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The idea of the establishment of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation, which has come to be known as D-8, goes back to the “Cooperation for Development” Conference, held in October 1996 in Istanbul at the initiative of late Professor Necmettin Erbakan, then Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey. Subsequent to the conclusion of the Conference in which the eight countries (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey) had agreed on the creation of the new grouping, preparations were made for its official establishment. The gathering for this purpose, held at the level of Heads of State and Government of the Member Countries, took place on 15 June 1997 in Istanbul – which has been referred to ever since as the First D-8 Summit.

The preparatory process for the First Summit included a number of meetings on political, organizational and technical matters, which agreed, among others, on the structure and functioning of the D-8. Envisioning the new grouping as a “cooperative mechanism” for socio-economic development, it was agreed that the following principles would guide its spirit and activities:

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

Moreover, agreement was reached on the broad areas of economic and industrial cooperation, with due emphasis on the need for the engagement of both public and private sectors in the member countries.

The preparatory process also reached agreement on the establishment of a coordinating secretarial mechanism in Istanbul, Turkey – which developed later as the permanent seat of the D-8 Secretariat.

The present Journal, prepared by the D-8 Secretariat, intends to present an overall picture of its development, and take stock of its achievements and challenges as it continues its journey of collective, cooperative efforts.

The D-8 Secretariat sincerely hopes that the D-8 Journal will serve to promote and enhance public awareness of the Organization, highlight its activities, promote its image and status, and help make it a more dynamic and effective collaborative mechanism for economic progress and development of its member countries. It is a generally-agreed view within the D-8 community that it enjoys the requisite potential to be more active and effective and deserves a higher status and role.



Seyed Ali Mohammad MOUSAVI
Secretary-General

Foreword

Developing Eight (D-8) is an inter-governmental organization for economic cooperation established through the Istanbul Declaration of 15 June 1997, when the Head of States and Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey, resolved to Improve member countries’ position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities In trade relations, enhance participation In decision-making at International level, and Improve standards of living of their peoples.

The objectives and significance of this Organization remains all the more relevant today as the world

goes through unprecedented economic challenges, as it provides the excellent platform to consolidate and promote cooperation among member states through continuous dialogue and consultations. The development of the Organization had also made us optimistic for the prospective cooperation and Involvement of the member states. In the projects and activities of the D-8, amidst the fact that we are still quite a young Organization.

We believe that D-8 contribution to the welfare of our world. Includes Its dynamic human resources with around one billion population, its share of world economy which amounts to 13%, and its cross geo-

graphical and cultural dimensions which make of D-8 a unique model of South/South cooperation.

The objective of ensuring improved quality of life for our peoples is also gradually being realized. Equally important Is that member states have become more active In participating in the process of the organization and have consciously strengthened the Secretariat to anchor them.

Please do not hesitate to inquire any information related to our Organization to our contact details, which you may find by visiting our website at www.developing8.org



21-22 JANUARY 2013, TEHRAN, IRAN

D-8 Discusses Joint Investment Fund in Tehran

21-23 FEBRUARY 2013, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

D-8 Water Forum Aims for Robust Cooperation

The D-8 Water Cooperation Meeting, the first meeting convened by D-8 in this sector, has just been recently held by the Turkish Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs and the Turkish Water Institute, in collaboration with Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and D-8 Secretariat, in Istanbul on 21-23 February 2013, with participants from relevant fields from the D-8 Countries. Coinciding with the 2013 UN International Year of Water Cooperation, the purpose of that event was to enhance the collabo-

High-level governmental officials and experts from each member country joined two days of technical meeting. The meeting was subdivided in three different technical groups: Hydraulic Works, Water Management and Meteorological Service.

Experts from each member country gave an informative presentation where explained how to manage their water reserve both underground and surface, maintain the quality of drinking water, scope, challenges, legal framework and technologies

by the participants in this meeting," said the D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi. Mr. Mousavi also added that the Organization will work to enhance the level of cooperation in this new area, and plan to follow it up by establishing a ministerial forum in the future meetings, in order to equip this cooperation with a sense of stronger commitment from ministerial level.

Reports of this meeting will be circulated to participants, and relevant authorities in member countries

D-8 Eyes a Joint Investment Mechanism

The first technical meeting with the aim of exchanging views of the idea to set up a joint investment mechanism among the D-8 member countries was recently launched in Tehran on 21 January 2013. The two-days meeting, which emerged to seek way to resolve the investment level which is far low below the potentials for the member countries, reaffirmed the common desire of the D-8 members to take constructive measures

to encourage, facilitate and promote foreign direct investment (FDI) in the priority areas.

In his opening remark, D-8 Secretary-General Ali Mohammad Mousavi underlined that the D-8 members have high potentials in economic fields and resources, and further added that "A joint investment fund will yield abundant fruits for the members and will positively effect the development of infrastructures."

