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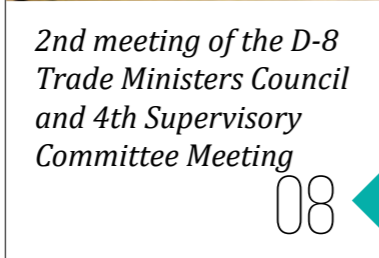


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Foreword

I cordially welcome you to the fifth edition of the D-8 Journal. This edition covers events during the period between August 2015 and December 2016.

During this period, the Secretariat was heavily engaged with multifarious activities and events aimed at achieving the goals and objectives set in the D-8 Global Vision and D-8 Roadmap.

We held a number of important Ministerial and Senior Official Meetings along with various technical level meetings in our areas of cooperation throughout the year. During this period, we successfully held 2nd D-8 Trade Ministers Council in Islamabad and D-8 Trade Ministers announced 1st July 2016 as the new date for implementation of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). This landmark decision will consolidate D-8 cooperation on trade front and help to achieve



intra-trade target of US\$ 500 billion set by its leadership.

We also successfully held 5th D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry in Egypt whereby D-8 Industry Ministers agreed to develop the strategic Plan on D-8 Industrial Cooperation as a guide to adopt and implement tailor-made programs which will contribute to the trade and investment liberalization and facilitation agenda of D-8 and endorsed project ideas on "Promoting Cooperation between Innovation Clusters and Alliances in D-8 Member States.

The second phase of the Organization will be a turning point that will move our common agenda forward in a manner commensurate with the requirements for developments and the pace of change taking place within individual Member States and the Organization as a whole.

With constructive engagement and determination by our Member Countries, D-8 will continue to march

toward consolidating the development cooperation for improving the life and living condition of our people.

The year 2017 will mark a new phase for D-8 Organization, having the 9th D-8 Summit ahead of us, to be held in Turkey, which will be the most significant event of this year and a turning point for our Organization in which Turkey would chair the Organization for the second time after 18 years in its new life-cycle.

You will find several news and pictures of D-8 activities in this edition but for further information, you may visit our website to get detailed information on the activities being pursued by the Organization. Should you require more information related to the Organization and its activities, please feel free to contact us.

Seyed Ali Mohammad MOUSAVI
Secretary - General

D-8 PRINCIPAL ORGANS

The Principal Organs of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation shall be:

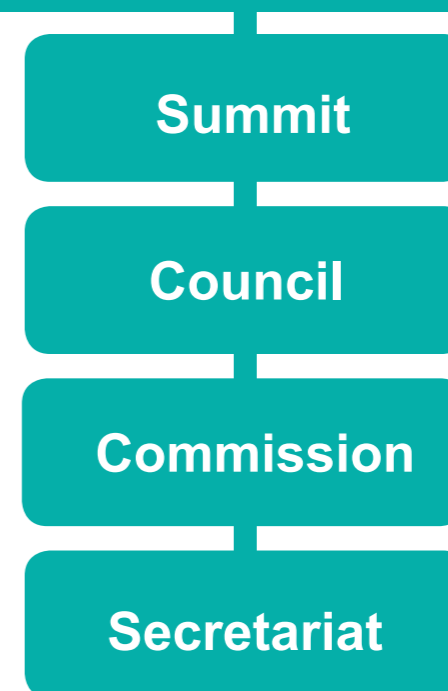
- a. Summit of Heads of State or Government
- b. Council of Ministers
- c. Commission
- d. Secretariat

The Summit comprises the Heads of State or Government of Member States and functions as the supreme organ of the D-8 Organization. The Summit is convened once every two years in the territory of one of the Member States by rotation.

The Council comprises the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States. It functions in accordance with the guidelines and policy directives of the Summit. The Council meets once a year or more if necessary in the territory of Member State, Chairman in office or any Member States or other places to be agreed upon. There shall be a Council meeting before each Summit.

The Commission is the executive organ of the Organization and functions under the guidance of the Council of Ministers. The Commission meets at least twice a year; once immediately before the Council. The Commission may convene special/extraordinary meetings, as and when necessary, to consider the issues mandated by the Council or the Summit.

D-8 ORGANOGRAM



D-8 Council

2nd Special Session

23 September 2016, New York

The second special session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers met on the sidelines of the 71st session of the UNGA on 23 September 2016 in New York. The session was arranged primarily to discuss two important issues of holding the 9th D-8 Summit and appointment of the next Secretary-General of D-8.

The Council reconfirmed the principle of rotation for holding the 9th Summit in Turkey in 2017. The Council also confirmed the recommendation of the D-8 Commissioners to delink the age limit of 60 years from the appointment of the Secretary-General by amending Article 20 of the Staff Regulations. Consequently, the Council also endorsed the D-8 Commissioners' other recommendations for the appointment of Mr. Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, the candidate of Malaysia as the next Secretary-General of D-8. It was also approved that the incumbent Secretary-General would continue in his present position until the 9th Summit.



In his statement, the D-8 Secretary-General Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi pointed out that the organization had been undergoing a critical period and urged Member States to rethink about the direction that the organization was heading to. He also stressed the need to address uncertainty in the Principal Organs, which was affecting sectorial cooperation due to lack of spirit from the Member States.

In this statement, the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Sartaj Aziz stressed the importance to remember the core objective of the D-8 and urged for collective efforts on the economic development agenda. In this regard, he especially highlighted significant progress towards the implementation of the PTA. He also elaborated on D-8's Observer Status at the UNGA.

Council Outcomes

- The Council reaffirmed the consensus of the Commission on the principle of rotation as stipulated in the Charter and practice of following alphabetical order as well as commitment of the Republic of Turkey as per the Islamabad Declaration to hold the 9th Summit in 2014.
- Republic of Turkey would convey to the Secretariat the details on the 9th D-8 Summit, i.e. date and venue, within the next 1 (one) or 2 (two) months.
- The Council endorsed the appointment of H.E. Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, the Malaysian candidate for the post of D-8 Secretary-General and proposed his candidature for final approval and appointment by the next Summit. The next Secretary-General would assume office after the next Summit
- The Council approved amendment in Article 20 (e) of the Staff Regulations as proposed by the Commission in order to exclude the provision of upper age limit for the D-8 Secretary-General.
- The Council endorsed the recommendation of the Commission for the continuation in office of the incumbent Secretary-General until the 9th Summit to be held in Turkey in early 2017.

D-8 Commission

Sessions of the D-8 Commission

2015-2016, Istanbul



Three sessions of the D-8 Commission meeting were held in Istanbul under the Chairmanship of Pakistan held on 10-11 October 2015, 16-17 April 2016 and 6-7 September 2016, respectively.

The Commission, during these three sessions, mainly discussed, among others, meetings of Principal Organs of the Organization including the date and venue of the 9th Summit and also elaborated on the outcome documents. The Commissioners also took stock of the progress in regular activities of the Organization, including finalizing the Calendar of Events for 2016 and 2017.

Commission Outcomes

- The Commission discussed the meetings of Principal Organs, in particular the 9th Summit. The Commission agreed that the next Summit will be held by Turkey according to the principle of rotation as stipulated in the Charter and practice of following alphabetical order as well as commitment of the Republic of Turkey as per the Islamabad Declaration in December 2012.
- The Commission proposed and adopted the amendment on the Article 20 (e) of the Staff Regulations in order to exclude the provision of upper age limit for the D-8 Secretary-General.
- The Commission approved the appointment of H.E. Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, the Malaysian candidate for the post of D-8 Secretary-General and proposed his candidature for final approval and appointment by the next Summit. The next Secretary-General would assume office after the next Summit. The Commission also approved the continuation in office of the incumbent Secretary-General until the 9th Summit to be held in Turkey in early 2017.
- During the Commission sessions, the external relations of the Organization were reviewed and updated.
- Secretariat Budgets of 2016 and 2017 were discussed and endorsed by the Commission.
- Calendar of Events for years 2016 and 2017 was updated during the Commission meeting.

Our hearts are profoundly laden with sorrow at the untimely demise of Mr. Buchari Hasnil Bakar, Deputy Director of Directorate of Socio-Cultural Affairs and International Organization of Developing Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. No words of condolence will adequately express our deepest sadness at his passing away.

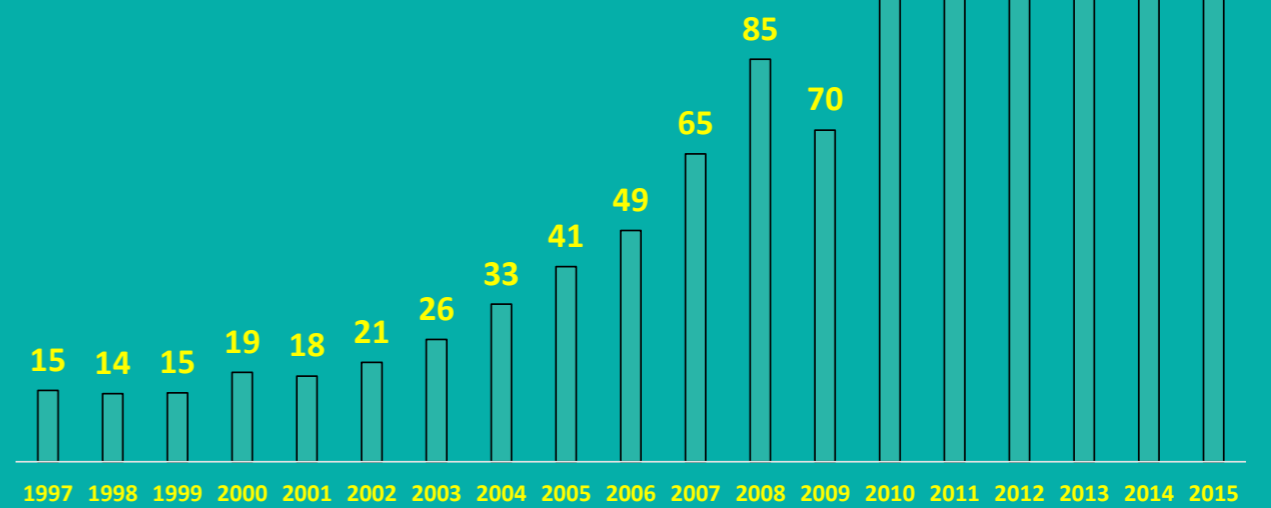


Special session of D-8 Commission, 10-11 October 2015



37th regular session of the D-8 Commission 16-17 April 2016

TRADE



D-8 Intra Trade (1997-2015), Billion USD

TRADE

2nd meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council and 4th Supervisory Committee Meeting

16-17 February 2016, Islamabad



Islamic Republic of Pakistan hosted the 4th meeting of the D-8 Supervisory Committee on PTA and 2nd meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council in Islamabad from 16-17 February 2016.

The meeting discussed inter alia, implementation of the Preferential Trade Agreement signed in 2006, tariff reduction by members of the bloc, dispute settlement mechanism and reviewed progress so far made to consolidate D-8 Cooperation on trade front and achieve intra-trade target of US\$ 500 billion set by its leadership. The meeting deliberated upon the status of a Preferential Trade Agreement among contracting parties, review provisions of the Rules of Origin and Bangladesh's proposal to have 30 percent local value-addition criteria for the least developed countries (LDCs) as agreed amongst Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The Federal Minister for Commerce,

Khurram Dastgir Khan chaired the Ministerial session on 17 February 2016. The Ministerial plenary adopted the Islamabad Declaration reaffirming commitment of the members toward consolidation of cooperation through enhancing trade and economic activities and facilitating the same in the region.

Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, said that collaboration between D-8 governments, agencies, and private sectors in realizing the D-8 intra-trade of US\$500 billion by 2018 will reach a new height. He underscored that through beneficial cooperation and flexibility in the course of deliberations, the organization succeeded in reaping the fruits of our endeavors. He highlighted important developments so far recorded and more important steps to be taken in the meeting. He hoped that Islamabad Declaration of D-8 Trade Ministers will not only add momentum to the trade cooperation, it will also set forth strategic action plan

with a time frame for achievement of our short-, medium- and long-run objectives and targets. He added that the most important challenge as well as opportunity ahead of the organization was fulfilment of intra-trade target of US\$ 500 billion which will not only establish a strong network of economic actors but also will contribute to the betterment of life and living conditions of our people in the region. For this, he stressed the importance of active and effective collaboration between D-8 governments, agencies, and private sectors.

Since its establishment in 1997, the D-8 intra-trade volume has increased steadily, registering a growth of 16.6% from US\$20 billion in 1997 to US\$120 in 2014. The highest level was recorded in 2012, reaching almost US\$150 billion. However, the D-8 intra-trade experienced a decline in 2013 and 2014 to US\$133 billion and US\$122 billion respectively.

TMC & SC Outcomes

- Implementation date of PTA agreed on 1st July 2016
- Members to complete their internal procedure before 01 July 2016
- Members to expedite gazette notification of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement at the national level
- Member States to consider expanding Revised Offer Lists so that private sector finds incentive in trading
- Holding Special session of the Supervisory Committee under the chairmanship of Pakistan in May 2016 in Istanbul to finalize draft Dispute Settlement document and discuss Bangladesh's proposal regarding 30% local value addition criterion for LDCs
- Submission by Bangladesh a concept paper in support of their proposal for 30% local value addition criterion for LDCs by mid-March 2016
- Holding of Customs working group meeting in Pakistan to discuss and expedite Rules of Origin issues; and
- 3rd Trade Ministers' Council (TMC) and 5th Supervisory Committee (SC) meeting in 2017 in Malaysia.



4th Supervisory Committee Session



4th Supervisory Committee Session

Supervisory Committee

Special Session

30-31 May 2016 , Istanbul

Special session of Supervisory Committee of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) took place on 30-31 May 2016 in Istanbul. The meeting was held to finalize the Dispute Settlement Document of the PTA and proposal of Bangladesh for 30% Local Value Addition Criteria for LDCs.

Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, addressed the opening session and reminded the delegations of the necessity to resolve implementation-related issues at this session, for the

date of implementation of the PTA was agreed on 01 July 2016 by the D-8 Trade Ministers in their last meeting in February this year in Islamabad.

Dr. Mousavi said that the D-8 being a Member-State driven organization, agenda of cooperative partnership would be furthered by the members. He added that in order to reach the intra-trade target of US\$ 500 Billion, implementation of PTA was a necessity. He stressed the need to adopt meaningful approach and strive to

establish a strong cooperation. He also said that cost of not being able to facilitate implementation of the PTA was high and counterproductive; D-8 is a small group of like-minded nations and it must be able to reach a solution faster than any other group. He expressed belief that the spirit of cooperation prevailing in the D-8 was higher than many peer organizations largely because of the fact that the D-8 shared common concerns, challenges and opportunities which we have the willingness to deal with collectively.



Special Session Outcomes

- The Supervisory Committee agreed to develop a dispute settlement mechanism.
- Indonesia would prepare the first draft of the protocol and send it to the D-8 Secretariat by 30th June 2016. The Secretariat would transmit the document to the Member States for their feedback by 31st August 2016 which would be compiled for discussion in the upcoming regular session of the Supervisory Committee.
- The Committee recognized the cause of Bangladesh and took note of the S&DT for the LDCs. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed in the upcoming regular session of the Supervisory Committee. The Committee also noted that Egypt made comments on the Concept Paper presented by Bangladesh and would submit the comments to the Secretariat by 8th June 2016.

Private Sector

First conference of the D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry

1-2 September 2015, Kuala Lumpur



The first conference of the D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry commenced on 01 September 2015 till 02 September 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This first ever initiative of D-8 private sector congregation was organized by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM).

Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, attended the two-day gathering and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Malaysia and the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM) for their

timely initiative and efforts in hosting the meeting. Dr. Mousavi also appreciated participants from the Chambers of Commerce and Industries of the D-8 Member States for their enthusiastic attendance and constructive contributions.

According to the Secretary-General, the gathering of D-8 business leaders of private sector in order to foster trade and investment. It is also discussed collective measures for trade facilitation and tapping into the potentials. Economic prosperity is central to the discussions which stimulate job creation, technological progress and innovation. Discussions were also held on

economic diversification, specialization and competitiveness of SMEs to become part of value chains and benefit from trade linkages.

The D-8 Secretary-General also emphasized the need for trade openness and capital account convertibility for favourable investment. He hoped that the private sector meeting would be held every year in and in every capital of the D-8 Member States on the principle of rotation. He also underscored the need for private sector to lay out framework and mechanism towards enhancing future cooperation.

Private Sector

Special Session

24 December 2015, Ankara

Presidents of the D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (D-8 FCCI) met on 24 December 2015 in Ankara for the second time after their first meeting in Kuala Lumpur this year.

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, addressed the D-8 FCCI Presidents' meeting. He highlighted the importance of the meeting for achievement of D-8 intra-trade target of USD 500 billion in 2018. The Secretary-General also noted that the D-8 FCCI would promote and strengthen private sector involvement and cooperation. To achieve this objective, new and additional

mechanisms should be created to further enhance collaboration among the private sector of the D-8.

Dr. Mousavi highlighted that during the last Eminent Persons Group (EPG) meeting held on 8-9 September 2014, in Istanbul, the EPG members proposed the establishment of "D-8 Business Council" comprising government and private sector representatives to institutionalize and consolidate private sector cooperation. The Business Council should be an effective interface between the governments and the private sectors. Thus, the already established D-8 FCCI can also be linked or merged with the Business Council.

Private sector should be involved more in sectoral ministerial meetings in terms of participation and come out with project proposals for implementation.

Dr. Mousavi mentioned that D-8 Business Forum will be held in the sideline of upcoming 9th Summit, the Leaders' meeting. At the 9th Summit, the Organization is working on a new mandate to enhance sectoral cooperating as well as increase the involvement of the private sector by increasing frequency of meetings of the Business Forum.

Dr. Mousavi also hoped that the draft D-8 FCCI Charter would be finalized before the 9th Summit.



Private Sector

D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry Izmir Meeting

20-21 October 2016, Izmir



The Izmir Chamber of Commerce hosted the D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry Izmir Meeting in Izmir, Turkey from 20-21 October 2016. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry from major cities of the D-8 Member States.

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, in his opening address commended the initiative of Izmir Chamber of Commerce in organizing the D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry Izmir Meeting in Izmir, Turkey. He mentioned that Chambers of Commerce from major cities of the Member States would have the opportunity of enhancing their networking as well as fostering new business deals not only at the national level but also at the city and provincial level.

Dr. Mousavi highlighted the important role of the public and private sector partnership in moving forward the common agenda of the D-8 and stressed that the synergy of the public-private sector collaboration should be further exploited. He explained that the D-8 Member States have endeavored to create the necessary infrastructure for trade to prosper such as business-friendly policies and attractive investment incentives in order to promote and facilitate private sector in doing business. Dr. Mousavi added that it would be inspiring to see the private sector working hand in hand with the Member States and take the lead from the various initiatives being instituted by the Member States.

The two-day meeting included sharing of information on activities being carried out by each participating Chamber of Commerce and Industry as well as exchange of experience on ways and means to increase cooperation and flow of trade between participating cities and Member States.

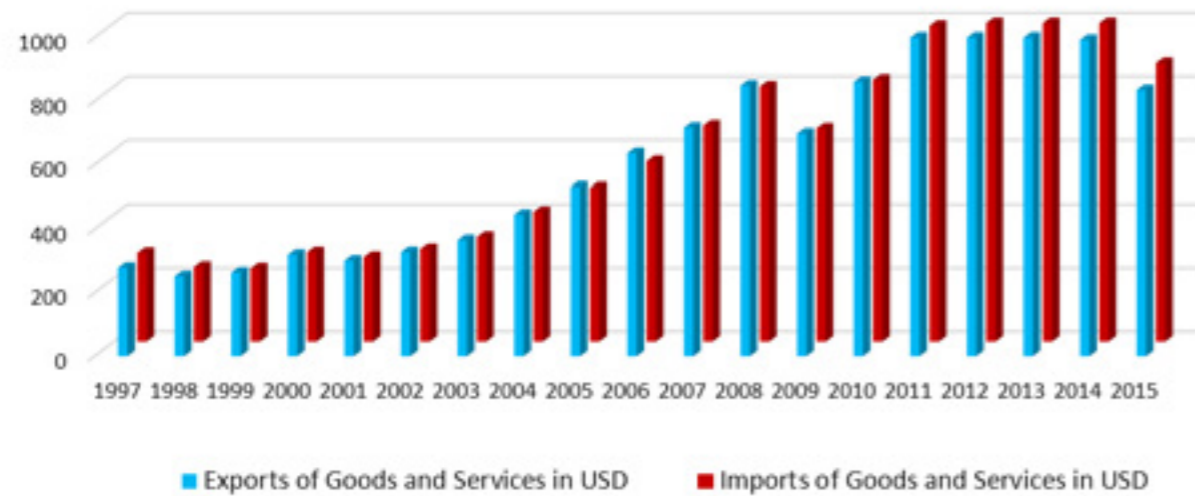
Private Sector Meeting's Outcomes

- Improvement of business environment notably through reforms and reduction of administrative procrastination and reduction of layers.
- Creation of a transparent and open regime for both domestic and foreign investors.
- Facilitation for access to finance mainly for the SMEs and development in innovative and creative industries.
- Upgrading the human resource expertise and skills.
- Strengthening market institutions and good economic governance.

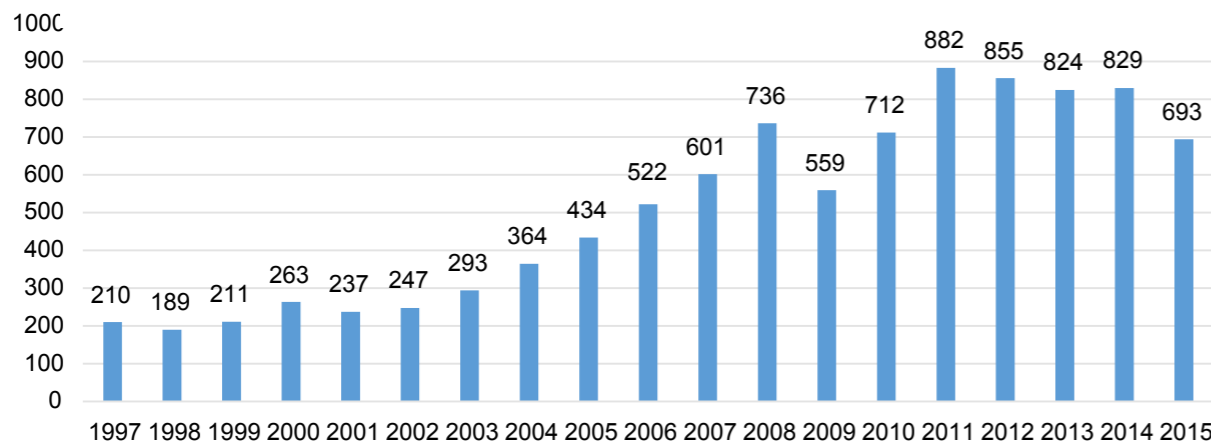
D-8 Trade Fact and Figures

From 1997 to 2015, both the extra and the intra D-8 trade had been on a constant surge. Trade diversification, technological advancements, higher economic growth, stronger transportation linkages have all played part in this progress in due time. Total exports of D-8 member states which accounted for 210 billion dollars in 1997 more than tripled and reached 693 billion dollars in 2015. The average annual growth rate of exports had been an average of 6.9% in this period.

