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MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Distinguished Readers,

I have the pleasure to present to our readers the Second Issue of Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) Quarterly Newsletter from April 2022 to June 2022, which also includes activities, events and programmes to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of D-8, for your review.

As you are all aware that we started our journey 25 years ago in 1997. During this period and together with efforts of member countries, D-8 has made some progress, and recorded commendable achievements in reducing widespread poverty, strengthening cooperation in key priority areas of Trade, Agriculture and Food Security, Industry, Transportation, Energy, Tourism and Technology Transfer Cooperation, improving social welfare, providing educational opportunities and increasing personnel exchanges. It can be said without doubt, that at the D-8 we have made great efforts for improving the livelihood of our citizens and this has gained recognition of the governments, the people of D-8 countries, as well as the international community.

D-8 has also recorded commendable achievements through the establishment of various instruments of cooperation, such as the D-8 Charter, D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (D-8 PTA), the D-8 Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures and the Multilateral Agreement among D-8 Countries on Administrative Assistance on Customs Matters. Through these Agreements, we aim to further promote trade and economic activity among the member states to achieve greater economic independence.

It is also worthy of mentioning that the last 25 years have witnessed modest economic progress among the member states. The total GDP of D-8 Countries has more than quadrupled from USD 1.2 trillion in 1997 to almost USD 5.0 trillion recorded in 2021 which is 5.2% of the world's GDP. Our intra-D-8 trade also rose from USD 14 billion in 1997 to USD 129 billion in 2021.

The challenges are there, but the opportunities are ubiquitous, too. I look forward to a future where we can reflect back on these days and be impressed of the progress we have achieved on the road we have taken.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam

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In his address of welcome at the occasion, the Secretary-General, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, laid out various achievements of the organization since its inception in 1997, and congratulated member countries for having come thus far. He listed those achievements to include, though not limited to, the D-8 Charter, the Preferential Trade Agreement (D-8 PTA), the D-8 Agreement on simplification of Visa procedures and the Multi-lateral Agreements among D-8 Countries on Administrative Assistance on Customs Matters. All these are in a bid to promote trade and economic activities that would engender economic independence.

Speaking at the reception, the Deputy President of TOBB, Mr. Tamer Kiran, expressed the support of his organization for all actions and activities that would help to sustain better and conducive business environment, enhance trade and strengthen the infrastructures for improve connectivity.

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In his remark, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Turkiye, who was the Special Guest, H.E. Faruk Kaymakci, urged D- 8 Countries to come together and focus more on the problems the world is facing today with the aim of finding solutions. He stated that D-8 with a combined population of 1.1 billion people could make a difference in the world if they could build their values on cooperation, equality and justice.

One of the highlights of the grand reception was the signing of MoU between the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Turkish Radio and Television, TRT, with a view of enhancing and developing cooperation between the two organizations in various fields to improve and promote visibility of the D-8. While the Secretary General, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam signed for the D-8, Prof. Dr Mehmet Zahid Sobaci, Director General, signed for TRT.



Another high point of the event was the award ceremony to honour organizations that have contributed to the success of D-8 Organization in the 25 years of its existence. Such institutions honoured are, Anadolu Agency, (AA), Islamic Development Bank Group, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, TEPAV, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), The Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchange of Turkiye (TOBB).



25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

D-8 ORGANIZATION HOLDS INVESTMENT FORUM TO SHOWCASE ECONOMIC POTENTIALS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES



The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchange of Türkiye, organized an investment forum for D-8 member countries that brought together various chapters of Chamber of Commerce from D-8 Member States, the D-8 Federation Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Businessmen, Investors, Heads of Investment Agencies/ Authorities, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and other top Government officials, as part of activities to mark the 25th Anniversary of the organization.

In his address, the Secretary General of the D-8 organization, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, noted with delight that the D-8 organization had made modest achievements in the last 25 years of its establishment in the key six priority areas of trade, agriculture and food security, Industry, transportation, energy and tourism, adding that the focus would now be on promoting trade and boost economic activities among member countries to achieve greater economic independence, as the organization transform into life cycle of implementation of programmes and projects.