Iran's Deputy Finance Minister, Behrouz Alishiri, who also attended the meeting, said Iran is strongly supporting this proposal, and in fact has submitted it back in 2010, and the member states emphasized establishment of the fund in other meetings. "The fund will help enhance developments among D-8 member states," he noted.



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ration on water-related issues and challenges among the D-8 Member countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

Projects on water resources, resolving the international water issues and effective use of water will form the main agenda of the meeting according to a statement by the Turkish Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs.

which are being used in their respective countries. As a first introduction meeting, the gathering had successfully exchanges knowledge related to their country's water profile and best practices, as well as their commitment to hold a range of expert training and skill programs among the D-8 member countries.

"It has been a set of good meetings, and we are very pleased and encouraged to see the enthusiasm shared

through their own country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, within the next two weeks at the latest.

The next meeting will be held in sidelines of the World Irrigation Forum in Mardin, Turkey, in September 2013, and to be followed by another meeting which will be announced in due course in Iran.

16 FEBRUARY 2013, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

D-8 Secretary-General MOUSAVI participated in an interview with Anadolu Agency

As the new Secretary-General of D-8 Organization of Economic Co-operation, Dr. Seyed Ali-Mohammad Mousavi enunciated his dreams about D-8 organization. Mousavi stated that there is a desire to create a D-8 brand. "It may be in airlines, automotive and even a satellite. Why not?" he pointed out and "Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, and Malaysia, these countries are technologically advanced in these areas" he added.

Dr. Mousavi reminded that, at this coming 15th June, D-8 will fulfill its 15 years and expressed that a time frame of 15 years is not a long period for an international organization to have a strong voice in the world. Mousavi noted that the organization is still at an early stage and until now much effort has been given for the institutionalization. "To this end, in Islamabad Summit, very important steps have been taken. D-8 Charter, Global Vision, administrative regulations documents were approved. Especially adoption of D-8 Charter is a milestone for D-8 to give an official recognition in the international arena. So far we have worked on policy and planning but from now on, we should work on the projects. D-8 will

be visible everywhere very soon" he declared. Dr. Mousavi said that during the establishment of D-8, twenty different areas of cooperation have been determined. Later, out of twenty, five areas, namely trade, energy, transportation, agriculture and industry were decided to be the priority areas and in 2008 Kuala Lumpur Summit and a ten year road map was adopted concerning the work on the five priority areas.

Less concrete projects:

Mousavi expressed that, D-8 involved in several areas of cooperation, but concrete projects have been very modest. The most important reason for this is the lack of a mechanism to finance within the framework of the D-8, he added. Dr. Mousavi pointed out that many organizations which focused on trade and economy, such as, Economic Cooperation Organization, the Organization of the Black Sea Cooperation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, embodied their own bank for financing their projects, however until now, D-8 did not have such a financial mechanism, yet, two weeks ago a technical meeting was held in Tehran to establish a joint

investment fund for D-8.

Dr. Mousavi emphasized that the necessary financial resources are needed to carry out projects. "As an organization we also have dreams. We seek to establish a D-8 brand as declared by the D-8 Ministers of Foreign Affairs. It may be in airlines, automotive and even a satellite. Member countries like Turkey, Iran, Indonesia and Malaysia are technologically advanced in these areas. However a financial mechanism is needed to activate the potentials of member countries. Therefore, if we can establish a fund, we will be able to produce visible projects." he said.

We want a strong Egypt:

Dr. Mousavi pointed that Egypt, especially after the change of government, is giving importance to the D-8 cooperation. Egyptian president Mr. Mohamed Morsi was ready to join D-8 Summit in Islamabad which held on November 2012. Unfortunately he could not attend the summit but he demonstrated his support to D-8 by sending his most senior officials, he added. Throughout the D-8 history, this is the first time that Egypt sends such high level officials

in a meeting. "We want a strong Egypt and its contribution to the organization. Moreover, 4th Industrial ministers meeting will be hosted by Egypt in 2013." said Dr. Mousavi. Dr. Mousavi expressed that "An active Egypt in D-8 together with Turkey and Iran, will both contribute to economic development and solution to instability in the region."

Finally he emphasized that, "Bilateral country visits between Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, and Irani-

an President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after decades, helped normalization of relations between the two countries. Also Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's effort to improve relations with both Iran and Egypt is important for the region as well as for D-8. The development of relations and strengthening cooperation between these three major powers of the region, which share historical ties with each other will also contribute the welfare and peace of the people of the region."



