \$36 trillion. Mousavi also expressed that trade between D-8 Countries at the end of 2012 was approximately about \$150 billion or 8.2% of the total 1.8 trillion trade volume. Secretary-General mentioned that the 9th D-8 Summit will be held in Turkey in 2014 as a turning point and said, “All the Member States have made Presidency term for two years. Next year Turkey will be taking over the Presidency. Therefore, the second life-cycle of D-8 is going to start in the history of the Organization.”

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## Reception hosted by Embassy of Pakistan for D-8 Ambassadors



The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Ankara, Turkey hosted a reception for Ambassadors of the Developing Eight (D-8) Member States on 10 April 2014. At the reception, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General said that the D-8 intra-trade volume amounted to USD 130 billion in 2013 and is targeted to increase the volume of trade to USD 500 billion by 2018 in line with the Kuala Lumpur Roadmap. "The figu-

re may look large, but we hope to reach our goals," he added. Dr. Mousavi informed the Ambassadors about upcoming D-8 meetings to be held in Turkey, especially the 9th D-8 Summit which will be held in December 2014. He stated that by organizing the 9th Summit in 2014, D-8 will be completing its first phase of rotation of hosting Summit since its inception in 1997. "In the upcoming Summit, Turkey, will be assuming the Chairmanship

again as the initiator of the Organization, and I expect D-8 to shift from "coordination of policies" to "project implementation" phase", he added. Meanwhile, Turkey also will be hosting the Ministerial Meetings on Energy, Trade, Agriculture, Tourism and Transportation in 2014. The D-8 Energy Ministers will gather in Kayseri on 28th May 2014 in and we are delighted that Turkey will host this first meeting on energy," he concluded.



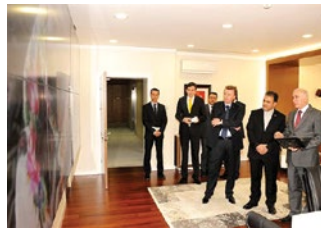
# Turkey Reiterates its full-fledged Support to D-8



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Bilal Eksi, the Director-General, the Directorate General (DG) of the Civil Aviation of Turkey, in Ankara on 9 April 2014. During the call on, they discussed about the potentials, opportunities, challenges, and

threats of D-8 Organization in civil aviation cooperation and exchanged information and ideas on how to further enhance cooperation in the areas of civil aviation. The meeting also discussed time frame for implementation of the programme so that it will benefit the industry and businesses people. Dr. Mousavi also visited the state-run Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) headquarters. In a meeting with Mr. Ibrahim Sahin, the Director General of TRT, Dr. Mousavi emphasized that news material and media sharing among the Member States' will promote the D-8's visibility. He also exchanged fruitful discussions

with Anadolu Agency (AA) on the issue of increasing the visibility and leverage of the Organization through a closer cooperation before the next D-8 Summit end of 2014 in Turkey. "As I already pointed out, we expect, as initiator of D-8, Turkey's contributions to cover D-8 activities and events more often. I believe by setting up such network, we will increase the visibility of the Organization and also promote cooperation among the Member States" he concluded. During his visit, Dr. Mousavi received information regarding the TRT's historical structure that was established in 1968 and launched 16 TV channels and 15 radios.



TRT Director General, Mr. Ibrahim Sahin and Anadolu Agency Director General, Mr. Kemal Ozturk both agreed to give full-fledged support to increase the visibility of the D-8 Organization through a closer cooperation.

# Secretary-General attends international conference on 'International Development Cooperation: trends and emerging opportunities'



Secretary General Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi attended the international conference on 'Trends and Emerging Opportunities - perspectives of the new actors' jointly organized by Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Istanbul, Turkey. The conference started with the opening

speeches by H.E. Emrullah İşler, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey and Hon Helen Clark, the UNDP Administrator. The conference aimed at focusing on the global debate on future of development cooperation and its main theme was the changing trend in development cooperation as well as emergence of new

actors & their perspectives in the development cooperation paradigm. The conference also focused on the need for effective development partnership as well as intensification of cooperative efforts. The discussion focused on growth with effective partnership rather than growth as an outcome of aid effectiveness.