Goods and Services Trade (1997-2015)
Billion US Dollars

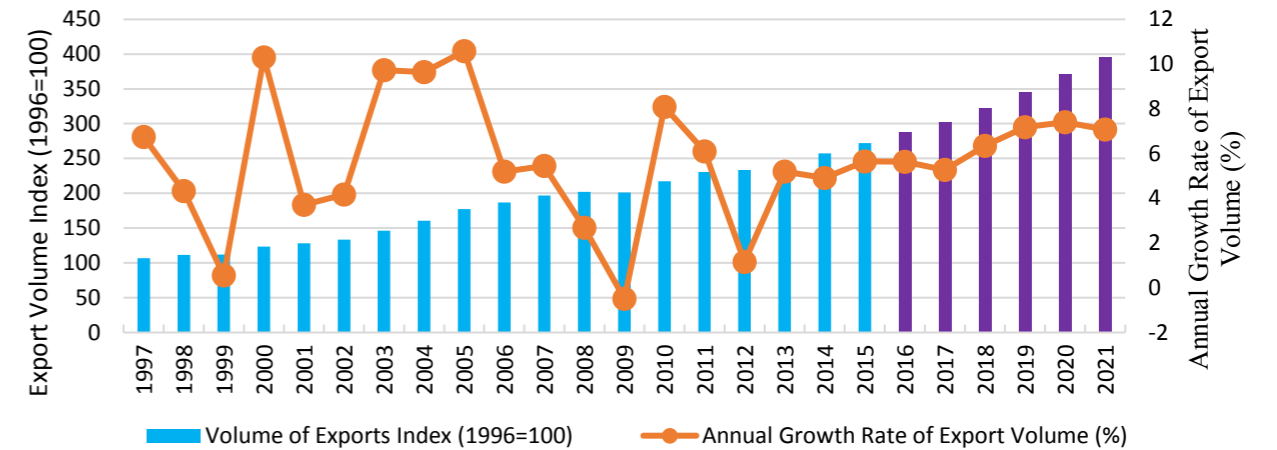


D-8 Total Merchandise Exports, billion US\$ (1997-2015)

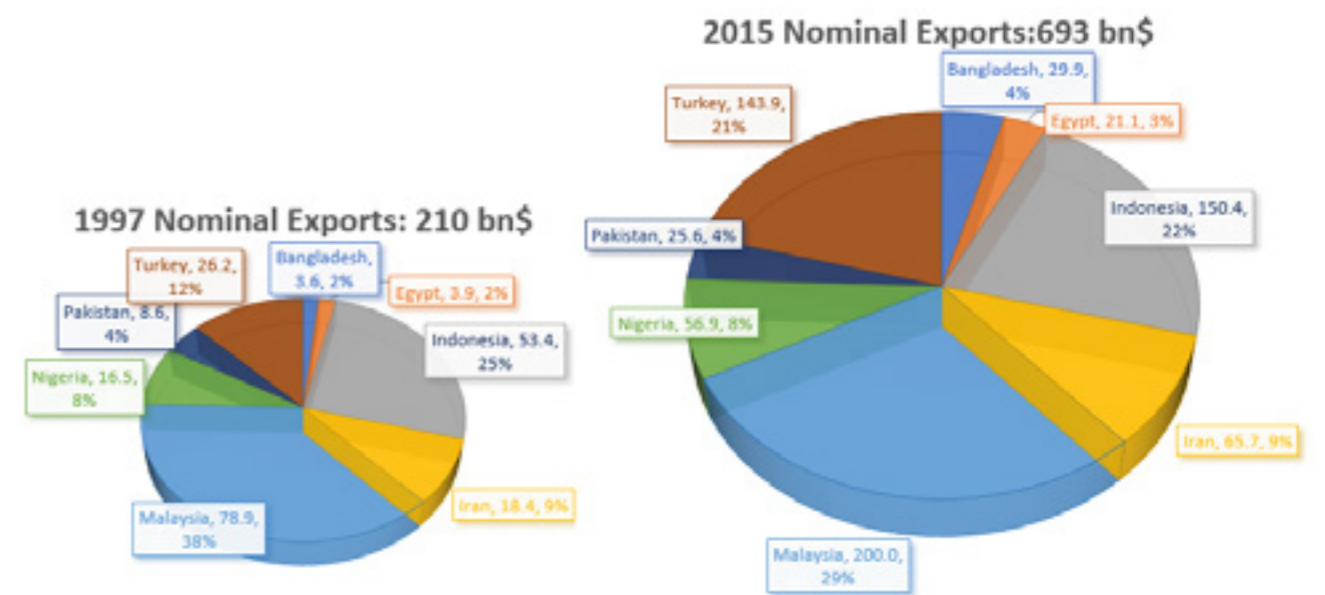


This upsurge had been halted with the souring of global economic conditions. The year 1998 was marked by the repercussions of the Asian financial crisis, 2009 was a global downturn and 2015 witnessed the plummeting of oil and non-oil commodity prices, all resulting in drastic declines in the nominal exports. Volume of exports, which represents the quantitative changes of exports on the other hand, had been on an almost uninterrupted rise between 1997-2015. This indicates that when filtered from the price effects, D-8 members managed to increase their export quantity continuously; 5.6% on average annually. It is clear that if it wasn't for the fall in oil and non-oil commodity prices and the Euro/Dollar parity in 2015, nominal exports would have been much higher, given the trend and the increase in real exports. IMF expects this upward trend to continue in the period 2016-2021.

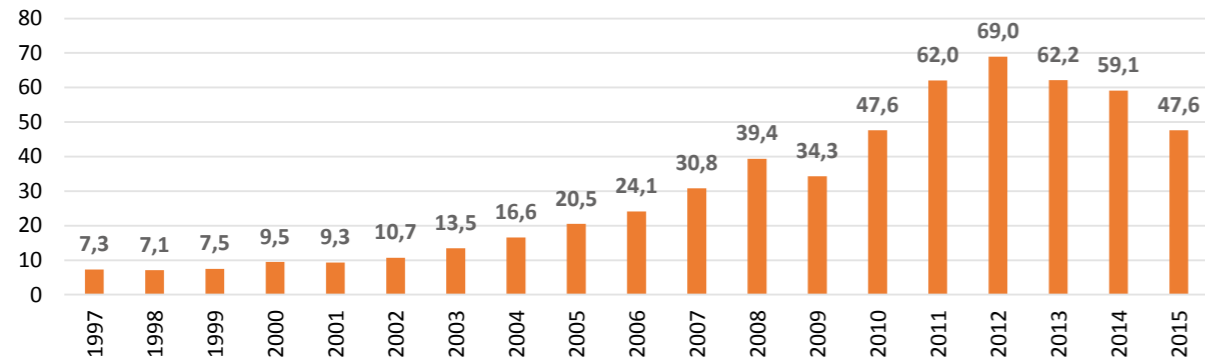
D-8 Export Volume Index



Of the 210 billion dollars of exports made in 1997, with 78.9 billion dollars and 38% share, Malaysia came the first. It was followed by Indonesia and Turkey. In 2015 the ranking did not change but Iran and Turkey managed to make a leap in terms of export share.

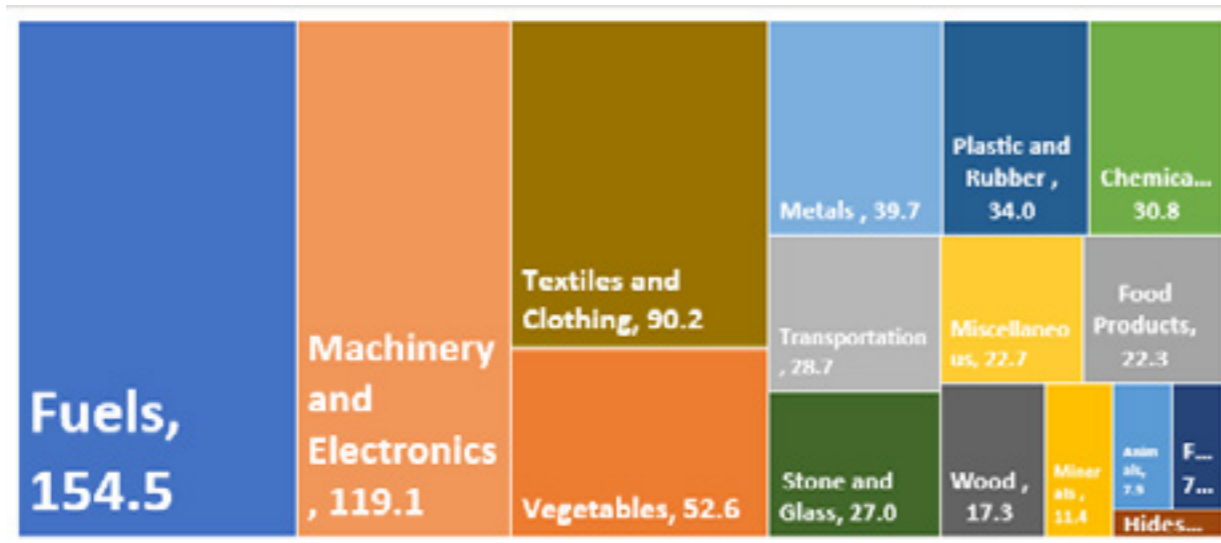


D-8 Intra Exports, billion US\$ (1997-2015)



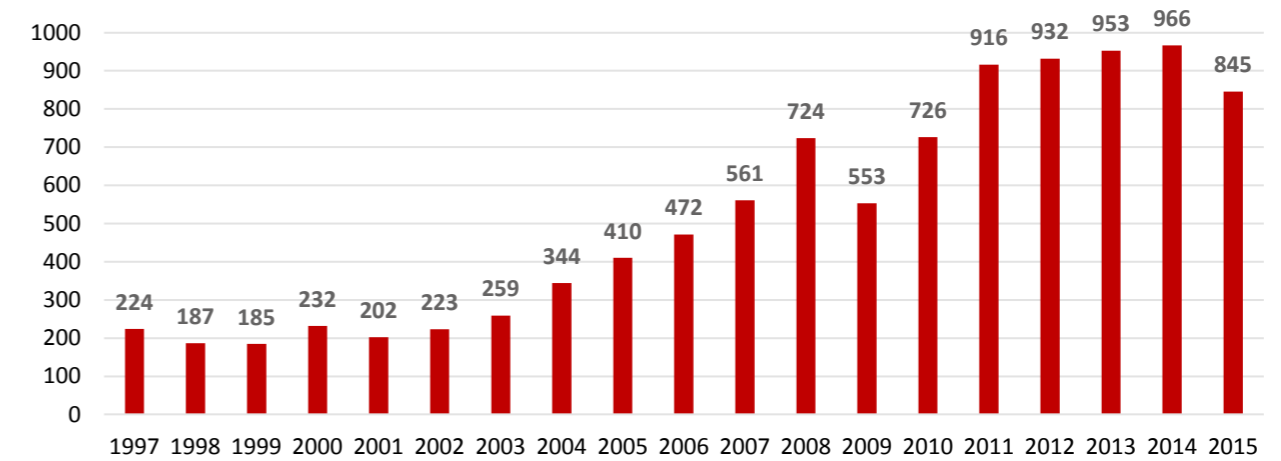
The above figure showed that from 7.3 billion dollars in 1997, the organization's exports surged to 47.6 billion dollars in 2015 with an annual average growth rate of 11%. The peak, was realized in 2012 at 69 billion dollars.

