

D-8 Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Task Force

-Terms of Reference-

Background

The 5th D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry held on 11 May, 2016 in Cairo, agreed to establish the Task Force (TF) on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment and tasked the D-8 Secretariat to draft the ToR of Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment.

Structure

The Task Force will be made up of Experts Group and an elected Chairman.

The Experts Group will discuss key questions and issues, develop and examine projects ideas and review the progress of areas of cooperation.

Composition of Task Force will be as follows:

- Experts
- Academicians
- Scientists
- Research Fellows
- Representatives from public and Private Sectors

Objectives of the Task Force

The overall objective of cooperation in Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment in relation to industry is to articulate a vision, targets and road map(s) for addressing key development challenges facing the industry. A comprehensive road map would be put in place for developing policies, legal instruments, technologies, manpower, infrastructure and market to ensure that the visions and targets are realized. The long term objective would be stimulating economic growth and employment.

Specific Actions and Activities

The Task Force will engage in the following activities to meet its objectives:

- To identify new approaches and specific best practices, and develop effective strategies for dealing with the challenges of a rapidly evolving globalized pharmaceutical industry;
- To organize particular workshop for the Member States' Medical devices industry representatives, academia and Healthcare Sectors for skill development;
- To strengthen institutional infrastructure and human capacities of medicine control;
- To improve pre market and post market medicines control to ensure safety, efficacy and quality;
- To strengthen pharmaceutical infrastructure and services among the Member States;

- To promote cost effective and rational use of medicines and health technologies by health care providers and consumers;
- To explore funding and payment mechanisms for medicines/technologies used in primary care;
- To review the present situation of demand in the D-8 Member States for medical devices and pharmaceuticals equipment;
- To improve transparency and good governance in medicines selection, management and use;
- To develop project ideas and examine opportunities and challenges;
- To foster cooperation in scientific, technical and engineering in the field of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment industry;
- To create enabling environment for sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices;
- To exchange and share information and establish technology network among Member States pharmaceuticals and medical equipment industry;
- To strengthen supply chain management system for medicines and vaccines;
- To monitor medicines availability and prices in public and private sectors;

Project Development

Projects are very much important for D-8 in order to achieve sustainable socio-economic development in the D-8 countries. D-8 projects will help Member States promote and accelerate economic integration, trade and investment liberalization, open up market, improve ease of doing business and technical cooperation.

- Projects idea on fostering collaborations and enhancing outreach to digital health customers and developing and implementing regulatory strategies and policies for digital health technologies;
- Pioneering idea to develop smart strategies for dealing with the challenges of a rapidly evolving globalized pharmaceutical industry;
- Promoting collaboration and establishment of Joint Ventures (JVs) among the Research Institutes of the Member States for R&D projects in the fields of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment;
- Promoting collaboration and establishment of Joint Ventures(JVs) and leading companies on technical and other materials.