

**Final Report of
4th High Council Meeting
of
D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN)
17-19 May 2017
Dhaka, Bangladesh**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh hosted the 4th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN) and a side-line event Technology-Business Meeting in the field of Biosimilar Products, from 17-19 May 2017 in Dhaka. Delegates from Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached in **Annex I**.

1. Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks & Statements by:

- H.E. Architect Yeafesh Osman, Minister of Science and Technology of Bangladesh
- H.E. Mr. Anwar Hossain, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology of Bangladesh
- Ambassador A.F.M. Gousal Azam Sarker, Director General (International Organizations) Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
- Mr. Nasir Aminu, Director at the D-8 Secretariat, on behalf of H.E. Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, Secretary-General of D-8 Organization
- Mr. Akbar Ghanbarpur, Secretary of D-8 TTEN
- Mr. Md Faruque Ahmed, Chairman of Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research(BCSIR)
- The text is attached in **Annex II**.

2. Election of the Chairman and Appointment of the Rapporteur(s)

- Mr. Md Faruque Ahmed, Chairman of BCSIR, was elected as the Chairman of the Meeting.
- BCSIR, D-8 TTEN Secretariat was appointed as the Rapporteur(s)

3. Adoption of Agenda

- After consideration amongst the delegates, the Meeting adopted the agenda as attached in **Annex III**.

4. Discussion on D-8 TTEN Web Portal

The Meeting discussed regarding the features of the new version of D-8 TTEN web-portal.

The new version of D-8 TTEN web-portal is well designed and more structured. The website facilitates the companies in Member States to upload their technology on D-8 TTEN web portal.

The meeting decided that an email address will be created for the D-8 TTEN focal point. So that the new record from each country will automatically go to that email address.

5. Consideration of Eight Related Organizations as the Organizational Focal Points

The meeting discussed the national focal point and approved the following organizations as the Organization Focal Point that proposed by D-8 TTEN Secretariat to follow up the activities and cooperation:

- **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) , Ministry of Science and Technology;
- **Egypt:** Academy of Scientific Research & Technology, Ministry of Scientific Research-(MOSR);
- **Indonesia:** TBA
- **Iran:** Iran National Technomart Center (Vice Presidency for S&T);
- **Malaysia:** Office for Planning and Commercialisation, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI);
- **Nigeria:** National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Ministry of Science and Technology;
- **Pakistan:** Engineering Development Board (EDB), Ministry of Industries & Production Islamabad;
- **Turkey:** The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) , Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology.

The meeting decided that Heads of related organizations in member countries will be the focal point. D-8 TTEN Secretariat will communicate with Heads of the above-mentioned organizations. So that the focal point, will decide who will represent and follow up D-8 TTEN activities.

6. Formal communication of Member States

The meeting thoroughly discussed and decided that focal point will directly communicate with D-8 TTEN Secretariat and copy the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of respective Member States.

7. Technology-Business Meetings

Technology-Business Meetings are designed by D-8 TTEN Secretariat to increase technology fulfillment among member countries. Focal Points are asked to provide a list of technology fields that are needed in their countries for technology offer and investment. Based on the technology field that is communicated to the Secretariat, D-8 TTEN would coordinate and support the hosting of the event. It was also decided that the next-three-years Technology Business Meetings will be held on the sideline of D-8 TTEN High Council Meeting.

8. Technology Investment Meeting 2017 (TIM 2017)

D-8 TTEN is going to hold technology investment meeting focusing on Venture Capital Funds (for the first year) among member countries in the next few months. Focal Points are asked to

inform their VC funds to join the program. D-8 TTEN Secretariat as the organizer will inform Focal Points about the details of the program by July, 2017.

9. Nomination of renowned Exhibitions

According to the decisions made in the Technology Task Force in the 4th Ministerial Meeting in 2016 in Egypt in which D-8 TTEN Secretariat suggested that a booth exchange can take place in all technology oriented exhibitions and events organized by D-8 countries in the field of technology in terms that a D-8 country can give another country free booths in exhibitions and the other country is then committed to do the same. It is required that the countries introduce their unique and sophisticated technology exhibition held annually to be circulated to Focal Points and facilitation of participation in exhibition for the technologists would be planned by D-8 TTEN.

10. D-8 TTEN E-Newsletter

The meeting appreciated D-8 TTEN Secretariat for publishing monthly e-Newsletter. The meeting requested Member States Focal Points to appoint an officer in their organizations to submit their latest news, events reports, technology offers and requests and other relevant issues to the secretariat [at: info@d8tten.org] every three months.

11. D-8 Technology Transfer Award

The first round of D-8 TTEN Technology Transfer Award for the contracts signed in 2015 was held in October 2016 on the sideline of D-8 Chamber of Commerce Meeting in Izmir, Turkey. Among the eligible nominated contracts signed between companies from Iran, Turkey, UAE, KSA, Lebanon, Pakistan and Malaysia as the parties, knowledge transfer of producing two biosimilar biomedicines valued \$ 20 million could capture the top grades of Selecting Indicators. The process for selecting the best technology transfer contract for 2016 has begun and Focal Points are asked to inform their companies and institutes about the second round.

12. D-8 Technology Credit Line

The Meeting discussed the proposal of D-8 Technology Credit line for funding the Technology Transfer between and amongst D-8 Member States thoroughly.

The request proposal of D-8 Technology Credit line for funding the Technology Transfer contracts between D-8 member countries and other countries to be provided by D-8 TTEN secretariat and to be submitted to donor organizations such as Islamic Development Bank (IDB), was agreed principally and requested by Member States.

13. Date & Venue of the 5th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN)

The Meeting proposed Islamic Republic of Pakistan to consider hosting the 5th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN). The date and venue of the next Meeting will be communicated through the D-8 Secretariat in due course.

14. Adoption of the Report

The Report of the 4th High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) was adopted.

15. Closing

The Chairman expressed his profound gratitude and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

The participating delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the Meeting, and warmly thanked Mr. Faruque Ahmed for his competent chairing.