Secretary-General Mousavi took part in the Ministerial panel moderated by Hon Ms. Helen Clark, the UNDP Administrator and attended by current and former Ministers, Head of development agencies and head of Foreign Ministry from Jamaica, South Korea, Norway, Russia and Haiti respectively. Mousavi gave a background of D-8 and highlighted the role and engagement of the Organization as a prominent inter-governmental entity for economic development as en-

visaged by its leaders. He said that D-8 provided a good platform for promoting South-South Cooperation. He mentioned that D-8 had marked significant progress over the period of 16 years since its establishment in the areas such as industry, trade, transportation etc. and thus had contributed to the economic uplift of the people of the region. He also pointed to the fact that States are increasingly moving toward regional cooperation because of the commonalities they

share and of effectiveness in cooperation. The conference attracted Ministers, Heads of development cooperation agencies, senior government officials and civil society and development actors, a mix of high-level participants from different coterie of global development cooperation regime. It provided an excellent forum for the policy-makers and practitioners to share their views and experiences on the current global process of development cooperation.

# D-8 Secretary-General Welcomes Easing of Sanctions on Iran

Dr. Mousavi, during an interview with the IRNA News Agency on 4 February 2014 in Ankara, expressed that with the relief of the sanctions, Iran, an important country in the region and active member of the D-8 Organization, will be able to accelerate its contribution to global trade as well as to the intra-trade volume within the D-8 Member States. Related to this, the Secretary-General referred to the objectives of D-8, which are: to improve Member States' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance par-



ticipation in decision-making at international level and improve

standards of living of the Member States. In addition, Dr. Mousavi mentioned about the upcoming D-8 Summit to be held in Turkey in the last quarter of 2014 and said that he had visited Turkish High Officials such as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Transport, Maritime Affairs and Telecom to make the upcoming D-8 Summit more meaningful and productive. He called for implementation of Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) among the Member States which can boost economic cooperation effectively.

## Press Release on World Press Freedom Day

The Secretary-General extends his heartiest congratulations to the local and global media community on the occasion of World Press Freedom day on 03 May 2014, which is crucially important for a vibrant civil society and a properly functioning system. Media constitutes a significant and inseparable part in each society to build the bridge between the state and its people. Media, press in particular, has a vital importance to uphold the practice of democracy and good governance through establishing transparency among institutions that interplay within a state. It is also immensely relevant to build



public opinion and awareness in the entire gamut of the public domain, which is translated into shaping public institutions in line with the popular demand. Freedom of media, therefore, is of primary importance to ensure that people's voices are heard and that the interface between

the government and mass people works to the benefit of the later. Role of media in this complex web of interconnectedness is extensive and instrumental. Freedom is a criterion that is naturally attributed to the Media because of its responsible, pervasive and crucial role to the greater community. The D-8 Secretariat joins the global media community in celebrating the inspiring and constructive freedom of the press and wishes a freer and more pluralistic media environment which will eventually continue to contribute to the constructive engagement among all stakeholders for a free, fair and inclusive society.

## Ambassador Dr. Martin, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria visits the D-8 Secretariat



H.E. Ambassador Dr. Martin Ihoeghian Uhomoibhi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria paid a courtesy visit to the Secretary-General of D-8, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, at the premise of the D-8 Secretariat in Istanbul, on Monday 7 April 2014. They exchanged views on the various aspects of the Organization. During the Meeting, Secretary-General Mousavi expressed gratitude for the extraordinary support and the active role of Nigeria to the Organization. Moreover, Dr. Mousavi thanked Dr.