While urging member states to fully implement the D8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), Ambassador Imam harped on its importance for boosting intra-trade, adding that the organization was however close to its full implementation, as most outstanding issues standing on its way had been resolved.

On Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), the Secretary-General opined that this would play a key role in the transfer of new technology, new skills, and increased production competition between local and foreign producers, imports and exports towards achieving economic growth.

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In his remarks, the President of the Union of Chambers of Commodity Exchange of Turkiye (TOBB), Mr. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, underlined the importance of PTA and trade activities among member countries for economic growth, adding that though intra –trade within the D-8 group currently stands at 6 .5 per cent of their total trade volume, which had witnessed increment more than seven times to date, but sadly this was not enough, adding that intra- trade for it to be meaningful should be around 30 percent of total trade volume, for the organization to reach the USD 500 billion projected target.

Mr. Hisarciklioglu, highlighted the huge economic potentials of D- 8 member countries with their rich natural resources, young and dynamic population that makes up one-seventh of the world, which could be an asset rather than liability to member countries. He stressed the need for supporting the business communities in member countries with Special Visa, Customs Agreement, and integration of digital economy, e-commerce, as this would be an added advantage to boost trade and economic activities.



On his part, the Trade Minister of Turkiye, Dr. Mehmet Mus, called on business communities in the D- 8 member countries to properly evaluate the available opportunities in Turkiye for joint ventures, more so that global supply chains are reforming and his country was also reinforcing its position as a centre for business attraction, globally.

While speaking at the forum, the Federal Minister for the Board of Investment of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Chaudhry Salik Hassan, said the fourth industrial revolution was here already and that its more than just a technology driven change alone, but rather an opportunity for empowerment of all to harness emerging technologies to create an inclusive human-centric feature. He underscored the need to focus on investment for development and transfer of climate–smart agriculture to secure the future generations and ensure food and nutrition security for people’s quality of life.

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D-8 ORGANIZATION AND ERBAKAN FOUNDATION HOSTS JOINT PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE D-8 SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY



The Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) and the Necmettin Erbakan Foundation have organized a joint programme to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the D-8 organization. The programme, which was held at the Ciragan Palace, in Istanbul, Turkiye, the same venue where the Heads of State and Government of eight developing countries of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkiye gathered 25 years ago, to proclaim the birth of the organization with the famous "Istanbul Declaration" on 15 June, 1997.

While addressing the array of dignitaries gathered at the event, the Secretary General of D-8 Organization, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, praised the far-sighted vision of the founding fathers of the organization, and particularly the late Turkish Prime Minister, Prof. Dr. Necmettin Erbakan, who conceived the idea and the prime mover of the founding of the organization. He described the late Turkish leader as a great statesman, who in his lifetime was passionate about humanity, freedom, justice and development in Islamic societies, adding that he aimed to develop and prosper Turkiye and Islamic world, as he attached great importance to cooperation among Islamic countries.

On the achievements recorded so far since the organization was established a quarter of a century ago, Ambassador Imam stated that with joint efforts of member countries tremendous progress had been made in reducing widespread poverty and strengthening of cooperation in all the key priority areas of trade, agriculture, transportation, industry, energy, tourism, Information and Communication Technology (ICT). "We at the D-8 organization might not have achieved all that we had sets out to do in the last 25 years, but surely, we are on course", he further said.

The Secretary-General further said, while the organization remained focus on delivering on its key priority areas of cooperation, efforts are ongoing at the secretariat to work with existing and new partners in order to bring more dynamism and meet expectations in the areas of capacity building, technical assistance and knowledge sharing. According to him, some of the UN organizations D-8 is partnering with are, UNCTAD, FAO, WTO and WCO. Other organizations outside the UN system also partnering with D8 are, Chatham House, London, World Islamic Citation Centre, IRENA, and iSDB, among others.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

MESSAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8

"I fondly recall the historic 15th of June in 1997 when the leaders of eight Muslim developing nations with common goals and aspirations agreed to forge cooperation under a new platform, the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), to improve the socio-economic condition of our people following the principles of peace, dialogue, and cooperation. Bangladesh takes immense pride in being one of the privileged founding members of the Organization.