9-11 MARCH 2013- KISH ISLAND, IRAN

D-8 to Gear Up on Formulation of Solid Fertilizers Cooperation

The D-8 Organization has successfully concluded its intensive ad hoc meeting on fertilizer, which was held in Kish Island of Iran, during 9-11 March 2013. The meeting, attended by participation from Turkey, Nigeria, Malaysia, and Iran, was a follow up event as agreed in the previous Working Group meeting on Fertilizer, held in Mataram, Indonesia, on October 2012, and sought to discuss the proposal of establishing a fertilizer trade consortium of chemical and

bio-organic related governmental and private company institutions, investment banks, and research bodies among member countries.

The meeting witnessed the active exchange of views on the current status of production, distribution, and trade of fertilizers in D-8 Countries, and thoroughly discuss the feasibility of established the referred trade consortium. The meeting resolved on proposing an MoU on the establishment of a D-8 trade consortium

on fertilizer. The MoU will serve as an initial draft to be presented and sought final approval from all D-8 member countries at the 2nd D-8 Ad Hoc Group Meeting on Fertilizer, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in mid of 2013.

The Report of this meeting will be available for distribution to related ministries in the Member Countries through their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

First Meeting of D-8 Ad Hoc Group on the possible formation of Consortium on Fertilizer in Iran



9 MARCH 2013, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

D-8 Secretary-General paid a courtesy visit to Governor of Istanbul



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H.E Governor of Istanbul, Mr. Hüseyin Avni Mutlu welcomed Secretary-General of Developing8 organization Dr. Mousavi in his office in Istanbul on 8th March 2013.

In this meeting H.E. Governor congratulates him on his appointment as the new Secretary-General of the D-8 organization. Dr. Mousavi

said among the other issues that the motive behind this visit is primarily to establish a good partnership and relations with government official of the Turkey in Istanbul.

While Dr. Mousavi gave a brief background of Developing8 organization in terms of its structure and activities, he seeks governor's cooperation and supports on various D-8 programs, specially on the issue of visibility of

D-8 organization in Turkey specially in Istanbul as the home of the D-8. He also mentioned that for visibility purposes, D-8 is going to celebrate D-8 day and D-8 film festival in June this year.

Finally H.E. Governor gave an idea to Secretary-General such as arrange sports activities among D-8 member countries.

28 MARCH 2013, ANKARA, TURKEY

D-8 establishes cooperation with Anadolu Agency (AA)

Director General of Anadolu Agency (AA) Mr. Kemal Öztürk welcomed Secretary-General of Developing8 Organization Dr. Ali Mohammad Mousavi in his office in Ankara on 28th March 2013.

Dr. Mousavi raised his concern on increasing the visibility of the organization and requested the assistance of Anadolu Agency in this regard.

Mr. Kemal Öztürk, who witnessed the establishment of D-8 as a young

journalist, said the Anadolu Agency is ready to cover all meetings of D-8 and proposed the invitation of news agencies of D-8 members to participate at the Summits in order to announce the outcomes of them as broadly as possible.



D-8 Secretary-General paid a courtesy visit to Director General of Anadolu Agency (AA)

28 MARCH 2013, ANKARA, TURKEY

D-8 Successfully Concludes Its 2nd Supervisory Meeting on PTA



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Representatives from all member states (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey) have successfully wrapped up the second supervisory meeting on the Preferential Trade Agreement on Friday (29 March 2013) in Ankara, Turkey, and inked several important notes such as an agreement to set up a cut-off date as 1st August 2013 for the implementation of first installment, by the Contracting Parties.

The D-8 Organization also considered the idea of establishing a Subcommittee of Experts, which will be considered further in the third Supervisory Committee Meeting, which will be held on sidelines of the Trade Ministers Council Meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, in mid of this year.

It was also agreed that prior to the holding of the third Supervisory Committee Meeting, Contracting Parties will submit their views and feedbacks to the Secretariat, with re-

gard to the para-tariffs and non-tariff barriers, as well as to advance discussions on these issues among member states.

The Report of this meeting has been circulated by the Secretariat to its focal point in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each member countries.

7 APRIL 2013, **KONYA, TURKEY**

Konya City of Turkey Offers Full Support to D-8 Organization

In a recent courtesy visit paid to Konya City by the D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, the local authorities has warmly assured of its profound support to the D-8 Organization, and the future activities of the Organization. The Governor, H.E. Mr. Adin Nezih Dogan, and the Mayor of Konya -- one of an important city with a huge economic potentials in Turkey -- H.E. Mr. Tahir Akyürek, offered a full-fledged backing to any of future D-8 Activities in Turkey. Dr. Mousavi's visit to Konya was conducted with the aim to establish a good partnership and relations with local authorities in Turkey, as well as to increase visibility and awareness of D-8 to the public at large. The

visit to Konya included not only engagements with local authorities, but also a number of conferences to media, seminar in the Necmettin Erbakan University, and Chamber of Industry.