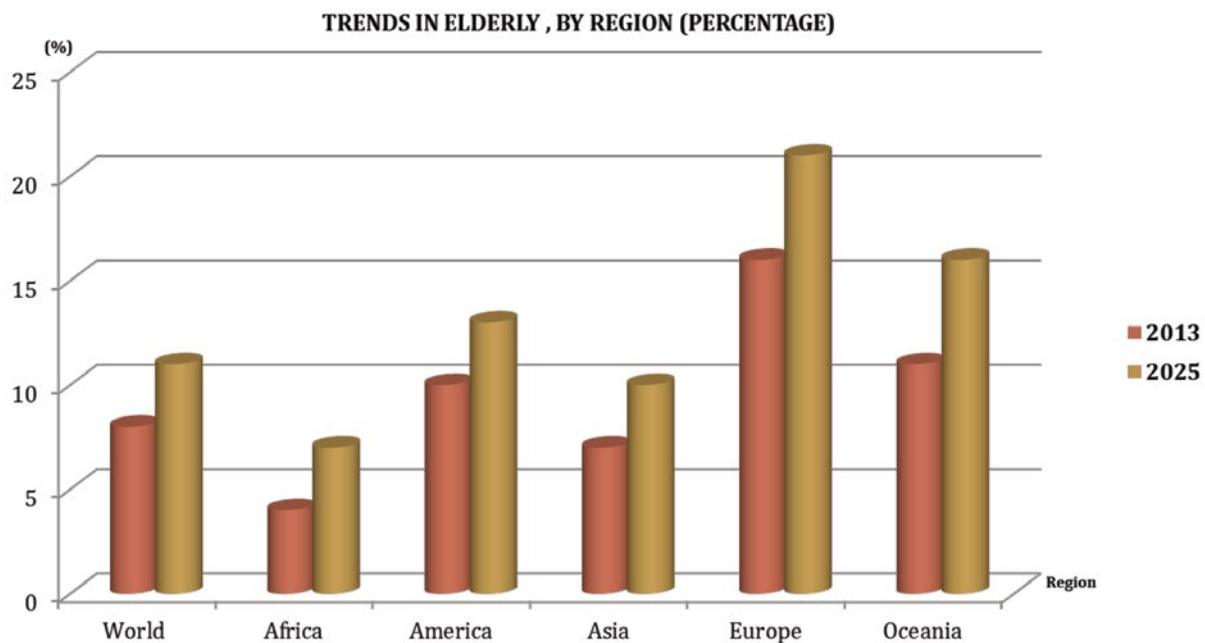
Martin for Nigerian initiative in the establishment of Permanent Mission of Nigeria to D-8 in Istanbul in 2012. Dr. Mousavi also discussed in depth the prospect to revitalize the D-8 state of cooperation in its second life-cycle, in bringing D-8 into a higher level where it belongs to. Nigeria's continued important role in this regard is highly expected. Furthermore, Dr. Mousavi also informed the Commissioner on the importance of the 9th D-8 Summit which will be held in Turkey in 2014 as well as briefed other events of 2014. They exchanged views on the issue of the visibility

of the Organization. Dr. Mousavi underlined that in enhancing the visibility of our Organization as well as bringing our countries closer, the Secretariat opened D-8 Social Media accounts in the web by sharing and highlighting activities, news and events. He also mentioned to Ambassador Martin the Secretariat's initiative to enlarge the Organization's international partnership and in particular establishment of relation between D-8 and the African Union, a union consisting of 54 African states based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

# D-8 Eyes on the Challenges and Opportunities of Population Ageing

In accordance with Turkey's 2023 Healthy and Age Friendly Country Strategy, the World Ageing Council in association with EMITT ISTANBUL 2014 – the Eastern Mediterranean International Travel & Tourism organized the Global Health and Ageing Summit on 1 February 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey.

