**Joint Resolution**

**2nd Meeting**

**of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8NPRI)**

**8th March 2023**

**held in hybrid mode at COMSATS University Islamabad**

We, the Heads of Delegations of the D8 and D8 Member states, Rectors/Chancellors/Vice Chancellors and Heads of delegations of the D-8 NPRI Universities, Research Institutions, D8 Affiliates and Private Sector Representatives from the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey met virtually on 8 March 2023 for the 2nd meeting of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation.

***Realizing*** the importance of information exchange and the need to empower research and innovation to be able to result in sustainable development and to achieve the objectives of the D-8 Organization;

***Appreciative*** of the need to establish collaborations for joint Research and Innovation with resultant economic productivity and development in D-8 Member States;

***Considering*** the fact that collaboration and joint efforts are essential in the present world to translate research outcomes into final products;

***Emphasizing*** the need for unlocking the potential of youth in the D8 member states especially given the growth of new technologies;

***Identifying*** the need for better cooperation through sustainable platforms for adoption, utilization, expansion and transfer of technologies among D-8 Member States on mutually agreed terms;

***Desirous*** of increasing the translational nature and quality of research and resulting innovations and promoting subsequent industrial development of the D-8 Member States;

***Underlining*** the need to strengthen dialogue and facilitate sharing of experiences amongst the D-8 Member States and between the Member States, D8 affiliates and global institutions with clear pathways that are needed to support sustainable industrialization;

With this regard to the above, we agreed upon the following:

1. There was feedback provided on the tabled developing draft of the D8 NPRI charter. It was agreed that this feedback will be incorporated by CUI within four weeks and recirculated to the D8 NPRI and all the concerned. The members of the D8 NPRI and all the concerned shall provide further feedback within a three month period.
2. There was an agreement that there is a need to ensure the financial sustainability of the D-8 NPRI as this will ensure longer term operations in an effective manner. It was understood that the developed charter will establish grounds for taking initial steps for soliciting financial commitments from the member states in this regard.
3. There was a general agreement that all members of the D8 NPRI and other universities/research organizations should carry out interest mapping exercises and undertake networking activities in order to develop researcher-researcher and institution-institution bi- and multi-lateral linkages within the D8 member states. It was agreed that focal person nominations will be requested from all members. As a key first step an interactive website shall be developed in a phased manner linking all the members of the D8 NPRI.
4. There was a general consensus that where there is always a need for increasing national statutory allocations to R&D, it is pertinent to understand the prevalent global economic situation. It was jointly recommended that allocations towards and investments into innovation commercialization frameworks and capacity building including professional trainings can result in subsequent economic activity. Within the D8 member states, a variety of innovation commercialization ecosystems exist, ranging from very strong (with examples of successes) to those who need help and mentoring. Therefore, providing access of IPs, startups, spin offs etc. in the member states to translational platforms in any member state should be a key goal.
5. The Heads of Delegations expressed their words of appreciation to the Rector of COMSATS University, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tabassum Afzal, for leading the deliberations and recorded their gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for arrangement of the meeting. The Meeting also appreciated the D-8 Secretariat for its valuable support for the event.
6. The next meeting of the D8 NPRI will be held in July 2023.