Mr. Akyürek, the Mayor of Konya, reassured its commitment to assist the D-8 Organization with their best support and strongly proposed to hold one of future high level D-8 meetings in this beautiful city. All cordial supports and engagements made during the visit, including that with media and universities, has



highly promoted the Organization's public visibility to general public at large.



D-8 Secretary-General gave a seminar in the N. Erbakan Universty

17 APRIL 2013 **DHAKA, BANGLADESH**

Bangladesh Vows its Full-Fledged Support to D-8 Organization



D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi paid an official visit to Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 14-17 April 2013, which mark his first official visit since he assumed office earlier this year.

During the visit, he met with wide range of high dignitaries of the Bangladesh Government, such as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industries, Minister of Agriculture, Minister for Civil Aviation & Tourism and other senior governmental officials in public and private sectors, with the aim to explore ways to further enhance cooperation between Bangladesh and D-8.

D-8 Secretary-General commend Dhaka's role

During the visit with Foreign Minister, H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Dr. Mousavi commended Bangladesh's prominent role in the D-8 activities and D-8 institutional development. Dr. Mousavi sought support and guidance from Bangladesh in his efforts for widening and deepening the impact of D-8 on the socio-economic development of member states, based on the new D-8 Charter and Global Vision adopted during the last D-8 Summit. In this regard Foreign Minister assured him of her full-fledged support.

D-8 intra-trade will be \$300 billion in 2018

During the visit with Industry Minister H.E. Dilip Barua, Mousavi said that intra-trade between D-8 countries is set to double in the next five years. He very much expect that the trade volume to hit \$300 billion by 2018. Mousavi also pointed out that D-8; so far, four agreements have been signed and enforced among its member states: simplification of business visa, administrative assistance in customs, preferential trade agreement and civil aviation to enhance the trade volume. Mousavi thanked the Industries Minister for making the third D-8 Ministerial Meeting held in Dhaka in October last year a grand success. "The scope for mutual cooperation has widened with the meeting." Beside the agriculture and food security, transportation, civil aviation, industry, trade and energy, Mr. Dilip Barua laid emphasis on strengthening cooperation some other vibrant sectors like ship building, agro based, leather, pharmaceutical, textile, RMG (Ready Made Garments) and SMEs, said Mr. Dilip Barua. Mr. Dilip Barua very much hopeful D-8 will take place in next eleven emerging economy.

Enhancing Flying Network and Cross-Country Tourism Cooperation

During the meeting with Dr. Mousavi, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister H.E Faruk Khan said, "We discussed briefly how to increase flying network among the D-8 nations, utilise the prospects of cross-country tourism through enhancing cooperation and strategies to increase coordination among tour operators with an aim to raise the number of tourists." He also declared that It has been finalised that a meeting of the director generals of the civil aviation sector will be held in Dhaka on the first week of June.

New Potential Area Solar Energy

Agriculture Minister H.E. Matia Chowdhury on Tuesday said the D-8 Secretary-General that most of the D-8 countries are in equinoctial zone. So, sun light is a natural resource of D-8 countries. Using this sunlight, D-8 countries can get huge solar energy and this solar energy can be useable for irrigation and also for domestic purpose. She interested in solar energy because it will minimize the irrigation cost and it also not very expensive to manufacture solar panel. In this regard, Matia Chowdhury told Mousavi how to establish a R&D for developing solar energy. She also added that SMEs is also very important because SME is playing a very important rule in rural people.

18 APRIL 2013, **ISTANBUL- TURKEY**

ECO Secretary-General paid a courtesy visit to D-8

H.E. Dr. Shamil Aleskerov, the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), paid a courtesy visit to the D-8 Secretariat, Istanbul, on Thursday, 18 April 2013. He was graciously welcomed by the Secretary-General, H.E. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, at the premise of the D-8 Secretariat, where the two head of the sister Organization exchanged fruitful views on the issue of implementation of the MoU between the two entities which had already been signed in 2011.

Both Organization underlined the advisability of studying possible collaboration, and seek to map out the action plan for the MoU to be implemented in visible activities. The D-8 Secretary-General proposed that a technical committee to study this issue in detail, and the Director II (for External Relation) shall soon be visiting the ECO Secretariat to discuss and study the implementation ideas in relevant fields. In this regard, the both sides agreed to intensify communication and coordination through their Secretariats.

Both sides also emphasized the significance of D-8 and ECO collaboration as one of the appropriate mechanisms to promote regional economic cooperation aimed at sustainable development and improving the standards of living for the nations of both member states. They also expressed the need for further interaction between ECO and D-8 Organization.