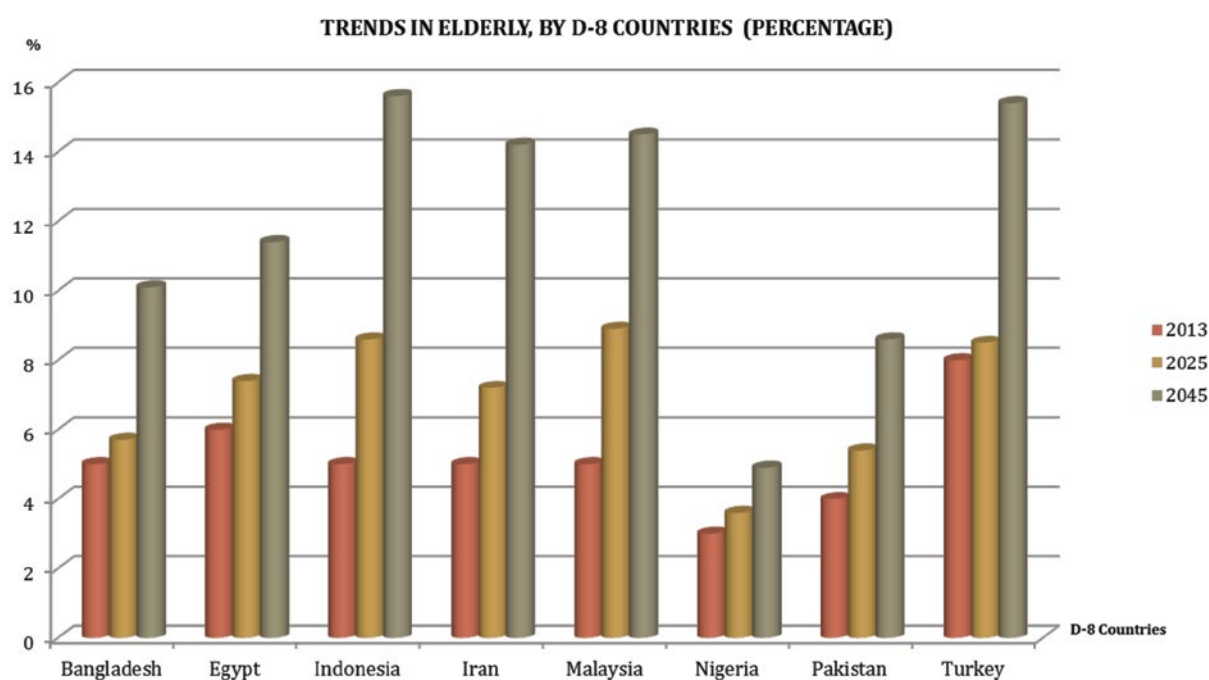
A statement was delivered on behalf of D-8 Secretariat, as one of the participants at the first day morning session. Subsequently, a presentation on the D-8 Population Ageing and Elderly: Facts, Challenges, and Solutions was made. Some highlights of current situation of global health and ageing drawn by D-8 Secretariat in the event is delineated bellow:





Referring to the report of the Population Division of Department of Economics and Social Affairs of United Nation (UN) in 2013, it was emphasized in the presentation that the growth of large cities and metropolitan areas had been one of the most remarkable factors in determining the shape of demography in urban areas during the past decades. Furthermore, the share of people aged 60+ in the world had reached 8% of total population at the end of 2013, and subsequently is expected to reach 12% by 2025.

In addition, fertility is another issue looming large on the population. This will affect the percentage of elderly people in future, in which by the year 2045, Indonesia and Turkey will have the oldest population among D-8 Member States. The following figure shows some challenges to government and private sector on how to manage elderly population in D-8 countries.



Population ageing, especially in D-8 Countries, forewarns the challenges as well as readiness of the States to manage the situation. It is a burning issue for the health policymakers as well.