D-8 Exports by Product, billion US\$, 2015

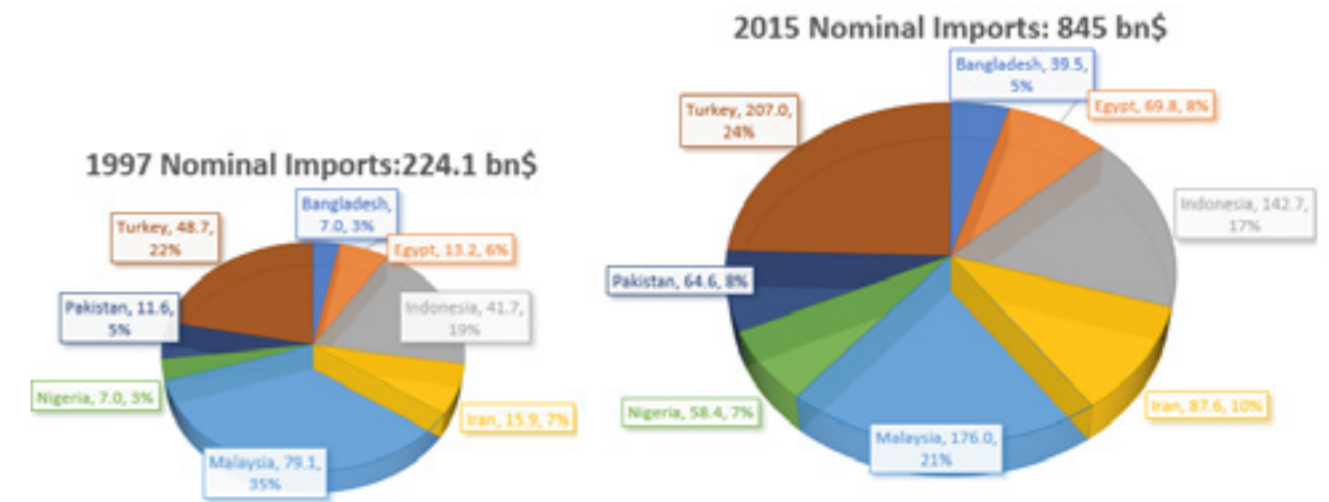


Like exports, D-8 member countries' imports were on a constant surge from 1997 to 2015. With swelling growth figures and growing demand for intermediate products and consumer goods total imports of the region which accounted for 224 billion dollars in 1997 almost quadrupled and increased to 845 billion dollars in 2015. The average annual growth rate of imports was realized as 7.7%.

D-8 Total Merchandise Imports, billion US\$ (1997-2015)

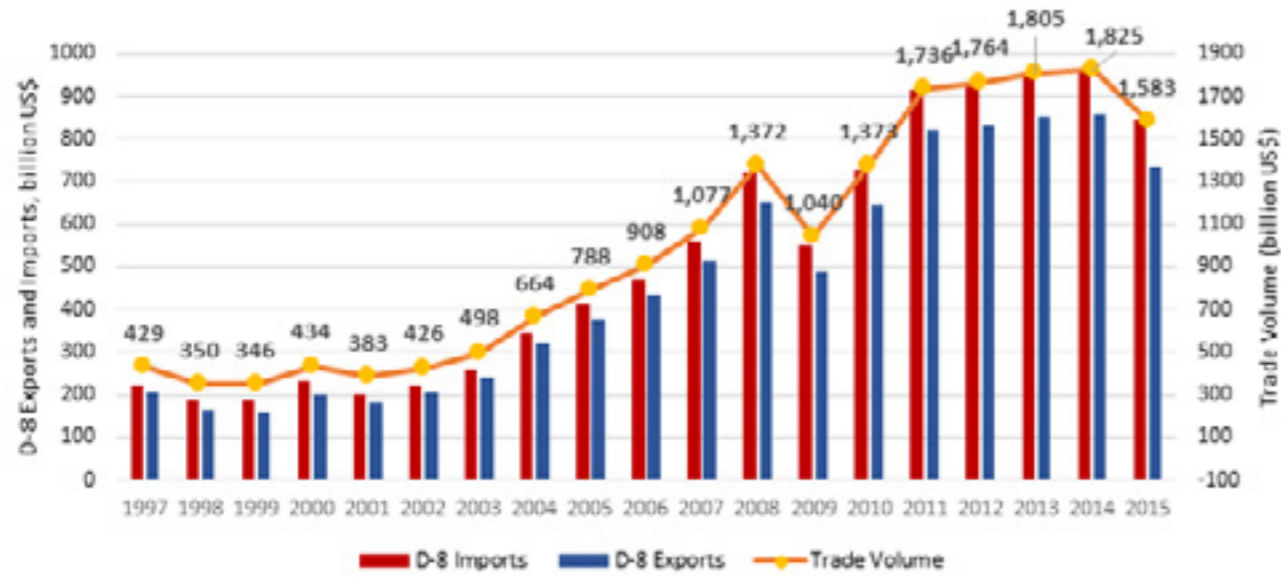


Of the 224 billion dollars of imports made in 1997, with 79.1 billion dollars and 35% share, Malaysia came the first. It was followed by Turkey and Indonesia. In 2015, Turkey became the highest importer of the region with 207 billion dollars. It was followed by Malaysia and Indonesia.



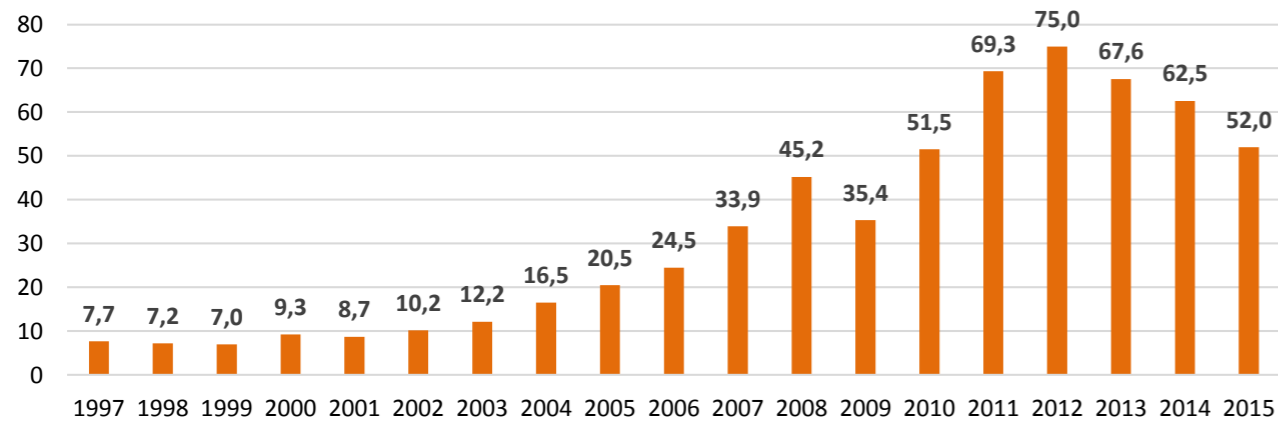
From 429 billion dollars in 1997 total trade volume almost quadrupled and reached 1,583 billion dollars in 2015. Through the period 1997-2015, the average annual growth rate of trade volume realized as 7.5%. Trade volume peaked in 2014 at 1,825 billion dollars, 966.3 billion dollars of which is imports and 858.4 billion dollars' accounted for export.

D-8 Trade Volume, billion US\$ (1997-2015)

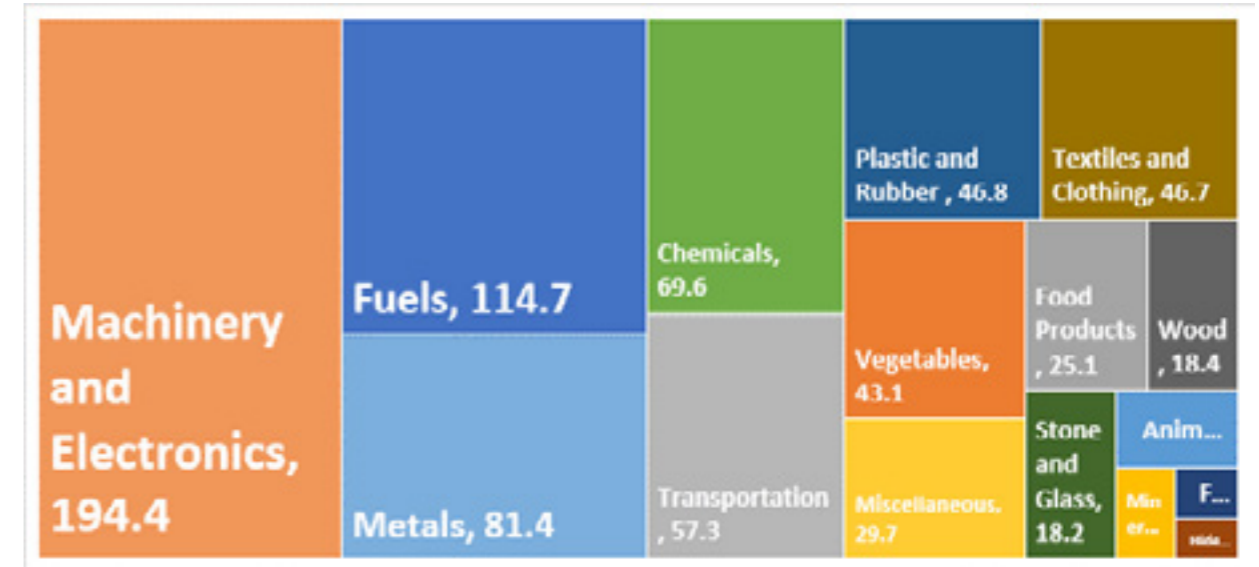


From 7.7 billion dollars in 1997, merchandise imports reached 52 billion dollars with an astonishing 11.2% average annual growth.

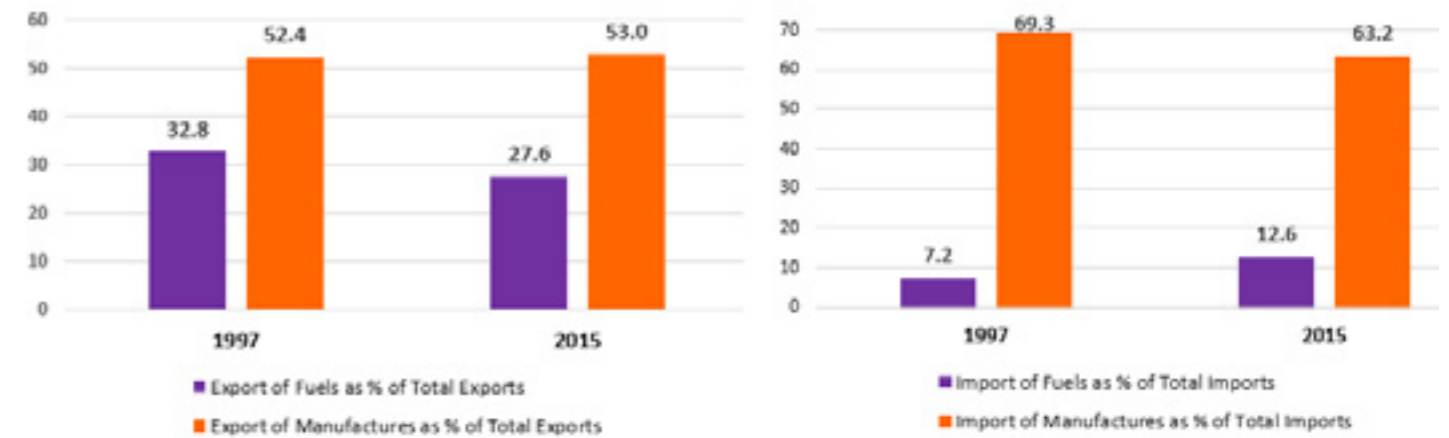
D-8 Intra Imports, billion US\$ (1997-2015)