Courtesy Visit of ECO Secretary-General to D-8 Secretary-General

23 APRIL 2013, **BAKU, AZERBAIJAN**

D-8 Secretary-General Attended the Conference of OIC Labour Ministers

D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Seyed Ali Mohammad MOUSAVI, recently attended the 2nd Conference of Labour Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was held on 23-26 April 2013, in Baku, Azerbaijan, and gave a presentation on the D-8 Organization and several ideas on the issue of migrant workers and its remittances potential, for the developing world.

The OIC Labour Ministers Conference, principally aims at joining efforts on the way of developing sustainable platform aimed at creation of decent and safe work through reducing poverty, unemployment and raising social welfare in OIC member countries, serves as a platform for sharing progressive ideas and innovations and achieving common objectives which will contribute to a global cooperation in labour issues. In his statement, the Secretary-General elaborated on the issue of remittance from migrant workers. As widely known, remittances of migrant workers are one of an enormous source of potential capital for long term development of some of D-8 countries and reduce poverty. Its transferred amount among countries is about US\$300 billion per year ac-



D-8 Secretary-General Dr. Mousavi attends OIC Labour Ministers meeting

According to the figures of World Bank. This amount is considered affecting the economies more than FDI does in some regions. When D-8 member states are of concern, remittance inflow to Bangladesh, Nigeria, and Pakistan are constituting a larger percentage of other types of national incomes. In addition, remittance flow has an increasing trend for most of D-8 member states. These flows of human and financial capital have implications for the economies and societies of the sending and the receiving countries. Secretary-General emphasized his conviction that it is high time to for-

ulate a program to capitalize on the enormous flows of remittances to developing countries for longer term economic development and increased food security. "We need to devise new approaches to training migrant workers and their families to use more formal banking channels for the transmission of remittances, to thereby access banking services and capital, and to develop locally sustainable, employment-generating enterprises in the agribusiness sector," he underlined in his speech. About 57 Labour Ministers of OIC countries visited Baku for this conference.

26 APRIL 2013, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

D-8 to Embark on Closer Agricultural Cooperation with AARDO

D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, welcomed the Secretary-General of AARDO (African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), Eng. Wassfi Hassan El-Sheihin, on the premise of the Secretariat on Friday, 26 April 2013. The courtesy visit by AARDO, an inter-governmental organization focusing on sustainable Agriculture and rural development,

was conducted with the aim to seek closer cooperation between the two organization, through future collaboration and projects.

Both figures exchanged their views thoroughly during the visit, and committed to study the framework of cooperation that can be developed in the field of agriculture and rural development for the benefit of the member countries of both orga-

nizations. D-8 Secretariat presented a draft of Memorandum of Understanding to AARDO for their initial study and feedback. Both parties expressed their utmost hope that that after finalized, the MoU shall be signed by the head of Secretariat of two organizations in one of main Agriculture event in the organization.



D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi, welcomed the Secretary-General of AARDO, Eng. Wassfi Hassan El-Sheihin

2 MAY 2013, ANKARA TURKEY

Turkey Offers its Full-Fledged Support to D-8 Organization



Minister Ergun and Minister Yildiz warm welcomes to Secretary-General Dr. Mousavi

D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi paid an official visit to Ankara, Turkey on 2 May 2013. During the visit, Secretary-General had constructive meetings with Ministers of Industry and Energy.

During his visit with Minister of Industry, H.E. Nihat Ergun, Secretary-General thanked Turkey as a founding member for its full support and assistance to the D-8. Latter Secretary-General discussed several

issues on industry which is one of the D-8 Priority Areas. Secretary-General said that industry plays a significant role in D-8 economies and is the key generator of employment income and innovation. There are 12 working groups under industry and with the aim to explore ways to further enhance industrial cooperation among the member countries.

Minister of Energy, H.E. Taner Yildiz also gave a warm welcome to Secretary-General. Dr. Mousavi underlined the Turkey's potential on energy es-

pecially renewable energy and Turkish private sector investments in the D-8 countries.

Minister Yildiz said that there are huge human and natural resources in the D-8 countries. "D-8 can emerge as a powerful organization through proper utilization of the resources", he added. The Minister also assured his full support and cooperation to strengthen cooperation on energy and also expressed his readiness to host one of the future ministerial energy meetings in Turkey.

06-08 MAY, 2013 **GEBZE, TURKEY**

D-8 Workshop on Metrology was successfully held

D-8 Workshop on Metrology was successfully held in Gebze- Turkey. The workshop was a three days workshop held between 6 and 8 May 2013 and was hosted by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK).

The goal of this workshop was to pro-

vide fundamental information to participants about general metrology, accreditation and uncertainly calculation. It was expected that through this goal, D-8 Member countries could follow the trend of progress in industrial metrology.

Furthermore, metrology is not an activity that is only carried out in spe-

cialized institutes or calibration laboratories. In order to meet the needs of society for accurate and reliable measurements in all its many applications, a strong spirit of metrology must also exist in D-8 companies and D-8 enterprises that make the instruments and that use them to make measurements.