Today, as we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the D-8, it is my profound pleasure to convey the warmest congratulations of the Government and People of Bangladesh to the Governments and People of the D-8 member states. It is also my great happiness to pledge the fullest commitment of Bangladesh to the continuing mission of the D-8 in furthering economic cooperation by harnessing opportunities that lie ahead for the shared benefits of the member states.

As all the member countries pass through one of the most critical junctures of recent history, the need for strengthened multilateral cooperation and global solidarity deserves more attention than ever to address the challenges posed by confrontation and conflict, diseases, pandemics, and natural disasters, including impacts of climate change. We take encouragement from the progress made so far under the D-8 platform and look forward to opening new vistas of collaboration to attain our shared vision of prosperity for our people, focusing on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The D-8 countries encompass more than one billion people, nearly fifteen percent of the world population, and around sixty percent of the Muslim community. Despite the enormous potential for economic cooperation, there is still a considerable gap between opportunity and achievement. Therefore, early implementation of the trade framework for the member countries is of paramount importance to reap the benefit of the D-8. It is also essential to share the expertise of the member states to bring together all collective efforts to materialize the core objectives of founding this organization more than two decades ago.

Our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, envisioned a global world order based on multilateralism, solidarity, and cooperation. Fifty-one years after our independence, Bangladesh continues to believe in the same ethos and remains steadfast in harnessing the benefit of multilateral cooperation. Bangladesh is ready to form new collaborations among the member states to achieve sustainable development while leaving no one behind and building a more peaceful and prosperous world.

We collectively join in celebrating this silver jubilee of the D-8 and renew our commitment to working with it to advance our priorities and shared values."

H.E. Sheikh Hasina
Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8

"I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.

Since its inception, D-8 Organization has cemented building-blocks for economic cooperation and synergy among eight important Muslim developing countries. Rich natural and human resources, huge economic capacities, and invaluable Islamic-cultural assets of the Member States constitute solid basis for collective cooperation.

Multilateral cooperation, particularly with like-minded countries, is one of the priorities of the economic diplomacy of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Accordingly and in the years to come, we are fully prepared to redouble our efforts in the activities of the D-8 Organization with a view to materializing its noble goals and objectives.

I seize this opportunity to express my gratitude to all Member States for their support to this important multilateral economic organization. I would also like to appreciate efforts by the honorable Secretary-General and his distinguished predecessors as well as all staff of the Secretariat."

H.E. Seyed Ebrahim Raisi
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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MESSAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8

"Twenty-five years ago, leaders of eight developing Muslim countries, including Pakistan, came together to adopt the Istanbul Declaration and to lay the foundation of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.

An idea conceived by Prof. Dr. Necmettin Erbakan, former Prime Minister of Turkey, was translated into reality within a short span of time. This idea resonated far beyond a select geographical region and underlined the fact that in the age of globalization, countries did not need to share borders to cooperate in trade and other areas.

The D-8 Organization was established to challenge the old policies of double-standards, discrimination and oppression; to make efforts for universal access to economic opportunities for eradication of poverty; and to call for eliminating existing trade barriers while encouraging optimum human resource development and technological innovation in the Muslim world.

D-8 has achieved many milestones in these 25 years. Today the foundational objectives of the Organization remain as relevant, if not more, as they were in 1997.

We continue to face several global challenges such as conflicts, humanitarian disasters, food insecurity, poverty, and disease. Covid-19 pandemic, economic downturn, and climate emergency pose immediate threat to developing countries. D-8 has immense potential and countries must mobilize international support for a comprehensive strategy to tackle these challenges. With our collective efforts we can play an effective role in meeting these challenges.

Pakistan, as a founding member the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, will continue to play an active role in pursuit of the objectives and underlying spirit of the Organization. I wish the D-8 great success in the years to come."

H.E. Muhammad Shahbaz Shareef
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-8

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation, the D-8.