D-8 Imports by Product, billion US\$, 2015

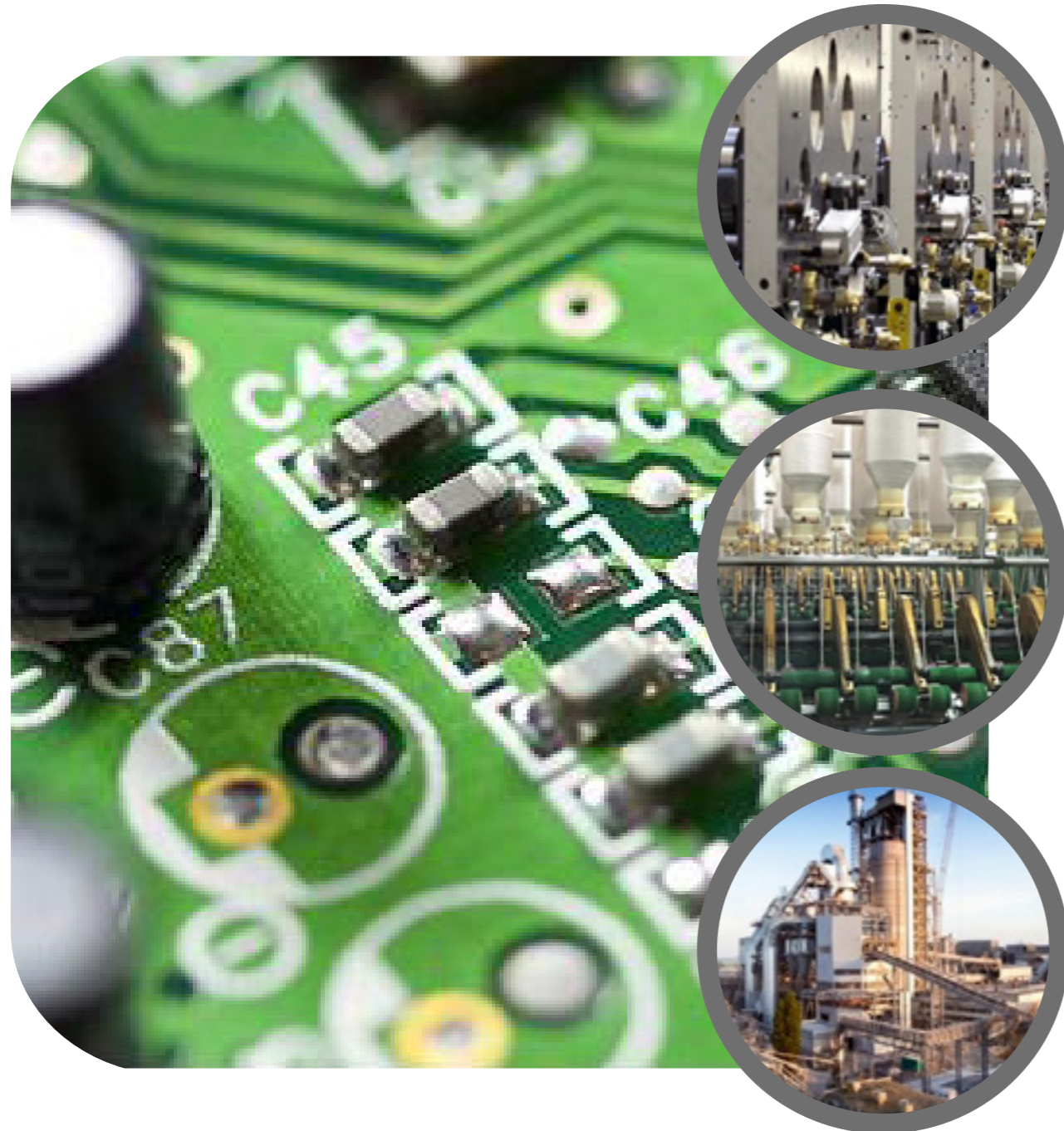


Share of Fuels and Manufactured Goods in D-8 Total Exports and Imports (1997 - 2015)



In the year 1997, the average share of fuels in total D-8 exports was 32.8% on average whereas the share of manufactured goods was 52.4%. These two items together made up almost 85% of total D-8 exports. In the year 2015, the share of manufactured goods increased slightly whereas the share of fuel dropped to 27.6%. On the imports side, the share of fuels rose from 7.2% in 1997 to 12.6% in 2015. There had been a slight drop in the share of imported manufactured goods from 69.3% in 1997 to 63.2% in 2015. (Remark: When taking regional averages, 2015 figures for Bangladesh, Iran and Nigeria are extrapolated from latest available data)

INDUSTRY



Industry

D-8 Industry Ministers reaffirmed commitment for partnership

09-11 May 2016, Cairo



5th D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt on 9-11 May 2016 was graced by Mr. Sherif Ismail, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, during the closing ceremony on 11th May. The meeting was presided over by Engr. Tarek Kabil, Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt.

The 5th meeting took place after about a year since the last meeting in Tehran. Industry Ministers of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Turkey, Deputy Minister of Iran and State Minister of Nigeria were, among others, attending the event. The 3-day meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Arab Republic of Egypt was attended by government and private sector officials as well as international organizations.

The Ministerial Plenary adopted the Cairo Declaration whereby D-8 Ministers and Heads of Delegation reaffirmed

their commitment to the cause of D-8 Cooperation and endorsed project ideas on "Promoting Cooperation between Innovation Clusters and Alliances in D-8 Member States", SMEs capacity building, green SMEs and women empowerment and youth leadership development. It was also agreed that a new Task Force namely, Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment would be established to expand cooperation. The Cairo Declaration also tasked the organization to draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Task Forces.

Earlier, industry meetings developed policies and mechanisms with a view to utilizing existing as well as potential capacities and put together collective effort for industrial development in the Member States. The 5th meeting revisited earlier decisions and reviewed the outcome so far achieved as well as considered restructuring the framework

of mechanism, including redistributing the Working Group and Task Forces, within the broad spectrum of D-8 cooperation. Discussing of projects and/or programmes in order to implement the policies into actions was also on the high agenda. The D-8 Ministers also discussed the Vision and Action Plan for the industrial cooperation among the D-8 Member States, Terms of Reference (ToR) of all Task Forces on Industrial Cooperation, implementation of programme and common projects, pragmatic approach to move in the direction of expanding industrial and technological cooperation, policies and measures towards increasing industrial and market opportunities as well as financial resources etc.

In his address, Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, said that the meeting of D-8 Industry Ministers is of pivotal importance ahead of the 9th D-8 Summit scheduled for 5th December 2016 in Iran. This meeting would provide an opportunity for the Ministers to prepare their strategy paper for consideration of D-8 leadership. He also noted that despite the success that has been achieved so far, the Organization must not be complacent as there are still many more goals to accomplish. He added that it was important for constant review of the progress and be responsive to the need of our stakeholders.

The Federal Republic of Nigeria accepted to consider hosting the 6th D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry in 2017.

It should be mentioned that industry has been identified as one of the five priority areas of D-8 cooperation. So far, five meetings of D-8 industry ministers have been held in Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran (twice) and Turkey.

Technology Cooperation

3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)

01-02 December 2016, Kuala Lumpur



Malaysia hosted the 3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) from 01 to 02 December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. Participants from the D-8 Member States of Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey attended the program. The D-8 Secretariat and the D-8 TTEN Secretariat also attended.

Dato' Sri Dr. Noorul Ainur Mohd. Nur, Secretary-General, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia graced the opening session of the event and formally inaugurated the event. Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, addressed in the opening ceremony.

Dr. Mousavi underscored that visible activities must be put in place to accelerate achievement of TTEN objectives. He encouraged more interaction and activities on the part of D-8 TTEN and the Focal Points in the D-8 Member States in strengthening this platform into a truly attractive forum for fruitful exchanges. He called all the parties to lend their efforts

in making this a forerunner and flagship platform of the D-8 Organization. He hoped the meeting would 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.

This meeting is sequel to the first and second meeting of the D-8 TTEN, which were successfully held in October 2013 in Tehran and in December 2014 in Abuja, respectively. In the first meeting, the delegates put their effort to lay a tangible foundation for D-8 TTEN cooperation, including the inauguration of D-8 TTEN Secretariat based in Pardis Technology Park in Tehran as well as the D-8 TTEN website. The 2nd meeting reviewed progress in decisions taken earlier, made strategic assessment, analysis and reviewed the state of D-8 TTEN cooperation, with particular emphasis on the identification of technology requests and technology offers from the D-8 Member States in order to inter-connect or develop database for technology products, technology services, technology

demands, and commercialized technology of the D-8 Member States in an integrated internet-based system. The meeting underscored the primary need to operationalize the TTEN website in order to implement the virtual interface among the public and private entities both within and outside the D-8 member States.

The 2-day program included discussion, among others, on steps for sharing of experiences and practices, Challenges and Discussions of Scientific and Technological Capabilities of D-8 Member Countries, devising efficacious and action-oriented strategies, institutional visits etc. Delegates visited Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM), Technology Park Malaysia and MIMOS in the Technology Park as part of the program.

This timely initiative of the Government of Malaysia, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in particular, would help the D-8 attain its development objectives by strengthening joint efforts.

MMoI Outcomes

- Decision made to expedite the process of establishment of D-8 Glass and Ceramic, Automotive and Textile and Garments Association and Iron and Steel Union among D-8 Member States;
- To make cotton based production chain between D-8 countries duty free and quota free market within D-8 will be examined to get benefit of low cost quality garments products;
- Decision made to develop the strategic Plan on D-8 Industrial Cooperation as a guide to adopt and implement tailor-made programs which contribute to the trade and investment liberalization and facilitation agenda of D-8;
- Simplifying procedures to certify halal products & standardizing all procedures & regulations within all D-8 countries;
- A new Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment has been established
- Turkish Standard Institute representative submitted proposal of mentioned draft strategy plan to be circulated among D-8 Members States for further discussion.
- Establishment of website for SMEs in D-8 countries which will help in organizing business matchmaking, exchanging information and data, identifying business opportunities and coordinating SME governmental bodies activities in D-8 countries;
- Integration between the D-8 TTEN Web platform and the platform developed by Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey (www.d8coop.com) is vital for ensuring better cooperation between D-8 Member States, and there should be direct communication between the Secretariats responsible for the management of the two platforms for this purpose.
- A new project that aims at "Promoting Cooperation between Innovation Clusters and Alliances in D-8 Member States" through fostering the exchange of knowledge and best practices between those clusters based on the idea of the Cluster Development project would be explored.

Technology Cooperation

Technology Transfer
Workshop

24-27 April 2016, Tehran



National Technomart of Iran Network hosted the 1st Technology Transfer Workshop for D-8 Member Countries in Tehran. Pardis Technology Park which hosts the D-8 TTEN Secretariat organized the four-day event for D-8 TTEN focal points as per the Executive Plan-2016 announced in 3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN held in December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. Focal points and participants from D-8 Member States attended the workshop. Deputy Minister of Science and Technology of Iran, President of Pardis Technology Park and resident D-8 Ambassadors were, among others, present at the opening ceremony organized in Persian

Isteghlal International Hotel in Tehran. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, addressed the opening ceremony.

Dr. Mousavi appreciated the National Technomart of Iran Network as the D-8 TTEN Focal Point in organizing this workshop and thanked the National TTEN focal point of Iran which is Pardis Technology Park, for adequate preparation of the workshop. He hoped that other D-8 Member States would be encouraged to host more seminars, workshops or informative events. He also expressed confidence that this workshop would benefit the participants in enriching

their understanding of commercial aspect of technology transfer and thus, facilitate future prospect of enhanced activities in this area.

He noted that with the announcement of the date of 9th D-8 Summit, affiliated bodies such as the D-8 TTEN must prepare activities and programs and organize special events in order to increase visibility and showcase the noble purpose of establishing them. He hoped that the D-8 TTEN and other D-8 bodies would engage themselves in full on the auspicious occasion of the 9th D-8 Summit.

Technology Cooperation

4th D-8 Task Force
meeting on viable projects

1-2 September 2016, Ankara



The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) hosted the 4th D-8 Task Force on Technology meeting in Ankara, Turkey from 1-2 September 2016. The meeting was attended by representatives from the government and private sectors of the D-8 Member States.