# D-8 strengthens marine and fisheries cooperation through management and capacity building

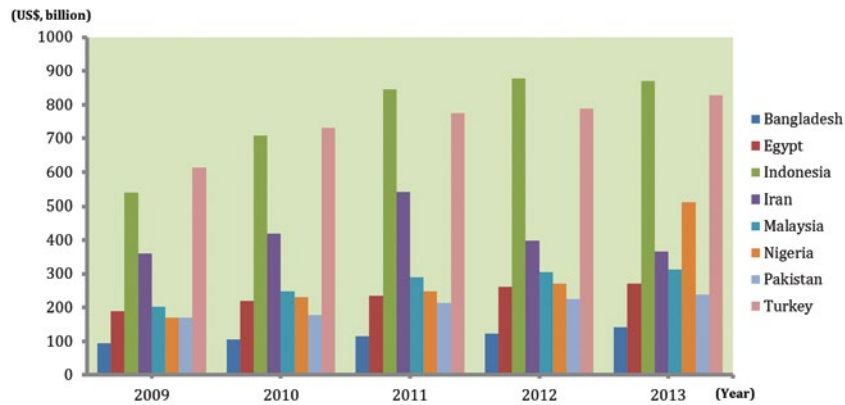


Turkey hosted a forum of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries on 6 June 2014 in Izmir, Turkey. The Forum was intended to strengthen cooperation in the field of Marine, fisheries and aquaculture sector development. In D-8, marine affairs and fisheries

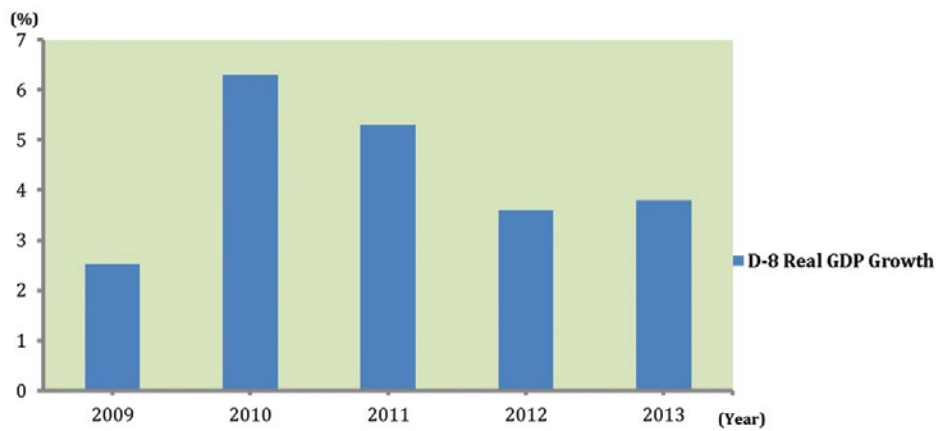
is one of vital sectors under agricultural and food security cooperation. The main objectives of this forum were, among others, increasing trade on fisheries and aquaculture industry as well as exchange of experiences and best practices in the promotion and development of the fisheries sector. The forum also discussed capacity building programme, intra-trade in fisheries as well fisheries and aquaculture management among D-8 Member States. Considering the importance of marine and fisheries role in food security, the Forum highlighted some essential elements such as improved physical infrastructure, better extension and training ser-

vices, more efficient marketing practices and the wider dissemination of fish processing and preservation technologies as well as technical cooperation in the field of sea farming, which were need to be accorded due attention henceforth and pursued in earnest further. Subsequently, the Forum also welcomed another event for this area of cooperation, namely Marine & Fisheries Expo, which will be held on 25-29 August 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Forum encouraged D-8 Member States to take active participation in this expo in order to promote their respective marine and fisheries industry.

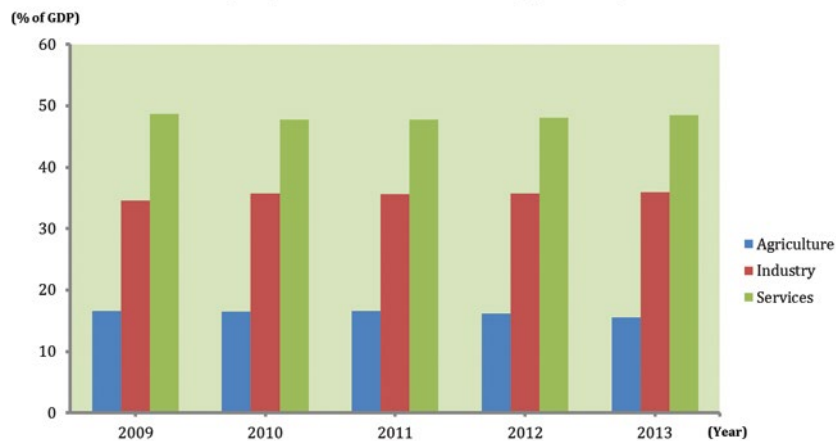
GDP of D-8 Member States (Current Prices; US\$, billion)