Our Organization was launched 25 years ago by eight countries spanning four continents with the goal of ensuring socio-economic development based on the following principles:

- peace instead of conflict
- dialogue instead of confrontation
- cooperation instead of exploitation
- justice instead of double standards
- equality instead of discrimination
- democracy instead of oppression

At the same time, D-8 emerged as a strong thesis and important proposal against the status quo that systematized injustice, unfairness and unlawfulness.

Over the 25 years since its establishment D-8 has never given up its struggle for global justice, welfare, peace and democracy despite the many hardships it encountered.

Within a timeframe of a quarter of a century, alongside of filling an important gap, D-8 also significantly contributed to the strengthening of cooperation among Member States, enhancement of dialogue and de-escalation of tensions.

As our world faces threats such as pandemic, economic uncertainties, food insecurity, conflict, terrorism and Islamophobia, we better understand today how correct and accurate the principles that gave birth to the D-8 are.

We believe that we should use this anniversary not only to reflect on the accomplishments of the past 25 years, but also to plan for the years ahead.

From trade to investment, rural development to agriculture, tourism to energy and transportation, health to defense industry, the furthering of our cooperation over a wide spectrum is within reach.

The expansion of our Organization through the creation of new partnerships as well as the accession of new members and observers would strengthen our efforts to that end.

As Türkiye, will continue to work with the understanding "common fate, common future" to fully realize the ideals set in the Istanbul Declaration and to increase the weight of the D-8 in the global system.

I wish that the 25th anniversary of the D-8 brings prosperity to our countries, citizens and for the whole humanity, and on behalf of my country and my nation, I thank everyone who contributed to the establishment and development of the Organization."

H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
President of the Republic of Türkiye

COURTESY VISITS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

VISIT OF EUROPEAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION (AGD) DELEGATION TO THE D-8 SECRETARIAT

The D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, received the delegation of the European Youth Association (AGD) at the D-8 Secretariat. During the meeting, activities and joint programmes that can be realized for D-8 Youths and increase the visibility of D-8 in Europe were discussed.



THE D-8 SECRETARY-GENERAL PAID A VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF TÜRKIYE



The Secretary-General Ambassador Imam called on the President of the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Türkiye, Prof. Erol Ozvar, at the latter's Office in Istanbul, on 8 April 2022.

The Secretary-General briefed Prof. Ozvar on the activities of the D-8 Organization, especially in the areas of education, research and human resource development. In this connection, the Secretary-General further intimated him of D-8 initiatives aimed at enhancing cooperation in the areas of education, human resources development and research. He also informed of the activities at the D-8 International University and D-8 Network of Pioneers and Innovation (D-8 NPRI).

The Secretary-General underscored the need for enhanced cooperation in the areas of education and human resource development and called for joint efforts in the area of student exchange programmes and accreditation.

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AMBASSADOR IMAM MET WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TURKISH RADIO TELEVISION CORPORATION (TRT)



In continuation of his bid to forge partnership and cooperation with media organizations across member countries of D-8, and even beyond with the objective of increasing its visibility globally, the Secretary General of the organization, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, visited the Headquarters of the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) in Ankara, recently, where he met with the Director General, Prof. Mehmed Zahid Sobacı.

In his brief remark, Ambassador Imam lauded TRT for becoming one of the most successful media outfits in the world today, noting that the organization had been recognized for its accurate and timely reporting of events as they unfold globally. During the visit, the two interlocutors exchanged views on how to boost the visibility of the D-8 Organization and expand cooperation in new areas, including cultural cooperation in D-8 member countries through exchange of movies, documentary and television productions.

D-8 DELEGATION VISITED MUSIAD

D-8 Delegation visited the Headquarters of the Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MUSIAD) in Istanbul, on 24 May 2022. During the visit, D-8 Secretary-General, Ambassador Isiaka A. Imam, met with the President of MUSIAD, Mr. Mahmut Asmalı, and they discussed projects of MUSIAD, as well as areas of cooperation for the two organizations for mutual benefits.



COURTESY VISITS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL PAID VISIT TO TOBB AND THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN IN TURKIYE



Ambassador Imam also paid a courtesy call on Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Ankara, H.E. Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi, at the Embassy of Pakistan in Ankara.

