



**6th HIGH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DEVELOPING-8
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE NETWORK
(D-8 TTEN)**

14th December 2021, hosted by

**THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL OF TURKEY (TÜBİTAK)**

CONCEPT NOTE

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BACKGROUND

Developing-8, as a genuine infrastructure of multilateral cooperation between 8 Muslim developing countries, is an establishment aimed at the economic and commercial cooperation among the member states which comprise of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN), which is designed under the umbrella of the D8 Organization as an international network, aims to enable the transaction of science and technology among member countries, increase their capacities in the fields of technology and facilitate access to technology information of the member countries for effective coordination.

D8-TTEN has been holding from 2013 annual High Council Meetings (HCM) to offer the member states' focal points an opportunity to synergize their latest activities for emerging technology, strengthen their countries' relations and create a pathway for future collaborations between member states within the network. In this regard, the following High Council Meetings have been held so far, hosted by different member countries.

- 1st High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) held from 7th to 9th October 2013 in Tehran, Iran
- 2nd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) held from 9th till 10th December 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria
- 3rd High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) held from 01st to 02nd December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) held from 17th to 19th May 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) held virtually on 22nd December 2020 in Islamabad, Pakistan

CONTENT OF THE MEETING

6th High Council Meeting with the participation and contribution of the member states' focal points shall offer a great opportunity to update attendees about developments in the field of science and technology in the member countries, to review the activities of the D8-TTEN, to brainstorm on how to strengthen the cooperation within the network and other negotiable issues.

In this framework, the focal points are kindly requested to share the technological progress and the latest activities in their respective countries with a 10-minute presentation and actively participate in the discussion of other agenda items.

Another agenda item of the meeting is TÜBİTAK's suggestion to establish a multilateral funding platform amongst D-8 member countries. The concept note of the mentioned program proposal, though completely a negotiable document, will be brought to the attention of the respective member countries for getting a general idea before the meeting.¹

The tentative agenda of the 6th High Council Meeting is attached as ANNEX-I to this document.

FORMAT AND DATE OF THE MEETING

Due to the Pandemic and health concerns, the meeting will be organized as a hybrid event. The limited guests; the officials from TÜBİTAK, D-8 Secretariat and the D-8 TTEN Secretariat will physically attend the meeting to be held at the TÜBİTAK Gebze campus in Turkey. **The focal points of the D-8 countries are kindly invited to participate in the meeting virtually via Zoom platform.** TÜBİTAK as the host Institution of 6th High Council Meeting shall make necessary arrangements for the meeting and the Zoom-ID and Password shall be shared with D8-TTEN Secretariat to be disseminated to the participants from the member countries.

English will be the only working language of the meeting and no interpretation to other languages is foreseen.

The hybrid meeting shall be hosted **on December 14, 2021** and start at **10:00 AM (GMT +3)** at the TÜBİTAK Gebze campus. The Time Zone List of D-8 Member States is attached as ANNEX-II.

¹ The focal points are not expected to announce their country's final decision on the suggested program at the meeting. Negotiations on this subject may then continue by correspondence through D8-TTEN Secretariat and comments, adjustments and requests from the member countries about the suggested initiative would be more than welcome after the meeting.

PARTICIPATION

The event is expected to bring together D8- Secretary General, officials from D8-TTEN Secretariat, D8-TTEN focal points and other nominated representatives from the member countries.

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-ANNEX I-

6th HIGH COUNCIL MEETING

of the Developing-8 Technology Transfer And Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN)

December 14, 2021

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Address by the President of TUBITAK; Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal
10:10 – 10:20	Keynote Speech by the Secretary- General D-8; H. E. Ambassador Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari
10: 20 – 10:30	Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda
10:30 – 10:40	Report and Presentation by D8-TTEN Secretariat
10:40 – 10:50	Review of Decisions of Previous Meeting
10:50 – 12:10	Member Countries' Progress in S&T in 2021 <i>Presentations of the Focal Points:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Turkey</i>• <i>Bangladesh</i>• <i>Egypt</i>• <i>Indonesia</i>• <i>Iran</i>• <i>Malaysia</i>• <i>Nigeria</i>• <i>Pakistan</i>
12:10 - 12:20	TÜBİTAK's Presentation on the Proposed "D-8 Joint Funding Initiative"
12:20 – 12:30	Agreement on the Date and Venue of the Next High Council Meeting
12:30 - 12:40	Other Matters
12:40 - 12:50	Adoption of the Report of the Meeting
12:50 - 13:00	Wrap up and Closing of the Meeting

-ANNEX II-

TIME ZONES of D-8 COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES	TIME ZONE	MEETING TIME with REFERENCE to TURKEY (GMT+3) (10:00 AM)	TIME DIFFERENCE
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)	13:00 PM	Bangladesh is 3 hours ahead of Turkey
Egypt	Eastern European Standard Time (GMT+2)	9:00 AM	Egypt is 1 hour behind Turkey
Indonesia	Indonesia Central Time (GMT+8)	15:00 PM	Indonesia is 5 hours ahead of Turkey
Iran	Iran Standard Time (GMT+3:30)	10:30 AM	Iran is half an hour ahead of Turkey
Malaysia	Malaysian Standard Time (GMT+8)	15:00 PM	Malaysia is 5 hours ahead of Turkey
Nigeria	West Africa Time (GMT+1)	8:00 AM	Nigeria is 2 hours behind Turkey
Pakistan	Pakistan Standard Time (GMT+5)	12:00 PM	Pakistan is 2 hours ahead of Turkey