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, in his opening address, referred to the Task Force achievements on several practical project proposals since its first meeting in October 2011. He hoped that the Task Force could present itself with more effective and result-oriented outcomes in terms of viable projects for the benefit

of all stakeholders in the D-8 Member States.

He added that the meeting has been structured with the aim of addressing issues related to four (4) key sectors namely, Smart Cities, Healthcare, Financial Services and Education through the application of ICT. Through this approach, participants will have the opportunity to share each other's experiences and formulate possible solutions in addressing common problems and challenges faced by the Member States.

Furthermore, Dr. Mousavi said the meeting also accords special emphasis

on private sector participation with specific sessions being organized for policy makers, research institutions and the private sectors. This session can further reinvigorate the public-private partnership initiative which could act as an important platform for the government and private sector to collaborate. Furthermore, a dedicated networking session specifically for the private sector to network has been allocated in this meeting. In this B2B session, the private sector was given the opportunity to exchange ideas and establish networking and are expected to formulate a Cooperation Road Map to further strengthen private sector cooperation in the field of technology among the Member States.

Technology Cooperation

D-8 TTEN Technology Transfer Award

21 October 2016, Izmir



D-8 TTEN Technology Transfer Awards were given to the technological companies at a D-8 event in Izmir, Turkey, on Friday, 21st October 2016. The Award initiative was taken by D-8 TTEN Secretariat which identified and screened capable companies. The initiative was announced at the 2nd High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN in Nigeria in 2014. The process of selecting the best technology transfer for 2015 was launched

since the beginning of 2016 by sending application form to all the available private companies through the representatives of D-8 Member States in TTEN. Several contracts were nominated from Iran, Turkey, Malaysia, Pakistan, Lebanon, UAE and Saudi Arabia as the candidates for the award.

After final evaluation, technology transfer for the development of ARYOSEVEN & ALTEBREL as biosimilar products between ARYOGEN PHARMED CO. from Iran and INNO BIO VENTURES SDN

BHD from Malaysia were selected as the winner of the Award.

D-8 TTEN Technology Transfer Award is given annually by Pardis Technology Park to the best technology transfer cases between D-8 and OIC member countries. The indicators to evaluate the cases include technology level, financial cost and time trend as assessed by Award Committee in D-8 TTEN Secretariat. The nomination of the candidates for the 2nd round of the Award will commence in the beginning of 2017.

Technology Cooperation

Training Program for the web portal www.d8coop.com

04-05 October 2016, Ankara



Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey hosted the Training Program for focal points for the web portal www.d8coop.com on 04-05 October 2016 in Ankara, Turkey. The program was attended by representatives from D-8 Member States. Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Kilicaslan, General Director for industry, Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey officially opened the

training program. Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, said in his message that the scope of D-8 industrial cooperation was diverse across 14 task forces and the efforts were enormous. He appreciated the initiative of the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey for developing this web portal and expressed hope that this new initiative would add to the existing online

platforms. He wished the event success.

The training program was aimed at familiarizing D-8 focal points with the features of the web portal. The two-day event also provided space for mutual exchange of views and sharing of experiences.

Technology Cooperation Outcomes

- The 3rd TTEN meeting reviewed progress of D-8 TTEN cooperation, with particular emphasis on the identification of technology requests and technology offers from the D-8 Member States in order to inter-connect or develop database for technology products, technology services, technology demands, and commercialized technology of the D-8 Member States in an integrated internet-based system.
- The 3rd TTEN meeting underscored the primary need to operationalize the TTEN website in order to implement the virtual interface among the public and private entities both within and outside the D-8 member States.
- 4th D-8 Task Force on Technology meeting in Ankara, discussed several practical projects related to four (4) key sectors namely, Smart Cities, Healthcare, Financial Services and Education through the application of ICT. Participants shared each other's experiences and formulate possible solutions in addressing common problems and challenges faced by the Member States.
- D-8coop training programme discussed regarding the features of web portal www.d8coop.com and participants shared their experience and contribute constructively to better improve the functional aspect of the portal.

TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Civil Aviation

D-8 Civil Aviation to re- invigorate
cooperation in a concerted manner

23-24 May 2016, Cappadocia



Directorate General of Civil Aviation of Turkey hosted 10th D-8 Directors-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) meeting in Cappadocia, Turkey from 23-24 May 2016. Mr. Bilal Eksi, Director-General of Civil Aviation of Turkey chaired the meeting. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, addressed the meeting and hoped for a more effective and result-oriented meeting outcome.

Dr. Mousavi appreciated DGCA of Turkey for their initiative to take lead in D-8 civil aviation sector. He mentioned that Member States benefitted from sharing their experiences and capacities with one another, especially Turkey that had vibrant and successful airline industry operating

round the world. He also mentioned that continuous improvement in aviation was a fundamental criterion to ensuring safe and secure air transport and aviation added to the mobility of not only the people but also the economy.

Dr. Mousavi said that articulation of concrete cooperation and collaboration programs, possible action plan under Task Forces cooperation and increase in exchange of views and information on the current development and possible projects among D-8 Directors-General Civil Aviation should be discussed by the group. He underscored that a comprehensive action plan would not only put the works in a structured manner, but also would help make best use of

available resources.

The two-day meeting of Civil Aviation Heads included sharing of experiences and best practices, presentation of each other's aviation capabilities and challenges, review of progress of task forces on Air Navigation and Air Traffic Management, Safety and Security, Training and Capacity Building and Commercial Issues etc. The Secretary-General also appreciated the DGCA of Turkey for their initiative to include industry participants for private sector engagement and looked forward to a more intensive cooperation between private actors in aviation industry of the D-8.



DGCA Turkey hosted the D-8 Workshop on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) on 7 October 2016 at the sideline of the Istanbul Airshow 2016. The workshop was organized to share knowledge and experience on the latest developments in certification, design and manufacturing aspects of RPAS.

Civil Aviation Outcomes

- Discussion on the draft Multilateral Air Services Agreement between D-8 States would take place under the Task Force on Commercial Issues and Member States would provide their inputs and feedback to the Secretariat.
- Task Force on Safety and Security will be separated to form Task Force on Security and Task Force on Safety. Task Force on Security will be chaired by Turkey with Pakistan as Co-Chair. Task Force on Safety will be chaired by Malaysia.
- Malaysia will work on harmonization of safety standards under the Task Force on Safety. A questionnaire will be developed in line with EASA regulations as a reference document.
- Turkey will work to develop 'D-8 National Security Auditor Certification Program' as a common project and liaise with Malaysia in this regard.
- Turkey will organize a workshop on RPAS regulations in September 2016 in Turkey.
- D-8 Secretariat will create an e-forum for continuous discussion on issues under each Task Force. The Secretariat will inform the Member States of the status for the further dissemination among Member States.
- The Secretariat would consult Pakistan and Egypt to ascertain the next Chair as well as venue of the 11th DGCA Meeting in 2017.

D-8 Transportation Facts and Figures

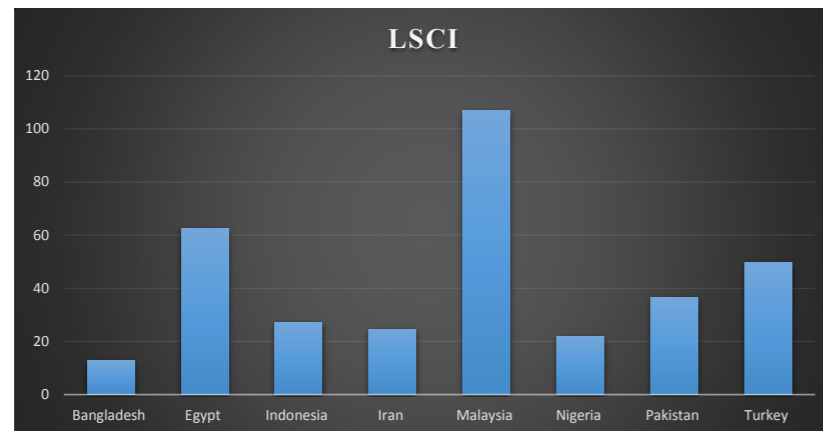
Logistics Performance Index: The Logistics Performance Index (LPI) of the World Bank reflects perceptions of a country's logistics based on efficiency of customs clearance process, quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure, ease of arranging competitively priced shipments, quality of logistics services, ability to track and trace consignments, and frequency with which shipments reach the consignee within the scheduled time. The index ranges from 1 to 5, with a higher score representing better performance.

Country	Rank in D-8	LPI Rank	LPI Score	Customs	Infrastructure	International shipments	Logistics competence	Tracking & tracing	Timeliness
Bangladesh	6	87	2.66	2.57	2.48	2.73	2.67	2.59	2.9
Egypt, Arab Rep.	3	49	3.18	2.75	3.07	3.27	3.2	3.15	3.63
Iran, Islamic Rep.	8	96	2.6	2.33	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.44	2.81
Indonesia	4	63	2.98	2.69	2.65	2.9	3	3.19	3.46
Malaysia	1	32	3.43	3.17	3.45	3.48	3.34	3.46	3.65
Nigeria	7	90	2.63	2.46	2.4	2.43	2.74	2.7	3.04
Pakistan	5	68	2.92	2.66	2.7	2.93	2.82	2.91	3.48
Turkey	2	34	3.42	3.18	3.49	3.41	3.31	3.39	3.75

Table 1: D-8 Member States Logistics Performance Index

Source: World Bank

Liner Shipping Connectivity Index: The Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) of UNCTAD shows countries logistic performance and carrier attractive. It is based on five components of the maritime transport sector: number of ships, their container-carrying capacity, maximum vessel size, number of services, and number of companies that deploy container ships entering country's ports. Higher LPI and LSCI will facilitate to increase trade volume.



Source: World Bank

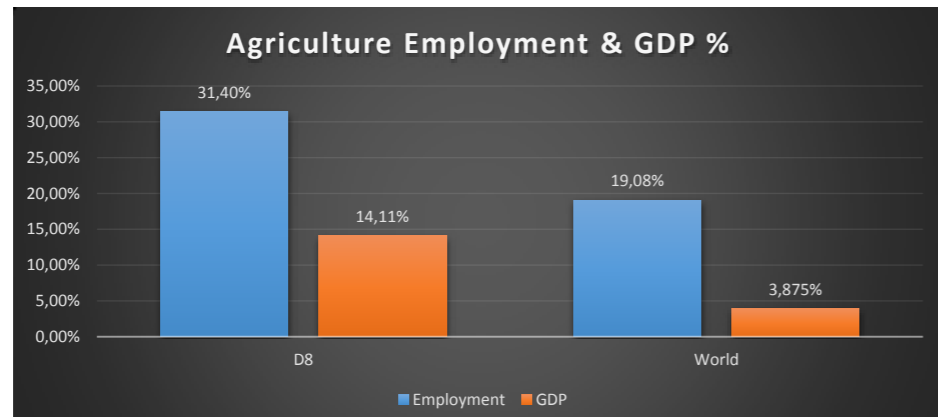
Figure 1: D-8 Member States Liner shipping connectivity index (LSCI)

AGRICULTURE



D-8 AGRICULTURE FACTS AND FIGURES

Countries	Agriculture Contribution % of GDP	World Ranks
Bangladesh	15.50	26
Egypt	11.18	18
Indonesia	13.51	06
Iran	9.33	19
Malaysia	8.43	23
Nigeria	20.85	05
Pakistan	25.46	09
Turkey	8.59	08