During his official trip to Ankara, Türkiye, the D-8 Secretary-General, His Excellency Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam and his delegation, paid a visit to the Headquarters of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) and met with the Head of TOBB EU and Foreign Relations Department, Mr Mustafa Bayburtlu and discussed ways and means of advancing cooperation between the two institutions, including arrangements for hosting D-8 Investment Forum, which was held on 16 June 2022 jointly by D-8 and TOBB.

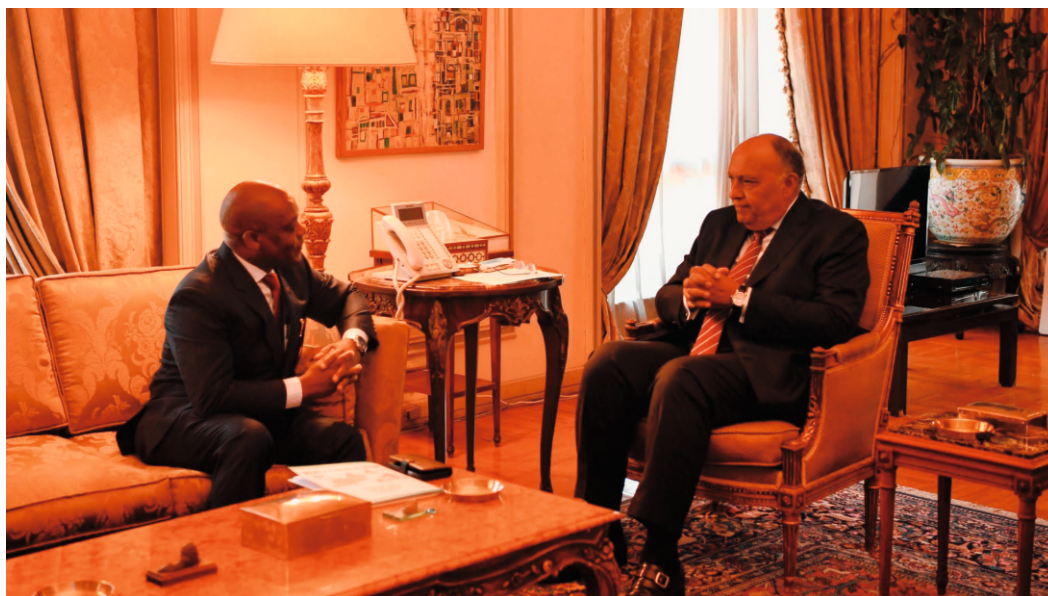
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR OF IRAN IN ANKARA

The Secretary-General of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation paid a courtesy visit to Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Ankara, H.E. Mohammad Farazmand, on 10 June 2022.



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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO EGYPT



The D-8 Secretary-General, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, along with his delegation, paid official visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 27-30 May 2022, as part of his familiarisation tour to D-8 member countries, following his assumption of duty as Secretary General.

On the first day of the visit, he called on the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Sameh Shoukry. The two diplomats held fruitful discussions on several issues. One of the major issues discussed was the forthcoming D-8 Summit Meeting and taking over the chairmanship of the D-8 Organization by Egypt. Ambassador Imam also met with the D-8 Commissioner of Egypt, H.E. Ambassador Hisham Seifeldin at the working luncheon.

On 29 May 2022, the Secretary General of D-8, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, visited the American University in Cairo (AUC) and met with its President, Dr. Ahmad Dallal, at his Office. During the meeting, they discussed ways of collaboration in areas of education and research.

While in Egypt, Ambassador Imam also paid a visit to the Chairman of the Board of Al-Ahram Foundation, Mr. Abdel-Mohsen Salama at the headquarters of the organization. Both sides discussed ways of cooperation in various fields and agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to commence collaboration between the two institutions.



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After the visit to Al-Ahram, the D-8 Secretary-General held a meeting with H.E. Ambassador Ehab Fawzy, the Deputy Director General of OIC Women Development Organization at the latter's Office in Cairo, Egypt. They discussed issues centred on cooperation in relevant fields for mutual benefits of the two organizations.



