

REPORT OF
The SECOND D-8 TASK FORCE MEETING ON ELECTRONICS & ICT
9 October 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Electronics and ICT was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 October 2012. The meeting was attended by the participants from Bangladesh, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan and Egypt. List of participants is attached as **Annex (I)**.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan, Secretary, Ministry of ICT, was elected as the Chairman, by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam and Mr. Zobayar Alam, from Access to Information Programme, Prime Ministers Office were assigned as rapporteurs.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Electronics and ICT

The meeting was started with the welcome address by Md. Dabirul Islam, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries and focal point for Electronics and ICT Task Force. The Chair at the outset of the meeting warmly welcomed the delegates and participants from home and abroad and briefed the objectives and importance of the meeting.

During the meeting, country papers on Electronics and ICT from Bangladesh, Turkey and Egypt were presented. Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, A2I Programme, Prime Minister's Office and Professor K Siddique-e Rabbani, Department of Biomedical Physics and Technology of Dhaka University, presented country paper for Bangladesh. While Mohamed Abdulla Metwaly, Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade, Egypt and Umit Koskan, representative from Turkish Exporters Assembly and Emrullah Amen from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, Turkey also jointly presented country paper. Professor Rabbani emphasized on utilization of local knowledge and expertise in electronics and ICT development of the country. He showcased some locally developed technology like Muscle and Nerve Stimulator for Physiotherapy, Iontophoresis Equipment to treat excessive sweating of palms and soles, equipments of routine nerve investigation in Bangladesh, Digital Microscope, ECG equipments which are built by the experts of Dhaka University. He emphasized on sharing each-other's strength and limitation among D-8 countries.

Mr. Anir Chowdhury highlighted the ongoing remarkable progress in service delivery through ICT in Bangladesh. He talked about e-Purjee, one-stop shops in districts and Union Councils, National Portal Framework for 24,000 government offices, Multimedia Classroom where teachers are leading multimedia content development. He also mentioned the 3rd position of Bangladesh after India and USA in freelancing.

Mohammad Abdulla from Egypt represents different progress in ICT Company in Egypt. He mentioned about 47 IT houses running at Egypt with great potentialities. Umit Koskan and Dr. Guven Uckan, representatives from Turkish Exporters Assembly described their transformation from assembling sectors to substantial number of manufacturing industries. Some of Turkey's companies have now become global leaders in producing electrical and electronics products.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

Decisions of the previous meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey were discussed and the session noticed that no significant initiatives to implement the decision had been taken yet. The meeting stressed on effective implementation of the Task Force Decisions.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Electronic Industry

It is accepted that:

- All decisions of the first Task Force Meeting on Electronics and ICT held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2011 will be followed up by the D8 Secretariat, responsible parties will be assigned and timelines for completion will be specified. A web platform for task tracking will be set up.
- An ICT Task Force separate from the Electronics Task Force will be established. The Ministry of ICT and A2I Programme, PMO of Bangladesh will jointly coordinate the activities of the newly established ICT Task Force. Each member country will nominate a Country Focal Point to the ICT Task Force. Similarly, each member country will nominate a Country Focal Point to the Electronics Task Force.
- An appropriate initiative for knowledge exchange on innovation on ICTs and Electronics will be set up. This initiative will support the member countries to exchange knowledge, experience and good practices on industry and tax policy, and to implement Preferential Trade Agreement, university and industry exchange programmes, among other areas.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

To be decided by Senior Officials Meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10: Thanks from the Chair

Task Force Chairman Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan, Secretary, Ministry of ICT appreciated the Government of Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting, and participants from all D8 member countries.

(Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan)
Secretary, Ministry of ICT
Chairperson, Electronics and ICT Task Force