D-8 Workshop on Metrology

13-14 MAY 2013, **TEHRAN, IRAN**

D-8 expedites cooperation in the field of petrochemical industry



D-8 Organization has successfully concluded the 3rd D-8 Petrochemical Task Force Meeting, which was held in Tehran - Iran, between 13-14 May 2013. The meeting was attended by participation from Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey and was a follow up event as agreed in the previous task force meeting on petrochemical, held in Dhaka-Indonesia, on October 2012. The meeting witnessed the active exchange of views on the status of the capacity of D-8 Member States in petrochem-

ical industry as well as the ways and means to enhance the joint of D-8 Member States in petrochemical production and trade.

The meeting agreed on the establishment of "D-8 Association of Petrochemical Industry" with the sole purpose of promoting petrochemicals production and trade among the D-8 member countries. The meeting decided to convene the first open-ended Ad Hoc meeting on D-8 Association of Petrochemical Industry simultaneously with the 4th

Petrochemical Task Force Meeting within the first quarter of 2014 in Iran.

It was also agreed to conduct a study on the status and capacity of human, technical and the financial resources appropriate for the implementation of joint venture petrochemical projects as well as to establish a website on different aspects of the petrochemicals industry in order to enhance the integration and networking among D-8 Member States.

20-22 MAY 2013 **JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

Secretary-General: D-8 Will Continue to Grow with Indonesia's Support

In a recent courtesy visit to several high dignitaries in Indonesia, including the President, H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Secretary-General Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi had been warmly welcomed and exchanged fruitful discussion and received invaluable insight and instruction from the President to increase and strengthen the cooperation amongst the member countries, particularly in the sectors of economy and trade.

"D-8 is a very important organization. I believe there remains room and potential for stronger cooperation. I hope, in the years to come, we can enhance good ties and cooperation in many areas particularly economy and trade," said Mr. President upon opening the meeting, which was held on Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

In a press statement after the meeting, Secretary-General Mousavi praised Indonesia's active role in the D-8. "Indonesia is D-8's most active and most important member. We really count on their continuous support," he said.

According to him, the scope of cooperation among D-8 members has



President Yudhoyono welcomes D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi to the Presidential Office in Jakarta

also included areas of civil aviation, industry, customs, visa simplification, as well as preferential trade agreement (PTA). Minister of Cabinet Secretary, H.E. Dr. Dipo Alam, who was the former Secretary-General of D-8, and was also present during the meeting and press conference explained that internal trade among D-8 members currently stood at US\$150 billion. "Indonesia hopes that the volume can jump to \$200 billion, even \$300 by 2018," he said.

During this visit to Indonesia from 20-22 May 2013, Secretary-Gener-

al also had fruitful courtesy visit and talks with H.E. Minister of Agriculture, H.E. Minister of Transport, H.E. Minister of Cabinet Secretary, H.E. Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (accompanied by the D-8 Commissioner for Indonesia), and H.E. Minister of Trade.

The series of meeting was concluded with a visit to the Indonesian News Agency ANTARA, to discuss about the possible establishment of a Working Group or Association of D-8 News Agencies.

23 MAY, 2013 **ABU-DHABI, UAE**

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In a recent meeting between D-8 Secretary-General, Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, and Director-General of IRENA, Adnan Z. Amin, which took place at IRENA's headquarters in Abu Dhabi, important figure from both Organization exchanged views on the issue of establishing an interaction and fruitful cooperation in the Renewable Energy field, to cater the energy need from enormous population of the D-8 countries. In this dis-

cussion, several ways to furnish the modalities for this cooperation was elaborated.

IRENA had warmly responded to the initiative, and suggested that initially a common booklet about the potentials of renewable energy from D-8 member countries may be worked on, of which the data can be retrieved from IRENA's comprehensive country profile inventories. This booklet shall provide strategy

which derived from analytic review of these potentials. The next step is to establish a technical/expert level meeting which will discuss their respective country's policy and development of renewable energy, and seek concrete ways of cooperation. The result from this meeting can later be brought to higher level meeting at a Ministerial or Summit meeting, concluded the discussion.

03-04 JUNE 2013, **DHAKA- BANGLADESH**

D-8 Consolidates its Growth in Civil Aviation

D-8 will soon hold its first Ministerial Meeting on Transportation. The Seventh D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation and Director Generals Meeting, hosted by the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was successfully held on 3-4 June 2013 in Dhaka-Bangladesh. 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, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the Republic of Turkey.

The Meeting emphasized that set of practical actions and measures that serve promote the state of D-8 cooperation in actual terms was imperative, for instance to set up an action plan for future D-8 Civil Aviation cooperation for the next 5-10 years.