The Secretary-General, H.E Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, during his visit to Egypt also called at the Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Foreign Ministry of Egypt, where he met with the Director of the Institute, Ambassador Walid Haggag. Issues of Joint training programs on diplomacy and other relevant areas were the focus of their discussions.

On 30 May 2022, Ambassador Imam called on Ambassador of Nigeria in Cairo, H.E. Ambassador Nura Abba Rimi at the Embassy of Nigeria.



The visit to the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) was the last visit of official trip of the D-8 Secretary-General to Egypt. Ambassador Imam met with the representatives of ECFA on 30 May, 2022, and had an interactive discussions majorly on activities of D-8 and economic developments in D-8 Member States.

COURTESY VISITS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISITS TO WIPO AND UNCTAD



The D-8 Secretary-General, His Excellency Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam was in Geneva, Switzerland, where he visited the offices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as part of efforts of the Organizations to strengthen its Partnership with UN Specialized agencies, especially in the areas of training and capacity building for D8 member countries.

On 21 June 2022, Ambassador Imam met with the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Ms. Isabelle Annie J. Durant and the Director-General of WIPO, Mr. Daren Tang. In both meetings, ways of collaboration between the organizations were discussed.



COURTESY VISITS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAN



H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and his delegation, paid an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran from 25-29 June 2022. The Secretary-General called on H.E. Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at the Presidential Palace in Tehran, on 27 June 2022. Ambassador Imam briefed the President on the various activities and initiatives of D-8 Organization since his assumption of office in January this year. He stressed that his vision, amongst others, was to prioritize increased intra-D-8 trade, adding that he was also determined to enhance the visibility of the organization in Member Countries through project implementation, while efforts would be made to forge and strengthen partnership with selected international organizations.

While in Iran, Ambassador Imam also called on top functionaries in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the Deputy Minister for Economic Diplomacy, H.E. Mahdi Safari, and the Director-General for International and Multilateral Economic Cooperation and D-8 Commissioner, Ambassador Sayeed Jalaldeen Alavi Sabzevari. The Secretary-General and his delegation also called on the President of the Iranian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gholam H. Shafei, and Director-General of the Islamic Republic News Agency of Iran as well as Heads of the two D8 affiliate bodies in Iran, namely the D8 International University in Hamedan and the D-8 TTEN in Tehran.



MEETINGS, WEBINARS, EVENTS

THE D-8 SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS AT THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL PLATFORM ON GREEN AGRICULTURE BY FAO



On the invitation of the Secretary General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), the D-8 Secretary-General, His Excellency Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, participated in the FAO Regional Conference for Europe, organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) in Lodz, Poland, from 10-13 May 2022.

Building on the outcomes of the United Nations Food Systems Summit in 2021, the new FAO Strategic Framework, which strives for better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life, was unveiled at the Lodz Meeting. The new strategy is expected to facilitate future achievements under the umbrella of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

D-8 PARTICIPATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION (INOTEX 2022)



The Director in charge of Administration and Sectoral matters at D-8 Secretariat, Mr. Ahmar Ismail, participated at the 11th International Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INOTEX 2022) at Pardis Technology Park, in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, from 10-13 May, 2022, on behalf of the D-8 Secretary-General.

MEETINGS, WEBINARS, EVENTS

AMBASSADOR IMAM WAS IN ANKARA FOR ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY FORUM OF BANGLADESH EMBASSY



The Secretary-General of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka A. Imam, was in Ankara, Türkiye, on 9 June 2022, to attend the First Economic Diplomacy Forum organized by Embassy of People’s Republic of Bangladesh in Ankara. He delivered a speech at the Forum, as keynote speaker.

DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS ATTENDED STOCKHOLM+50 IN SWEDEN

The Director for External Relations, Ms. Rasha Hamdy, attended the Stockholm+50 International Meeting was co-hosted by the Government of Sweden and Kenya and convened by the United Nations General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden, from 2-3 June 2022 to commemorate 50 years of UN Conference on the Human Environment.



