

Report of
The 4th Senior Officials Meeting for
The 5th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security
2 December 2014
Istanbul – Turkey

Introduction

1. The 4th Senior Officials Meeting for the 5th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was held in Istanbul, Turkey on December 02, 2014. It was hosted by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MFAL) of the Republic of Turkey. The Senior Officials of relevant authorities of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey attended the meeting. Representatives from Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization, International Center for Agriculture Research in Dry Areas. The list of participants is attached in **Annex I**.

Agenda 1: Opening Ceremony

2. The Meeting was inaugurated by H.E Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Secretary General of the D-8. A copy of his statement is attached as **Annex II**.
3. The Meeting elected Mr. Vedat Mirmahmutogullari, Undersecretary of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey as chair of the Meeting.
4. Mr. Vedat Mirmahmutogullari, Undersecretary of Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey delivered his welcome statement. In his statement, he extended warm welcome to all participants. A copy of his statement is attached as **Annex III**.
5. The meeting adopted its agenda. The agenda is attached as **Annex IV**.
6. The Meeting elected a drafting committee, comprising delegates from Turkey and Nigeria with the assistance of D-8 Secretariat.
7. Ms. Yuriko Shoji, representative of FAO gave an overview on the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP) and the activities of the FAO Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia which was established in Ankara, Turkey in 2006. A copy of her presentation is attached as **Annex V**.

Agenda 2: Consideration and Adoption of the Working Groups' Reports

- **Working Group on Seed Bank**

8. The Senior Officials considered the Seed Bank Working Group Meeting on subjects; Seed Certification System, ISTA Rules for Seed Certification, Seed Import and Export Requirements and Quarantine Measurements, Variety Registration System, Turkish Seed Union Code of Conduct, D-8 Seed Bank Web Page and adopted the Report of the 6th Working Group on Seed Bank. The report is enclosed as **Annex VI**. Additionally, the Senior Officials agreed to change the name of the Working Group on Seed Bank as Working Group on Seed Security and Trade in order to steer the direction of the functions of the Group towards facilitating seeds trade, ensuring preservation of biodiversity and seed security and fortifying its functions.

- **Working Group on Animal Feed**

9. The Senior Officials considered the Animal Working Group Meeting and adopted the Report of the 5th Working Group on Animal Feed. The delegates agreed on development and effective usage of Animal Feed Information Centre web site. Private sector can play active role to contribute to achievement of the aim of the Animal Feed Working Group. Trade of raw materials between D-8 countries may be given priority compared to trade with other countries. The report is enclosed as **Annex VII**.

- **Working Group on Standards on Trade**

10. The Senior Officials considered the Standards on Trade Working Group Meeting and adopted the Report of the 4th Working Group on Standards on Trade. The report is enclosed as **Annex VIII**.

- **Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries**

11. The Senior Officials considered the Marine Affairs and Fisheries Working Group Meeting and adopted the Report of the 5th Working Group on Marine and Fisheries. The report is enclosed as **Annex IX**.

- **Working Group on Fertilizer**

12. The Senior Officials considered the Fertilizer Working Group Meeting and adopted the Report of the 5th Working Group on Fertilizer. The report is enclosed as **Annex X**.

Agenda 3: Consideration of the Current Developments on the D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8-PFS)

13. Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a brief statement on the recent developments on the D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8-PFS). The text of the D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8-PFS) is enclosed as **Annex XI**.

Agenda 4: Consideration of the Current Developments on the D-8 Information and Knowledge Management Network (D-8-IKMN)

14. Representative of Islamic Republic of Iran made a brief statement on the recent developments on the D-8 Information and Knowledge Management Network. The Senior Officials appreciated Iran for their efforts on the establishment of the D-8 Information and Knowledge Management Network. The text of the D-8 Information and Knowledge Management Network is enclosed as **Annex XII**.

Agenda 5: Consideration of Istanbul Initiative

15. The meeting considered the Draft Istanbul Initiative and finalized for submission to the 5th Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security for adoption, as attached as **Annex XIII**.

Agenda 6: Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda for the 5th Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

16. The meeting agreed on the Agenda for the 5th Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

Agenda 7: Closing Session

- **Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

17. The Meeting noted that no offers have been submitted by Member Countries. The meeting decided to bring determination of the date/venue of the 6th Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security matter to the 5th Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

- **Any Other Business**

18. Under this agenda item, no issues were raised.

- **Adoption of the Report**

19. The Senior Officials considered and adopted 5th Senior Officials Meeting Report.

- **Closing**

The Senior Officials thanked the Government of the Republic of Turkey, especially the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock for their warm hospitality and excellent organization of the meeting. They also thanked the D-8 Secretariat for their contribution to the success of the meeting.