**REPORT**

**The 1st High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer**

**and Exchange Network (TTEN)**

**7 – 9 October 2013, Tehran - Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the 1st High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) from 7 to 9 October 2013 in Tehran, Iran. This meeting was held based on the recommendation of Task Force on Technology Cooperation of the Senior Officials Meeting of the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry.

The Meeting was attended by Delegations from 7 (seven) Member Countries of D-8, namely, the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The full list of delegations is attached as **Annex I**.

1. **Inauguration of the First High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN**

* **Speech by President of Pardis Technology Park**

H.E. Mr. Mahdi Safarinia, President of Pardis Technology Park, made a speech. The text is attached as **Annex II**.

* **Speech by President of Center for Innovation and Technology Cooperation (CITC)**

H.E. Mr. Hamidreza Amirinia, President of Center for Innovation and Technology Cooperation (CITC), made a speech. The text is attached as **Annex III**.

* **Speech by Deputy of International Affairs and Technology Transfer of Islamic Republic of Iran Presidential Deputy in Science and Technology**

H.E. Dr. Hossein Salar Amoli, Deputy of International Affairs and Technology Transfer of Islamic Republic of Iran Presidential Deputy in Science and Technology, made a speech. The text is attached as **Annex IV**.

* **Speech by the D-8 Secretary General**

H.E. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the D-8 Secretary General, made a speech. The text is attached as **Annex V**.

* **Unveiling of the D-8 TTEN’s Web-portal**

The web-portal of the D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) was officially launched by the D-8 Secretary General and the President of Pardis Technology Park. The delegates appreciated the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran, especially Pardis Technology Park for developing the structure of the web-portal.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

After consideration amongst the delegates, the Meeting adopted the agenda of the meeting as enclosed at **Annex VI**.

1. **Appointment of Chairman and Rapporteur**

Dr. Moosa Moosavi Zonooz, Director and Faculty Member at the Institute for Trade Studies and Research, was appointed as the Chairman to preside the Meeting.

The representative from D-8 Secretariat was appointed as the rapporteur, and the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Federal Republic of Nigeria were assigned as co-rapporteurs.

1. **Presentation of scientific and technological capabilities of the D-8 Member Countries**

Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey delivered their presentations regarding activities and performance of science and technology, including innovation, ICT infrastructure and investment in their respective countries. The presentations are attached as **Annexes VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, and XIII**.

1. **An introduction to D-8 TTEN**

Representative from Pardis Technology Park, Mr. Davoud Ghahremanlou, Expert for National Technomart of Iran, delivered a presentation introducing the D-8 TTEN profile, including TTEN’s background, infrastructures for TTEN (i.e. High Council, Focal Points, Secretariat, and Web-Portal), successful cases, as well as TTEN’S Functions and Mission. The presentation is attached as **Annex XIV.**

1. **Introduction of Pardis Technology Park**

Under this agenda item, representative from Pardis Technology Park, Mr. Majid Najafian, Director of International & Public Relations Department, delivered the profile, services and network of the Park. The presentation is attached as **Annex XV.**

1. **Functions of D-8 TTEN**

Participants exchanged views on various aspects of the issue under discussion, and the following issues were agreed upon in the course of the Meeting deliberations:

1. The web portal ([www.d8tten.org](http://www.d8tten.org)) as presently designed by Pardis Technology Park will be improved and used as the platform for the technology database for the D-8 Member Countries and they will provide their technology information on the web-portal. The D-8 Secretariat was requested to provide access to D-8 TTEN web-portal in its website.
2. The High Council is the policy-making body of the D-8 TTEN consisting of the Senior Officials of the relevant government organizations of the D-8 Member Countries.
3. In order to make the D-8 TTEN more action-oriented and outcome-based, the Member Countries were requested to submit the name and contact information of their respective Focal Points in relation to the D-8 TTEN.

The Meeting agreed to consider the delegations or head of delegations of the Member Countries present as their respective Focal Points. Any changes in the names and contact information of the Focal Points of the Member Countries based on their domestic consideration will be accordingly informed to the D-8 Secretariat.

The Focal Points of the D-8 Member Countries will upload the technological capabilities and requirements as well as their ‘Technology Requests’ and ‘Technology Offers’, having regard to the instructions provided on the TTEN’s web-portal.

1. Pardis Technology Park will be the Secretariat of the D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) and will manage the D-8 TTEN and the provision of the following services:
2. Technology Tours: in order to share science and technology among the D-8 Member Countries, tours will be arranged for the experts in the relevant fields from the D-8 Member Countries to visit scientific and technological exhibitions and events, as well as centers.
3. Technology Exchange Forums: Based on the technological capabilities and requirements of the D-8 Countries, meetings will be arranged to facilitate face-to-face discussions, technology joint-research projects and transfer of technology from the countries offering a specific technology to the countries in need of such technology.
4. Facilitation of Participation in Exhibitions: many scientific and technological exhibitions are held in the D-8 Member Countries, either periodically or occasionally. The D-8 Member Countries will be informed about such events to invite their hi-tech companies to participate in the exhibitions. The incentives can include provision of discounts and D-8 specific pavilions.
5. D-8 TTEN Electronic Newsletter: an electronic newsletter will be periodically published to present information on the activities of D-8 TTEN.
6. **Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting, the 2nd High Council Meeting of the D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN), will be held in the second quarter of 2014 in Nigeria.

The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated by the D-8 Secretariat to the Member Countries through diplomatic channels.

1. **Any Other Business**

The Meeting requested the D-8 Member Countries to facilitate the materialization of the objectives of the D-8 TTEN in their governmental procedures.

1. **Consideration and Adoption of the Report**

The Report of the 1st High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) was considered and adopted.

1. **Closure**

The host country expressed their profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

The participating delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude and warmly thanked to the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran, especially Pardis Technology Park for hosting the Meeting.