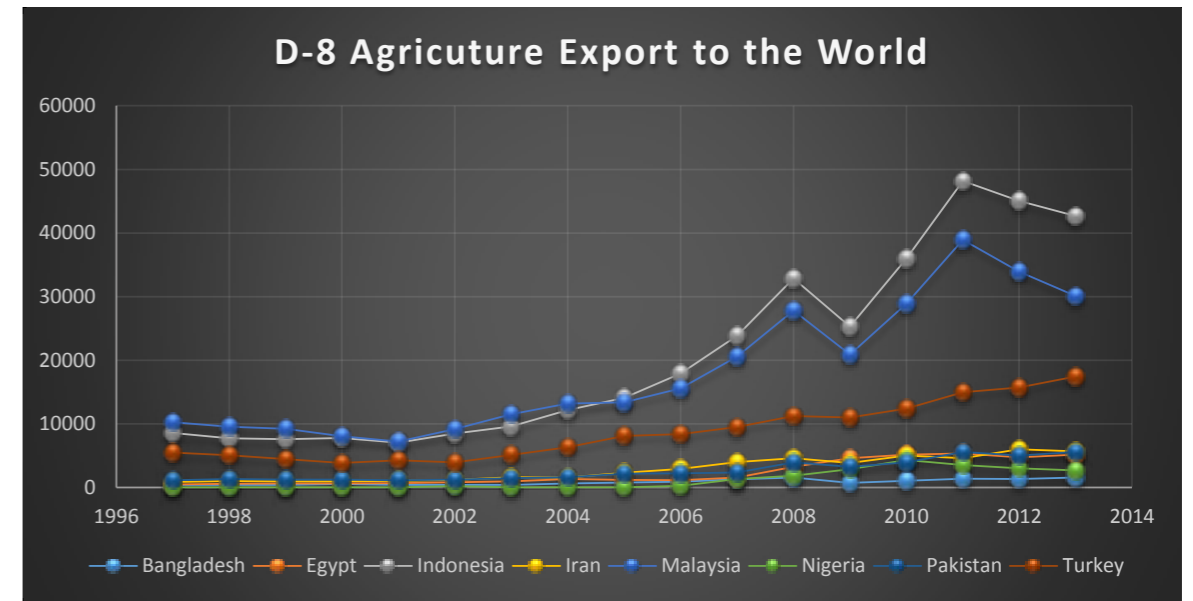


The above table and figure shows that D-8 countries' have agro-based economies, contributing higher amount of GDP and Employment as compared to the world.

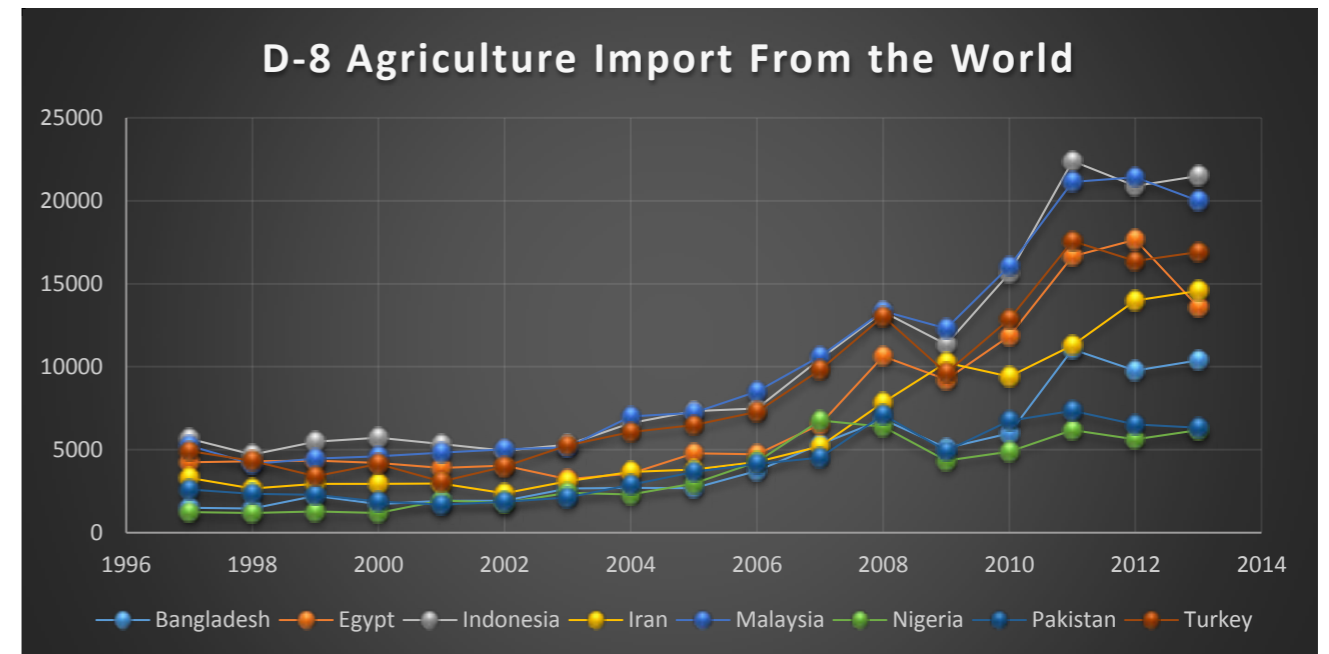
D-8 Countries among the World Top 20 Producers of agriculture products

Countries	Commodities										
	Cocoa	Coffee	Cotton	Maize	Natural Rubber	Palm Oil	Rice	Soya Bean	Sugar Beet	Tea	Wheat
Bangladesh							4			11	
Egypt			12				13		12		15
Indonesia	2	4		8	2	1	3	10		7	
Iran								18	14	11	14
Malaysia	13				3	2					
Nigeria	4		13	10	9	3	18	11			
Pakistan			4	18			12				6
Turkey			7	12					6	5	8

According to the above listed table D-8 Countries are among the world top 20 largest producers of Agriculture products, it shows the potential growth and opportunities in D-8 agricaria sector.



Indonesia is the leading exporter of the Agriculture products in D-8 to the world, followed by Malaysia and Turkey

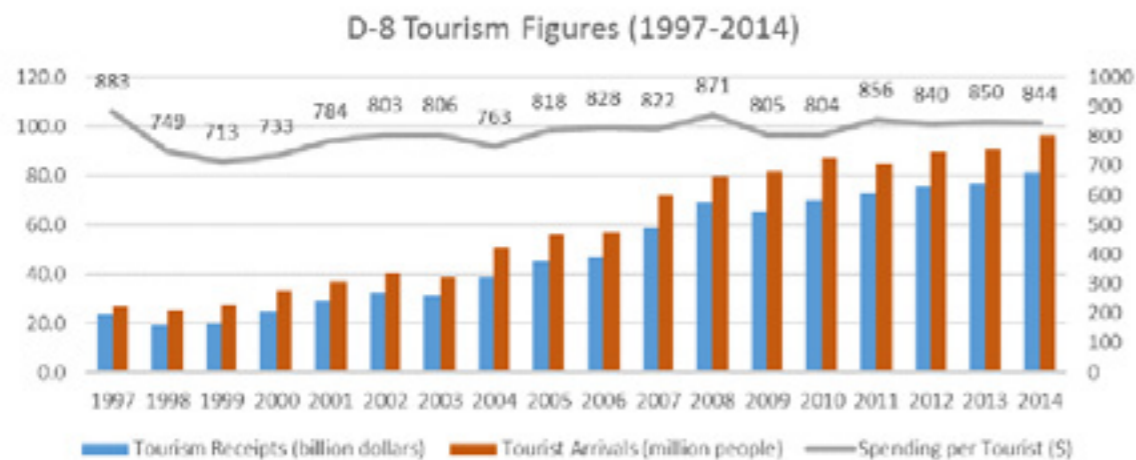


Indonesia is the largest importer of Agriculture products in D-8 member States, followed by Malaysia and Turkey.

TOURISM



Tourism has also been a major area of success for the D-8 Member States. From 26.7 million tourists and 23.6 billion dollars of tourism receipts in 1997, D-8 moved to a total of 96.2 million tourists and 81.2 billion dollars' worth of tourism receipts. During the period under review, number of tourists visiting the region increased by 7.8% and the tourism receipts folded by an annual rate of 7.5%.



Source: SESRIC Database

Tourism Cooperation

D-8 and ARDSI to strengthen rural tourism cooperation

13-14 April 2016, Trabzon



Turkey successfully hosted the Workshop on Exchange of Information on Rural Tourism Policies between D-8 Countries and the Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (ARDSI) on 13-14 April 2016 in Trabzon, Turkey. Delegations from D-8 member countries exchanged views and shared information on the importance of production, distribution, trade, research and development in the field of rural tourism. In the opening session, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of D-8, stated that the agriculture sector also progresses in tandem with global economic environment and tourism has added to the agriculture sector over time. He underlined the importance of creating opportunities in rural tourism

and said, "Since traditional tourism sector which is regarded as a growth sector has been facing serious challenges in terms of offering novel tourism products, rural tourism can play an important role to complement conventional tourism and provide an alternative source of income and employment to the economies".

D-8 Member States were encouraged for further collaboration and partnership with ARDSI through this workshop. Participants from D-8 Member States would explore strengthening cooperation in capacity building, technical assistance and project implementation in the area of rural tourism. The Workshop is the second to be organized by ARDSI under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) between ARDSI and the D-8 on Agriculture and Rural Development Cooperation which was signed in March 2015. The first "Workshop on Exchange of Information on Rural Development Policies" was successfully organized by ARDSI in May 2015 in Ankara. The main component of the MoU is the sharing of knowledge and experience by ARDSI to D-8 Member States in the area of agriculture and rural development. This is to take advantage of ARDSI's experience gained during the process of Turkey's candidacy for membership of the European Union. It may be mentioned that a delegation from African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) participated in the workshop under the auspices of D-8- AARDO MoU.

VISIBILITY EFFORT



Secretary-General's

Visibility Effort in Member States

2015- 2016

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General attached the highest importance to the relations among D-8 Member States. Since his assumption into the office of the Secretary-General, the Secretariat has given special thrust to further extension of existing economic relations between our Member States. He paid visit to Member States and met high officials to nurture effective partnership in order to attain common objectives of peoples live in D-8 region.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Binali Yildirim, Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of Turkey on 07 April 2016 at the latter's



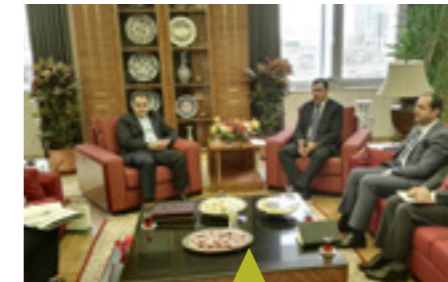
Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey on 23 December 2015 at the latter's Office in Ankara.



Mr. Faruk Celik, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock reiterated Turkey's high commitment to the D-8 during call on him by Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, on 07 April 2016 at the former's office in Ankara.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Veysi Kaynak, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey on 27 June 2016 at the latter's office in Ankara.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Bulent Tufenkci, Minister of Custom and Trade of Turkey on 07 April 2016 at the latter's office in Ankara.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Bulus Zom Lolo, then Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria on 24 February 2016 at the Foreign office in Abuja.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Chief Audu Ogbah, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Nigeria on 24 February 2016 at the latter's office in Abuja.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, called on Mr. Lai Mohammed, Federal Minister of Tourism and culture of Nigeria on 24 February 2016 at the latter's office in Abuja.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, called on Ms. Aisha Abubakar, Minister of State of Industry, trade and investment of Nigeria on 24 February 2016 at the latter's office in Abuja.



At the invitation of Mr. Sowlat Mortazavi, Mayor of Province of Mashhad, Iran, D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi paid an official visit to Mashhad that is the one of an important province with a huge cultural and economic potentials in Iran.



At the invitation of the President of Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), Dr. Mousavi addressed 4th Edition of International Model OIC on "Cooperation and Unity in Countering Terrorism, Overcoming Divisions and Strengthening Islamic Solidarity. The event was organized in Mashhad, Iran on 22-28 October 2016.



Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General met Governor of Yazd on 24-25 May 2016.



Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General met Rector of Yazd University 24-25 May 2016.