In addition, each of Task Force under this Working Group reported and shared their progress of cooperation and activities. In order to make the task forces more action-oriented and outcome-based, the delegations advised the Task Forces to use ICAO technical documents, templates and regulatory frameworks as guideline



for action plan.

The meeting witnessed active exchange views on various aspects of the status of Current Development Information from D-8 Countries regarding the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between D-8 and ICAO. In this sense, member countries should consider the option of bilateral and multilateral agreements among themselves, for instance Open Skies Agreement.

The meeting also welcomed the idea to hold Ministerial Meeting in Transportation- Shipping and Civil Aviation and Tourism in order to formulate as legal framework for future cooperation. It was also noted that the meet-

ing supported member countries for their participation at the upcoming 38th ICAO General Assembly Meeting in September 2013.

At the end of the final session, Nigeria handed-over the chairmanship of D-8 WGCA to Bangladesh. Taking into this effect, Bangladesh will be the new D-8 DGCA Chairman for one year period (2013-2014) and will the host for next meeting, which is 8th DGCA in Dhaka in June 2014. Subsequently, Malaysia will be the subsequent D-8 DGCA Chairman (2014-2015) and will host the 9th DGCA in mid-2015.

10 JUNE, 2013 **ISTANBUL-TURKEY**

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D-8 Secretary-General Dr. Mousavi had a meeting with H.E. Dr. Hatem Mohammad Abdel-Latif, Minister of Transport of the Arab Republic of Egypt, accompanied by Mr. Abderrahman Salaheldin, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Ankara, in Istanbul on 10 June 2013.

During the meeting, Secretary-General Mousavi expressed that at the end of 2014, D-8 will finish its first cycle when all members will complete their functions for holding the chair once, which he strongly believed will be the most appropriate moment to

upgrade the Organization. He further stated that, to this end the Secretariat is preparing a new strategy soon to be submitted to the deliberations of member countries.

Secretary-General also emphasized the significance of the area of transportation for D-8 cooperation and revealed his discomfort on the issue of not holding a D-8 Ministerial in this crucial cooperation field since the establishment of the Organization. He added that while there remain many diverse means of transportation such as railways, shipping, road, logistics etc, until now D-8 cooperation has been limited to civil aviation.

Responding to Secretary-General Mousavi, H.E. Abdel-Latif, emphasized that to strengthen D-8 cooperation at the area of transportation, the Organization needs to draw a strategy first, with the inclusion of representatives from all member countries in order to agree on a plan for intensifying the cooperation in this field which will later be presented to Ministers. H.E. Abdel-Latif further stated that he will appoint a focal point in the area of transportation from Egypt to maintain a smooth coordination with D-8 Secretariat.

24-25 JUNE 2013 **ABUJA- NIGERIA**

D-8 went one step ahead to reach its target \$500bn intra trade in 2018



D-8 Trade Ministers meets in Abuja, Nigeria.

The 1st D-8 Trade Ministers Council Meeting, hosted by the Federal Republic of Nigeria, was successfully held on 24-25 June 2013 in Abuja-Nigeria. The Meeting was attended by delegations from 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, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey.

The meeting of Trade Ministers from the eight developing countries agreed that the Preferential Trade Agreement was a mile stone achievement in the 16 years history of the Eight Developing (D-8) countries for economic cooperation because of its capacity to boost trade and investment among member countries thereby

reducing poverty and enriching our people.

The Ministers of Trade or Commerce, and the Head of Delegations have agreed upon to take the necessary steps towards achieving the objectives and goals of D-8 cooperation as stated in the Roadmap to increase intra-trade of D-8 states to at least 15-20% (USD 500 billion) of their global trade by the end of 2018.

Delegations from member countries reported and shared their progress regarding the implementation of the D-8 PTA. Later on they recommend to the Trade Ministers Council that 1 November 2013 would be the new cut-off date for implementation of the first installment of tariff reductions and Member States will submit the Revised Offer Lists (transposed to

HS Code 2012) to the D-8 Secretariat by 31 July 2013. After receiving the Revised Offer Lists, D-8 Secretariat will circulate to the member countries not later than 31 July 2013.

The meeting emphasized that it is very much important to improve linkages and efficient networking between and among D-8 governments, trade promotion agencies and private sectors for sharing best practices, enhancing fairness and promoting intra D-8 trade and a facilitative business environment.

On his part the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization, Seyed Ali Mohammed Mousavi made a case for more strategic arrangements that will make the process seamless and effective to achieve the desired result in the long run.

27 JUNE 2013, **CAIRO-EGYPT**

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In a recent working visit to several high dignitaries in Cairo, Egypt, D-8 Secretary-General, Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, had a fruitful exchange of views with the Minister of Higher Education, H.E. Dr. Mostafa Mossad. Both figures shared their views on the issue of contributing each other focus on developing educational sectors in D-8 member countries. Dr. Mousavi conveyed brief information on the status of cooperation of D-8, and the idea to expand area to include education sector.