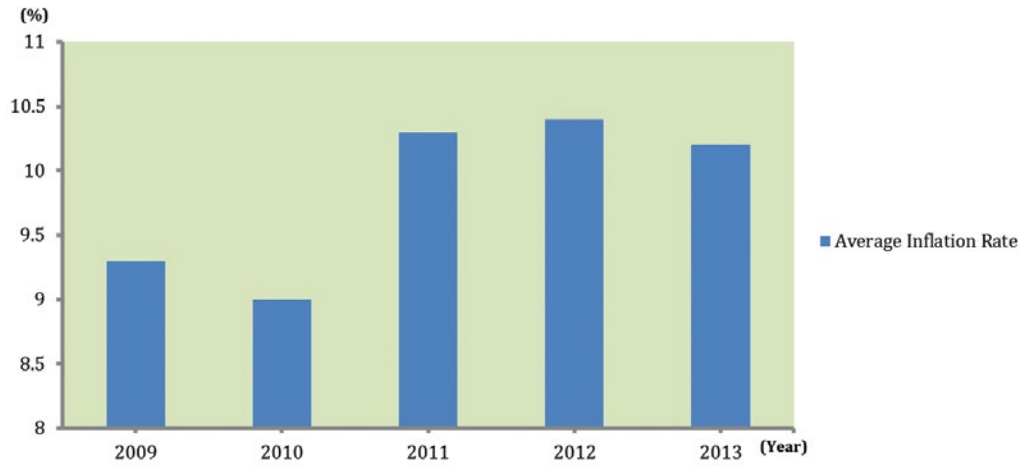
D-8 Real GDP Growth (average rate, %)



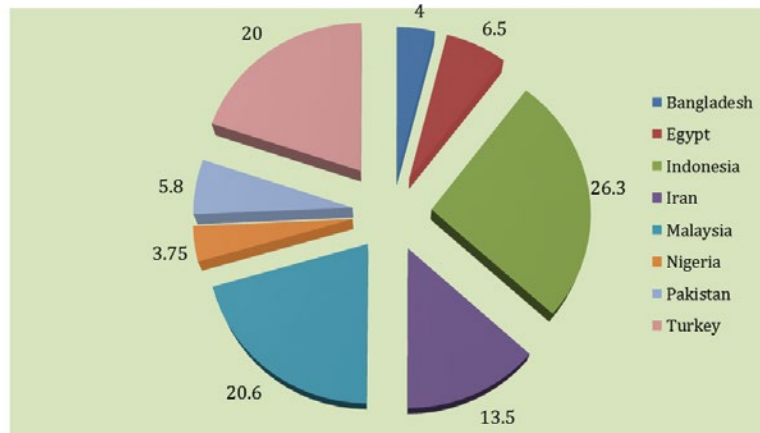
Value-added by Major Sectors of the D-8 Economy (% of GDP)



D-8 Average Inflation Rate (%)



Intra Trade volume within D-8 countries in 2013 (%)



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook, April 2014

# D-8 External Relations

D-8 has viewed with positive eyes the establishment and promotion of liaison and cooperation with other regional and multilateral institutions and organizations. Actual establishment of such liaison was pursued following the establishment of the Secretariat (2006) and, more specifically, after the appointment of D-8 Secretary-General (2007). Conclusions of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), International Youth Foundation (IYF), Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC) and a Letter of Intent (LoI) with World Maritime University (WMU) represent the outcome of the activities undertaken since.



## ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC)



## ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)



## ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO)





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DEVELOPMENT  
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**INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY (IRENA)**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

No.	Title of Meeting	Tentative Date	Venue	Status
1	Meeting of Consular Authorities of D-8 Member States on Simplification of Visa Procedure	17-18 February 2014	Tehran, Iran	Successfully Held
2	3 <sup>rd</sup> D-8 Expert Working Group Meeting on Shipping	11-12 March 2014	Abuja, Nigeria	Successfully Held
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisory Committee of PTA	9-10 April 2014	Ankara, Turkey	Successfully Held
4	D-8 Workshop on Information Technologies	16-17 April 2014	Ankara, Turkey	Successfully Held
5	D-8 Expert Workshop on Financial Inclusion, Branchless Banking and Islamic Finance	21 April 2014	Islamabad, Pakistan	Successfully Held
6	1 <sup>st</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Energy	26-28 May 2014 <i>*Postponed*</i>	Kayseri, Turkey	
7	Newborn Resuscitation Operators Training Program (Mother and Child Health Care)	27-28 May 2014 <i>*Postponed*</i>	Ankara, Turkey	
8	Workshop on ISTA Rules and Breeding	03-05 June 2014 <i>*Postponed*</i>	Diyarbakir, Turkey	
9	D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation on Capacity Building	03-04 June 2014	Istanbul, Turkey	Successfully Held
10	D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries	06 June 2014	Izmir, Turkey	Successfully Held
11	35th Session of Commission	10-11 June 2014	Islamabad, Pakistan	Successfully Held
12	D-8 Workshop on Investment in Animal/Livestock Feeds Production	06-08 August 2014	Abuja, Nigeria	Confirmed
13	D-8 Mayors' Meeting of Capitals and Metropolitan Cities	11-12 August 2014	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed



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14	4 <sup>th</sup> D-8 Petrochemical Task Force Meeting  Ad Hoc Meeting on D-8 Association of Petrochemical Industry	13-14 August 2014	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed
15	8 <sup>th</sup> D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation (WGCA) and Director Generals Meeting	24-25 August 2014	Bangladesh	Confirmed
16	First D-8 Seafood Business Forum and Expo 2014	25-29 August 2014	Indonesia	TBA
17	Expert Group Meeting on Halal Sector Development	August 2014	Islamabad, Pakistan	TBA
18	Meeting on Cooperation on Engineering Sector	August 2014	Islamabad, Pakistan	TBA
19	D-8 Governmental Bodies Meeting on Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bodies	2-3 September 2014	Abuja, Nigeria	Confirmed
20	2 <sup>nd</sup> High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)	24-25 September 2014	Abuja, Nigeria	Confirmed
21	5 <sup>th</sup> Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security	15 – 17 October 2014	Istanbul, Turkey	Confirmed
22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Ministers Council	20-21 October 2014	Istanbul, Turkey	Confirmed
23	First Meeting of D-8 Free Trade Zones Authorities	22-23 October 2014	Kish Island, Iran	Confirmed
24	4 <sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Industry	28-30 October 2014	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed
26	Economic Ministerial Meeting	10-11 November 2014	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed

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27	D-8 Workshop on Cooperation Among D-8 countries in Forestry and Environmental Issues	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014	Nigeria	Confirmed
28	1 <sup>st</sup> D-8 University Chancellors Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation	TBA	Iran	Confirmed
29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of D-8 Working Committee on Renewable Energy (WCRE)	TBA	Malaysia	Confirmed
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Ministers</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> D-8 Summit</li> </ul>	TBA	Turkey	Confirmed
31	1 <sup>st</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Transportation	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014	Turkey	TBA
32	D-8 Fertilizer Association Meeting (D-8 FA)	TBA	Malaysia	Confirmed
33	Rural Women Economic Development	TBA	Iran	TBA



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