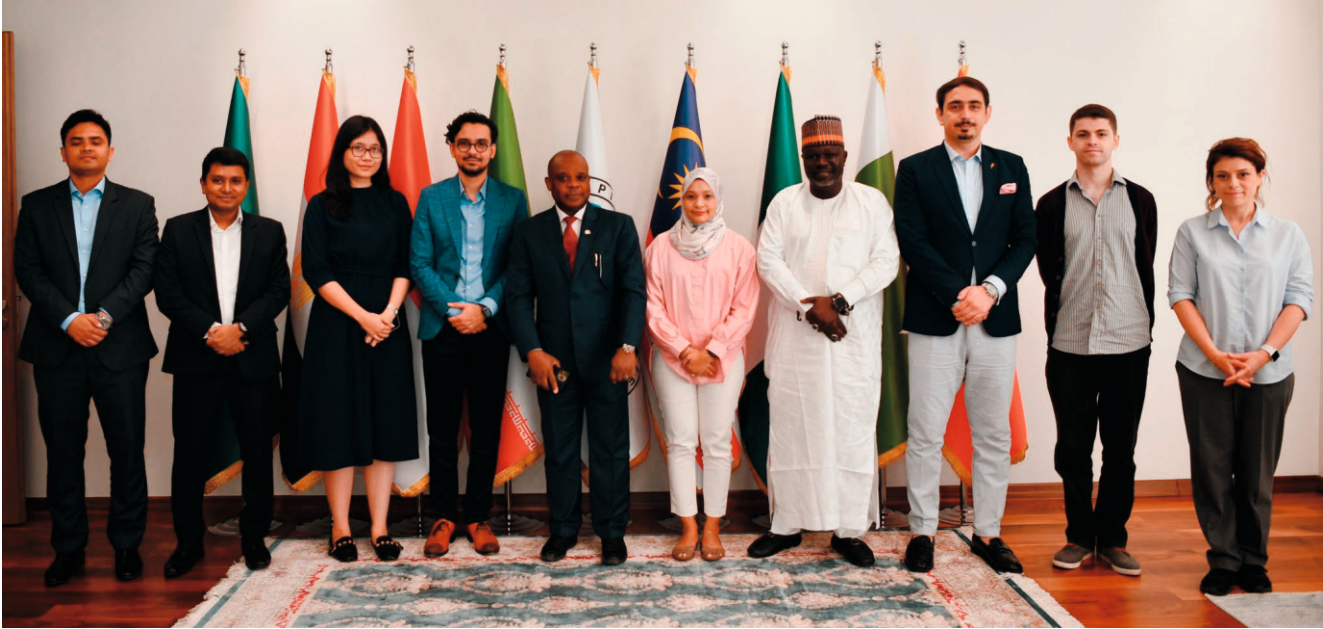
WEBINAR ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP SITE SPECIFIC CLIMATE ADAPTATIONS IN AGRICULTURE



University of Agriculture in Faisalabad, Pakistan hosted a webinar on 9 June 2022, to share the outcomes of the ongoing Project on “Capacity Building of Stakeholders in order to Develop Site Specific Climate Adaptations in Agriculture” with participation of representatives from the relevant institutions and authorities of the D-8 countries.

MEETINGS, WEBINARS, EVENTS

AMBASSADOR IMAM RECEIVES JUNIOR DIPLOMATS FROM D-8 COUNTRIES



The Secretary General of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, on Friday 24 June ,2022 received in his office in Istanbul a group of Junior diplomats from D-8 member countries who have been participating in a week-long training program organized by the Ministry of Forighn Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye.

Welcoming the participants to the D-8 Secretariat, Ambassador Imam thanked them for the visit and urged them to put to practice what they were taught during the week-long training program. He underscored the importance of training and capacity building to the career of diplomats, adding that the art of diplomacy covered vast areas of knowledge which includes, history, politics, geography, economics, cultures and other spheres of life, which would require diplomats to continue to update their knowledge if they wanted to reach the pinnacle of their chosen profession.

The week-long training program taught courses on diplomatic skills such as, protocol and negotiations, and topical issues like global impact of COVID-19 on international trade and economic diplomacy, impact of social media on diplomatic practices and international commercial diplomacy. The junior diplomats training program was held as part of the activities to mark the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the establishment of D-8 Organization.

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