Currently, the Secretariat is working toward the establishment of closer cooperation with academia, and university circles, and several universities in Turkey has offered the possibility to convene conferences and

Terms of References on D-8. He also explained that D-8 Secretariat will soon visit the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC), in Shiraz, Iran, to explore the potentials of cooperation within the academia.

Dr. Mossad warmly welcomed the idea, and also offered his support in the effort of developing intense cooperation among universities amongst D-8 Member Countries.

During this visit, D-8 Secretary-General also met with Mr. Shaker Abd Elfattah, Chairman of Board and Head of Middle East News Agency (MENA), with whom he had exchange of views to introduce the idea of establishment of a closer cooperation among D-8 news agencies, in the format of a working group or association, with the DG-level meeting

to be held in every Summit. Briefing him that this idea has been discussed with DG of Indonesian News Agency (ANTARA), who warmly welcomed it, and proposed that initially to hold a technical-level meeting prior to that, Dr. Mousavi also received support from MENA, who provided the Secretariat with a focal point to ensure the smooth coordination for this idea.

Among other dignitaries visited during this time was D-8 Commissioner of Egypt, H.E. Ambassador Magdy Rady; Mr. Anwar Elshargaty, Head of Egyptian Commercial Service (ECS); and Engineer Hussein Sabour, Chairman of Egyptian Businessmen Association (EBA).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

No.	Title of Meeting	Tentative Date	Venue	Status
1	1 st Expert Meeting on D-8 Joint Investment Fund	21-22 January 2013	Tehran, Iran	Successfully Held
2	D-8 Water Forum	21-23 February 2013	Istanbul, Turkey	Successfully Held
3	1 st Ad Hoc Meeting on the possible formation of Consortium on Fertilizer	9-11 March 2013	Kish Island, Iran	Successfully Held
4	2 nd D-8 Supervisory Committee	29 March 2013	Ankara, Turkey	Successfully Held
5	D-8 Workshop Meeting on Metrology	6-8 May 2013	Gebze, Turkey	Successfully Held
6	WG Petrochemical Meeting	13-14 May 2013	Tehran, Iran	Successfully Held
7	7 th WGCA	3-4 June 2013	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Successfully Held
8	Senior Officials Meeting for the preparation of the 1 st Trade Minister Council Meeting	24 June 2013	Abuja, Nigeria	Successfully Held
9	1 st Trade Minister Council Meeting	25 June 2013	Abuja, Nigeria	Successfully Held
10	2 nd D-8 Meeting of Tourism Cooperation	1-2 July 2013	Tehran, Iran	Successfully Held
11	D-8 Deputy Ministers Meeting on Industrial Cooperation	6-7 July 2013 **Postponed	Tehran, Iran	New date TBA
12	Workshop on microfinance for SMEs	15-16 August 2013	Abuja, Nigeria	Successfully Held
13	The 33 rd Session of Commission	2 -3 September 2013	Islamabad, Pakistan	Confirmed
14	1 st Ministerial Meeting on Transport	6 September 2013	Istanbul, Turkey	Confirmed

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15	D-8 and ECO Film Festival (D-8 Anniversary Celebration)	20-27 September 2013	Istanbul, Turkey	Confirmed
16	First World Irrigation Forum (WIF1)	29 Sept. - 3 Oct. 2013	Mardin, Turkey	Confirmed
17	4 th Ministerial Meeting on Industry	1-3 October 2013	Cairo, Egypt	Confirmed
18	High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN	7 – 9 October 2013	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed
19	Working Group meeting on Transportation	24-25 October 2013	Ankara, Turkey	Confirmed
20	Workshop on D-8 Central Hospital Appointment System (CHAS)	27-30 November 2013	Ankara, Turkey	Confirmed
21	2 nd Ad Hoc Meeting on Possible Formation of Consortium on Fertilizer	2013 (before 4 th Ministerial Agric. Meeting)	Istanbul, Turkey	Confirmed/TBA
22	4 th Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security	4-6 December 2013	Nigeria	Confirmed
23	3 rd WG on Shipping	2013	Nigeria	TBA
24	1 st Energy Forum	2013	Pakistan	TBA
25	Meeting on Cooperation on Engineering Sector	2013	Pakistan	TBA
26	Halal Sector Development Meeting	2013	Pakistan	TBA
27	Working Group on Mother and Child Health Care	2013	Turkey	TBA

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Heads of State/Government of D-8 Member Countries at the Eighth Summit (22 November 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)



The adoption of the D-8 Charter is considered an important achievement for the Islamabad Summit.



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