



The 5th Technology Investment Meeting (TIM2023)

The 5th technology investment meeting (TIM2023) was held on February 27th and 28th 2023 with the efforts of Pardis Technology Park as well as some official and government representatives of the D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN).

More than 350 investors, investees, and public visitors were present in TIM2023 from 12 countries including Malaysia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Singapore, Armenia, Turkey, Syria, Algeria, Russia, Guinea, Afghanistan, and Iran. The important measures taken in this event are as follows:

- Publishing the event booklet containing a full introduction of all investees and active investors
- Presentation and signing of 9 contracts and memorandums worth 30 million dollars
- Holding more than 114 B2B meetings and 30 pitch decks in four areas of expertise namely information and technology, health and medical applications, engineering services and advanced materials, creative industries/education
- Three specialized panels, 8 keynote speeches
- Closing ceremony and announcement of the 4 top start-ups in 4 specialized fields
- Presentation of the poster of the 6th round of TIM event

In the end, based on the decision of the event secretariat and expert opinions, the following decisions were approved:

1. Fostering the network of investors in order to develop long-term cooperation in the field of technological investment
2. Starting the trial phase of the D-8 joint investment fund and the formation of the relevant expert working group
3. Determining Malaysia as the host of the 6th technology investment meeting (TIM2024) in July 2024
4. Strengthening the steering committee of the technology investment meeting with the membership of the representatives of the venture capitals of the member countries.

The 7th High Council Meeting

The NaCO of Iran, Iran National Techmart Network, hosted the 7th High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN on 27th-28th February 2023. Delegates from Iran, Malaysia and Turkey attended the meeting in-person, along with Diplomatic Missions from the Embassys of Nigeria and Pakistan, while Authorized Representatives from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Pakistan participated the meeting virtually.

The D-8 Secretary-General, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam delivered keynote address and stressed the importance of technological collaborations and the significant role D-8 TTEN can play in the D-8 Organization.

The Deputy-Secretary of D-8 TTEN proposed the Republic of Indonesia or Egypt to consider hosting the 8th High Council Meeting of D-8 TTEN. The delegate from Egypt were supposed to consult the relevant authorities and revert to the Secretariat in due course during the next month after the meeting. In the case of inability, the Indonesia would be the first alternative.



Following Turkey's suggestion to establish a multilateral funding platform amongst D-8 member countries at the previous HCM meeting, Dr. Roohallah Aboojafari, Assistant Professor at Technology Studies Institute and Advisor to the Minister of Economic Affairs & Trade of Iran, presented the "Innovation Co-Fund Initiative". It was decided that the Initiative be sent to the NaCOs through the MoFAs of the member countries for further review.

Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INOTEX2023)

The exhibition, which took place from May 9th to May 13th, 2023, at Pardis Technology Park, witnessed the active participation of D-8 TTEN. The D-8 TTEN booth attracted approximately 600 visitors and 150 companies from various fields of technology. The Secretariat of D-8 TTEN effectively showcased the network's significant achievements to the interested attendees. Additionally, they collected contact information and expertise areas from the visitors to expand the database of technology companies for future event invitations. Furthermore, the booth facilitated several collaboration meetings. In addition to D-8 TTEN representatives, two Turkish companies, Blockchain Lab Buta and General Trading International, were also present at the booth.

The 4th Business & Technology Meeting (BTM2023)

The 4th Business & Technology Meeting (BTM2023) was conducted jointly with Mustafa (PBUH) Technology STEP on October 2nd, 2023, in Isfahan, Iran. This event was attended by over 70 technology companies and 50 scientists who participated in the Mustafa (PBUH) Prize from various countries including Iran, India, Turkey, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Tunisia, Morocco, South Africa, and Bangladesh. The meeting's primary focus revolved around areas such as health (biological products), new and renewable energies, environment, and information technology. Various activities were organized throughout the event, including reverse pitch, pitch deck presentations, and B2B meetings.

The opening of the meeting featured an introduction of the network and its accomplishments by Milad Sadrkhanlou, the President of D-8 TTEN. Following this, Dr. Gana Mohammad, the global director of the D-8 Health and Social Protection Programme (D-8 HSP), presented his organization and discussed the network's activities, particularly those carried out in West Africa. Attendees, particularly scientists and health technology companies, were encouraged to expand and enhance their involvement in these activities.

During the program, a collaboration agreement was established between Iranian GSN-Pars company and India's Empress Venture regarding the sale of 10,000 children's heart disease diagnosis systems within a three-year timeframe, amounting to approximately 15 million dollars.

Furthermore, three companies namely Foolad Technic, Foulad Mobarakeh Innovation and Technology Development (MSTID), and Novin Med presented eight technological demands, while Saman Energy, Nova Vira, Fara Tahghigh Sepahan, and Aria Health Nano Sensor Manufacturers showcased their latest achievements.

The event concluded with B2B meetings among the attendees, resulting in the signing of a memorandum of cooperation in the exchange of cultural products between Shams Animation Studio from Iran and Nurfilix Company from Malaysia.



The 8th High Council Meeting

The Special High Council Meeting D-8 TTEN took place on October 2, 2023 alongside the 4th Business and Technology Meeting (BTM) and the 5th Mustafa Prize in Isfahan, I.R. Iran. Representatives from Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey attended the meeting in person, while Malaysia and Indonesia participated online. During the meeting, it was agreed that this Special High Council Meeting would be recognized as the 8th HCM (HCM 2023) hosted by Isfahan, I.R. Iran. Dr. Milad Sadrkhanlou, the President of D-8 TTEN, started the meeting by welcoming and thanking the attendees, both physical and virtual, for their participation in the meeting. He then went through the agenda of the meeting and continued by reviewing the activities and changes since the last HCM.

