

Report of
The 5th D-8 Working Group on Fertilizer
1 December 2014
Istanbul – Turkey

The Government of the Republic of Turkey hosted the 5th D-8 Working Group on Fertilizer on 1 December 2014 in Istanbul with the participation of delegates from the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the Republic of Turkey. The list of delegations is given in **Annex I**.

1. Opening

The welcome address was delivered by Yaşar ORHAN of Turkey (Agricultural Engineer from Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock). In his remarks, he welcomed members to Turkey and wished them fruitful deliberations. He stressed the importance of Fertilizer Association and its benefits for D-8 countries. He also stated the efforts of fertilizer working group. A copy of his speech is given in **Annex II**.

2. Election of the Chairman and Appointment of the Rapporteur(s)

- The meeting elected Yaşar ORHAN of Turkey as the Chairman of the meeting.
- The meeting elected İzzet Yılmaz and Cengiz KÜÇÜYAVUZ of Turkey as its rapporteurs.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as proposed by the host country. A copy of the agenda appears in **Annex III**.

4. Review of the Work Programme and Development based on the 4th Working Group on Fertilizer

The participating delegate (Mr. Hossein Zamani of Iran) presented previously prepared Memorandum of Understanding on D-8 Fertilizer Association. During his presentation, Mr Zamani asked Indonesian delegation to assign fertilizer stakeholders of Indonesia. In response, Indonesian delegation said that they would inform the group in a month period. Later Mr Zamani resumed his presentation. The text of the presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

The participating delegate of Malaysia (Mr Saharudin bin Mohd Dan) presented his country's fertilizer situation and also in his presentation he introduced a proposal D-8 DAP Fertilizer Plant project under the collaboration and investment of all the D-8

countries. The copies of concept paper and powerpoint presentation appear in **Annex V**. This proposal falls in line with the establishment of fertilizer investment fund put forward by the Minister of Agriculture of Nigeria at the 4th Agricultural Ministerial Meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria in December 2013.

The participants discussed on the proposal and agreed to receive further documentation such as Definitive Feasibility Studies (DFS), a draft Letter of Intent (LoI), and other related documentations, which is necessary for reviewing the project proposal.

Mr Zamani mentioned that Nigeria had very rich rock phosphate and asked how to reach out this rock phosphate because of inadequate infrastructure. And continued saying step by step to reach out D-8 Fertilizer Working Group aims, Nigeria should be encouraged how they offered their rock phosphate to member countries. Malaysian delegate (Mr.Syamshul) expressed the need for rock phosphate from Egypt and Nigeria. Malaysian delegate (Mr Saharudin bin Mohd Dan) responded on this issue should be carried out in the long run. Nigerian delegate (Mr Akinbolawa Osho) will follow up on this.

5. Election of D-8 Fertilizer Association Director.

The meeting reached the quorum according to D-8 Charter. The meeting agreed on open voting by raising hands. According to the voting result, at one session:

Mr. Ismail Babacan was elected as the General Coordinator and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the D-8 Fertilizer Association (D8FA) and Mr. Hossein Zamani was elected as his Deputy.

6. Establishment of the Organs of the D-8 Fertilizer Association

The meeting worked on Article of Incorporation of D-8 Fertilizer Association. Mr Zamani informed on the Article especially Organizational Chart of the D8FA, Board of Directors, General Coordinator and Treasurer and their duties and authorities. On the Article the group made necessary update and approved it. The Article is attached as **Annex VI**.

7. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The 4th Ad Hoc Meeting of the D-8 Fertilizer Working Group meeting has been fixed for 3-4 April 2015, according to a invitation letter dated 6 November 2014 from Bangladesh. The delegates appreciated the invitation of Bangladesh to host the next meeting on the subject of 4th D-8 Fertilizer Association Meeting inspite of the absence of Bangladeshi Delegation.

8. Any Othe Business

the participating delegate of Turkey from Gubretas made a presentation on Gubretas production in Turkey and abroad and new investments and also subsidiaries. The text of the reports are attached as **Annex VII**.

The participating delegate (Mr. Hossein Zamani of Iran) made a presentation on opportunities in fertilizers production industry in Iran. The powerpoint presentation is attached as **Annex VIII**.

9. Adoption of the Report

The report of the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Fertilizer was considered and adopted.

10. Closing

Delegations expressed their appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the excellent arrangement made for the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay in Istanbul.