Dr. Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General met Mayor of Yazd 24-25 May 2016.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of the D-8, met Mr. Ahmed Naseem Warrach, D-8 Commissioner of Pakistan on 15 February 2015 in Islamabad.



Late Necmettin Erbakan, former Prime Minister of Turkey and founding father of D-8, is being remembered on the fifth year of his death through the programs in his memory all across Turkey. D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, attended as a keynote speaker in the commemoration ceremony that was held by Erbakan Foundation in the Blacksea province of Samsun.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General joined AK Party Iftar Program in 2015 in Ankara.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Mr. Airlangga Hartarto, Minister of Industry of Indonesia on 23 August 2016 at the latter's office in Jakarta.

Secretary-General's

Provincial Visits in Turkey

2015 -2016

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General visited important provinces, universities and foundations in Turkey as part of the Organization's external relations to establish and nurture effective partnership with local authorities, universities and institutions in Turkey. During his visits, Dr. Mousavi addressed the audience in seminars and conferences at universities and institutions.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Gaziantep, Turkey on 19 April 2016 to attend 5th UCLG-MEWA Congress meeting. During his visit, he met Mr. Ali Yerlikaya, the Governor of Gaziantep and thanked, through him, the Government of the Republic of Turkey for their continuous support toward the D-8.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, addressed an audience in a seminar at the Gaziantep University.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Prof Mehmet Füzün, Rector of Dokuz Eylül University



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Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Mr. Ekrem Demirtaş, and Chamber of Commerce of Izmir.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, visited Mr. Mustafa Toprak, Governor of Izmir.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr. Ahmet Çakır the Mayor of Malatya



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr. Süleyman Kamçı, the Governor of Malatya



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Prof. Cemil ÇELİK, Rector of İnönü University



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr. Zeki TOÇOĞLU, the Mayor of Sakarya



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Prof. Dr. MUZAFFER ELMAS Rector of Sakarya University



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General addressed a conference on D-8 at the invitation of ESAM (Economic and Social Research Center) and Sakarya University on 15 March 2016 in Sakarya, Turkey.



Dr. Mousavi informed the audience of cooperation background, principles and commitments of the D-8 as well as challenges and opportunities facing the D-8. "A total population of about 1 billion in the D-8 member countries also presents a huge potential export market and vast capacity in human resource" he said at the conference. The conference hosted by ESAM on 15 March 2016 in Sakarya, Turkey.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr Yusuf Ziya Yılmaz, Mayor of Samsun



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr. Ibrahim Sahin, Governor of Samsun



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General met Mr. Salih Zeki Murzioglu, Chairman of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Samsun



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General met Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Akan, Rector of On Dokuz Mayıs University on 7 March 2016 in Samsun, Turkey



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, attended a conference on "Role of the D-8 towards Integration in Global Competitiveness" in Ondokuz Mayıs University on 7 March 2016 in Samsun, Turkey.

Guests

Visit the D-8
Secretariat

2015 -2016



Mr. Vasip Şahin, Governor of Istanbul, paid his maiden visit to the D-8 Secretariat on 11 November 2015 and called on Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General.



Mr. M. Allama Siddiki, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of Turkey, paid his maiden visit to the D-8 Secretariat on 29 September 2016 and called on Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General. He was accompanied by Mr. F.M. Borhan Uddin, Consul-General of Bangladesh in Istanbul.



Mr. Wardana, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Turkey, paid his maiden visit to the D-8 Secretariat on 02 October 2015 and called on Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General.



Ambassador Sahebzada Ahmed Khan, then D-8 Commissioner of Pakistan, paid his maiden visit to the D-8 Secretariat on 09 October 2015 and called on Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General.



Mr. Bahri Kesici, Deputy Director General of Civil Aviation of Turkey met Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General on 04 April 2016.



Dr. Mohammadreza Mohseni, the President and CEO of Central Securities Depository of Iran, paid a visit to the D-8 Secretariat on 20 November 2015 and called on Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General.



Mr. Muhammet Ali Fatih Erbakan, President of Erbakan Foundation led a delegation to the D-8 Secretariat on 01 February 2016. He met Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, during the visit.



Mr. Bostjan Skalar, Executive Director of World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) headquarters in Istanbul, visited the D-8 Secretariat on 02 February 2016. He met Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, during the visit.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS



External Relations

D-8 Secretary General addressed the Asian Natural Gas Infrastructure Conference

17 November 2015, Singapore



At the Conference Dr. Mousavi presented a paper on “Potentials and Strategies of the D-8 Member States in energy cooperation. He informed that energy sector is considered as one of the priority areas of cooperation in the D-8. Currently, there are three working groups under the energy cooperation namely Working Group (WG) on Energy, renewable Energy and Mining and Minerals. There are a lot of potentials among the D-8 Member States, including cooperation in the energy sector because D-8 member States are not only rich in natural resources and large population, but also has vast potentials for development, given huge and fertile land mass, abundant cheap and skilled labor, diversified human capital and a large market of more than one billion people.

Dr. Mousavi said that, in order to enhance cooperation in the energy sector, D-8 needs to formulate new strategies, policies and measures and make joint efforts at overcoming basic problems of the D-8 Member States to achieve economic development and social welfare. Among other strategies in the energy sector are sharing of information, experience and best practices on policies and programs in energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy technologies and rural electrification, joint research, exploration and production of alternative energy resources and establish a uniform format for database of energy experts and institutions.

External Relations

D-8 and AARDO will work closely for mutual benefit

08 January 2016 , New Delhi



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, held a meeting with Eng. Wassfi Hassan El Sreihin, Secretary-General of the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in New Delhi on 08 January 2016 at the latter's office in the AARDO Secretariat in New Delhi.

The two interlocutors held very fruitful and effective discussions in a cordial environment. Dr. Mousavi informed the AARDO Secretary-General of the latest developments taking place within the Organization and confirmed that five Members of AARDO have common membership with the D-8. He also said that the D-8 was moving towards implementation of policies in the next phase of its life cycle and undertaking common projects that

would directly benefit people and improve their economic standard.

The D-8 Secretary-General informed Eng. Wassfi that Agriculture was one of the priority areas of the D-8 cooperation and the Organization put a lot of emphasis on agricultural cooperation among its Members. He mentioned that cooperation between the D-8 and the AARDO may benefit Member States in designing their food production and security. He also emphasized the need to operationalize the MoU signed between the two organizations in 2013 and discussed establishment of formal mechanism for regular consultations in order to further common interest through a joint efforts.

Eng. Wassfi warmly welcomed the D-8 Secretary-General to the AARDO Secretariat and informed him of the AAR-

DO scope of work. He took the D-8 Secretary-General and his delegation through a comprehensive presentation on AARDO activities and the organization's international partnerships. He noted that AARDO was ready to work with D-8 on issues of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on capacity building programme and sharing of knowledge as well as expertise in the development of projects. Both concurred that the two Organizations had a lot of scope for joint efforts in order to yield mutual benefits, sharing of information and analytical framework in particular. They agreed to inform each other of respective focal points who would develop a joint programme during the forthcoming D-8 Agriculture Ministers' meeting to be held in Pakistan.

External Relations

D-8 and FAO to work closely for alleviation of poverty through agricultural development

04 May 2016, Antalya

The Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have expressed their cordial intent to facilitate close co-operation between the FAO and the D-8 with the objective of promoting and accelerating inclusive and sustainable agricultural development, focusing activities on poverty reduction, elimination of hunger, alleviation of rural poverty and increase in resilience of livelihood through sustainable agricultural development in the states of common membership.

The discussions focused on mutual collaborative partnership in areas such as, collaborative partnership in common scope of work, institutional linkage under the auspices of South-South Cooperation in order to utilise the expertise and specialized capacities, sub-areas within agricultural cooperation in order to avoid duplicity of resource mobilization, joint/common projects in agriculture and food security, capacity building in the D-8 in partnership with FAO etc. The FAO, having institutional capacity for inclusive and sustainable agricultural development linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) could assist greatly in capacity building within the D-8 Organization.

The D-8 Secretary-General updated the FAO Director-General with the latest developments taking place within the Organization and added that cooperation in D-8 priority area of agricultural cooperation is taking concrete shape. He hoped that in close cooperation with the FAO, the D-8 Organization would be able to increase its capacity in agricultural development.

The FAO Director-General



warmly welcomed the D-8 Secretary-General and appreciated the information and ideas put forward by him. He informed Dr. Mousavi of the Organization's scope of work. Both concurred that the two Organizations had a lot of scope for joint effort in order to yield mutual benefit, sharing of information and analytical framework in particular. He appreciated the Secretary-General for the inputs and looked forward to working together in future.

Both interlocutors agreed to work closely to foster inclusive development,

build capacities of Member States and explore avenues for common projects.

DR. SEYED ALIMOHAMMAD MOUSAVI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF D-8, MET MR. JOSÉ GRAZIANO DA SILVA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ON 04 MAY 2016 IN ANTALYA ON THE SIDELINE OF 30TH SESSION OF THE FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EUROPE (ERC).

External Relations

D-8 and ECO consolidate cooperative relationship

28 March 2016, Tehran



Secretaries-General of two intergovernmental organizations met on 28 March 2016 in Tehran. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Mr. Halil Ibrahim Akça, Secretary-General of the Economic Co-operation Organization discussed various

issues and aspects to foster cooperative relationship between two Organizations. They reviewed the current status of cooperation and discussed possible strategic discourse in order to consolidate cooperative relationship. Dr. Mousavi reiterated his congratulatory remarks on the assumption of the office of ECO Sec-

retary-General last year. They agreed to maintain closer communication between the two organizations in order to further common partnership agenda and development priorities in a joint effort. They also underscored the need for mutual participation in each other's programs.



Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Mr. Shamil Aleskerov, the then Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization met on 24 September 2014 in New York and discussed various issues and aspects to foster cooperative relationship between the two Organizations.

External Relations

D-8 and UCLG-MEWA sign MoU to strengthen collaboration

13 November 2015, Malatya



D-8 and United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia (UCLG-MEWA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 13 November 2015 in Malatya, Turkey to establish institutional framework and explore collaborative links for mutual partnership in areas of common and mutual interest. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of D-8 and Mr. Mehmet Duman, Secretary-General of UCLG-MEWA signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations on the occasion UCLG-MEWA Executive Bureau and Council meeting.

Underscoring the importance of working together, Dr. Mousavi said that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding is the initial step in strengthening partnership between D-8 and UCLG-MEWA. Mr. Duman said that two organizations would increase their cooperative efforts in the region through this MoU, in order to scale up services and networks.

Under the MOU, the two parties agreed to explore opportunities for collaboration in joint activities in areas of mutual interest, with a view to pursuing sustainable economic and social development through local governance. The MoU also envisages, among others, cooperation in capacity building, technical assistance and project implementation. Both the Organizations will identify areas of mutual cooperation and explore possibilities of partnership in those identified areas.

Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary-General, stressed the critical need for the Municipalities of the D-8 Member States to overcome challenges facing the major cities of D-8 in his address in the 5th UCLG-MEWA Congress held on 19 April 2016 in Gaziantep, Turkey. The "Migration, Culture and Gastronomy Summit" was also held within the framework of the Congress.

External Relations

D-8 and Erbakan Foundation signed MoU to strengthen collaboration

26 June 2016, Istanbul



D-8 and Erbakan Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 26 June 2016 in Istanbul. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of D-8 and Dr. Fatih Erbakan, President of Erbakan Foundation signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. According to the MoU, both organizations work to develop a framework for sustained collaboration

between D-8 and Erbakan Foundation to include set of programs such as social, cultural, sport, academic cooperation and scientific publications.

On the occasion of signing of the MoU, Secretary-General Mousavi expressed his confidence for a close partnership with Erbakan Foundation which was established by Erbakan family in the name of

Necmettin Erbakan, the founding father of D-8. He stated that this MoU would provide a general framework to facilitate collaboration and cooperation in promoting and undertaking activities of mutual interest through the implementation of joint projects in established areas between the two organizations.



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