Mr. Ahmar Ismail, Director I of D-8, expressed gratitude for the presence of the members and the D-8 TTEN Secretariat in organizing the meeting.

Dr. Rasoul Rajaei, Administrative Officer of the D-8 TTEN Secretariat, provided an update on the Secretariat's activities since the adoption of the new Charter of the Network. This included the appointment of Dr. Sadrkhanlou as the President of D-8 TTEN, renaming member states' organizations as National Coordination Organizations (NaCOs), and changing contact persons to Appointed Representatives (ARs).

Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator-General of COMESTECH, attended the meeting as an honorary guest to present the D-8 Technology Festival Initiative. This initiative, jointly organized by COMESTECH and D-8 TTEN, aims to showcase domestically developed technologies in D-8 countries through exhibitions, starting with Medical Technologies in Pakistan. Dr. Choudhary also proposed collaborating with D-8 TTEN in mapping the technology and innovation ecosystems of member countries.

The matter of hosting future events of D-8 TTEN was discussed, as it remained unresolved after the last HCM. Each member expressed their interest in hosting these events in the upcoming years.

The D-8 CoFI, which was previously discussed in the 7th HCM, was reported during the meeting. It was mentioned that the invitation letters for the initiative sent to the member states prior to the meeting did not receive a response from the NaCOs. The members emphasized the need for timely receipt of the latest versions of the initiative's documents to allow for thorough review and discussion with financial bodies in their respective countries.

It was decided to distribute all documents of the D-8 Co-FI to the member states for review. The members were requested to provide their feedback and questions to the D-8 TTEN Secretariat within one month of receiving the documents. After this specified timeframe, the initiative will be considered "Approved", and implementation will commence upon expression of interest by any member.

The closing statements were finally presented by Dr. Sadrkhanlou.

The 10th Establishment Anniversary Ceremony of D-8 TTEN

The gathering of technology transfer centers of international organizations, along with the 10th establishment anniversary ceremony of the D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (D-8 TTEN) was held on October 4, 2023, in Pardis Technology Park. Representatives of international and regional organizations including the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, Mustafa Science and Technology



Foundation, Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), etc. were among the participants of this event.

During the anniversary event, Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, the Secretary General of the D-8 organization, made an official announcement regarding establishing an international specialized investment fund in technology within the D-8 member countries. He also expressed his appreciation for the excellent hosting provided by Pardis Technology Park for the D-8 TTEN. Furthermore, he highlighted that the creation of a joint technology fund would be one of the key initiatives undertaken during the second decade of this network.

Milad Sadrkhanlou, the President of D-8 TTEN, explained the past activities of the network in this event and said: "5 Technology Investment Meetings, 3 Technology Transfer Awards, 4 Business and Technology Meetings, and 7 High Council Meetings, among other programs, have been held by this network in the past 10 years." He further stated that an additional objective of this network is to enhance its operations by extending its reach and encouraging greater participation from other Muslim nations in its meetings and programs. Sadrkhanlou announced the technology transfer award in Turkey and the technology investment meeting in Malaysia as the future plans of this network and invited all the attendees to participate in these meetings.

In another part of this event, a panel was held with the participation of Mr. Ahmar Ismail, Dr. Rasoul Rajaei, Dr. Huseyin Avni Bicakli, and Ms. Zelda Vrolick, representatives of the D-8 organization, D-8 TTEN, ECO, and IORA, respectively, and issues such as the challenges of international organizations in the field of technology transfer as well as their cooperation mechanisms were discussed.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed between D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network and IORA Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (RCSTT) by Dr. Sadrkhanlou and Dr. Sanjabi as President of D-8 TTEN and Director of RCSTT, respectively.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the individuals affiliated with this network, specifically Mr. Ali Mohammad Mousavi, Mr. Dato Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, Mr. Majid Bizmark, Mr. Ahmadreza Alaei, and Mr. Akbar Ghanbarpour, were duly acknowledged for their contributions. As a commemorative gesture, a tree was ceremoniously planted within the confines of Pardis Technology Park to symbolize the network's unwavering dedication towards expansion, growth, and collaboration.

The 1st Meeting of D-8 Affiliated Bodies

The inaugural meeting of the D-8 affiliated bodies took place on October 4th, 2023, at Pardis Technology Park, in conjunction with the 10th anniversary celebration of the technology transfer and exchange network. This gathering was convened following a proposal put forth by the D-8 TTEN secretariat. In light of the recommendation made by the global director of the D-8 HSP, it was agreed that this council would commence its official proceedings and convene annually, with each affiliated body taking turns to host the event, suggesting Iran as the host for the next meeting which was accepted by Iran. Moreover, Dr. Sultan Habibullah Khan, the Director of D-8 Research Center for Agriculture and Food Security, expressed his willingness to host the council in 2024, while D-8 Creative Economy and Financial Center suggested "Affiliated Brothers" as the name of this council. The secretary of the meeting, Mr. Ahmar Ismail, emphasized that any country desiring to host the council must submit its proposal to the D-8 Secretariat and other affiliated bodies within a specified timeframe.



Advisory Board Council (ABC)

In accordance with the provisions outlined in the Charter of D-8 TTEN, it was scheduled that the inaugural ABC would take place on October 4th, 2023, alongside the 10th anniversary ceremony. The council was intended to be attended by ambassadors from member countries in Tehran, representatives from D-8 TTEN, and representatives from Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Regrettably, due to the absence of representatives from all member countries except Pakistan, the required quorum was not met, resulting in the inability to officially convene the council.