D-8 Organization for Economic Corporation

Introduction

D-8, also known as Developing-8, is an organization for development cooperation among the following countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The establishment of D-8 was announced officially through the Istanbul Declaration of Summit of Heads of State/Government on June 15, 1997.

D-8 Objectives

According to the first Summit Declaration (Istanbul, 1997), the main objective of D-8 is declared to be socio-economic development in accordance with the following principles:

- Peace instead of conflict.
- Dialogue instead of confrontation.
- Cooperation instead of exploitation.
- Justice instead of double-standard.
- Equality instead of discrimination.
- Democracy instead of oppression.

Membership

The group currently holds 8 members, namely Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

Principle Organs

The principal organs of D-8 are:

1. The Summit
   The Summit, which is the supreme organ of D-8, is composed of the Heads of State/Government of member states. It is convened once every two years.

2. The Council
   The Council is composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of member states. It is the political decision-making organ of D-8, and acts as a forum for thorough and comprehensive consideration of the issues at hand.

3. The Commission

The Commission is the executive body of D-8. It is composed of senior officials appointed by their respective governments. Each Commissioner is responsible for the national coordination in his/her respective country.

D-8 Secretariat

The composition of the Directing Staffs of the Secretariat is as follows:

1. Secretary General (Currently from Nigeria)
2. Director I (Administrative, Legal and Internal Issues) (Pakistan)
3. Director II (Economy, Implementation and External Relations) (Indonesia)

Areas of Cooperation

The D-8 Members are engaged in a wide range of joint activities and cooperation. Among them are:

- Agriculture and Food Security;
- Trade;
- Transportation;
- Industrial Cooperation;
- Energy and Minerals;
- Tourism; and
- Health.

IRAN & D-8

As a founding member of the D-8, Iran has actively taken part in all D-8 meetings and events and has hosted a number of them. These include but not limited to:

- 4th Summit of D-8 on 18 February 2004;
- 7th Session of D-8 Council of Ministers on 16 February 2004;
- 19th Session of D-8 Commission on 13-14 March 2006;
- 18th Session of D-8 Commission on 23-24 May 2005;
- 18th Session of D-8 Commission on 23-24 May 2005;
- 16th Session of D-8 Commission on 12 January 2004;
- Special Session of D-8 Commission on 10-11 January 2004;
- 1st Ministerial Meeting on Tourism on 14-15 May 2008;
- 1st Ministerial Meeting on Industry on 28 February-2 March 2010;
- 2nd Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on 18 May 2011;
- 4th Ministerial Meeting on Industry on 28 January 2015;
- 2nd Business Forum on 14 February 2004 (Private Sector Meeting);
- a number of Technical Meetings on trade, agriculture, industry, civil aviation, tourism, telecommunication, SMEs, Marine Affairs and fisheries, and technology transfer.

D-8 Affiliated bodies in Iran

Iran has also initiated establishment of two Affiliated bodies which are stationed in Iran. The D8TTEN (D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network) and D-8 International University.

D8TTEN

Established in 2013 and based in Pardis Technology Park, the D8TTEN was designed to facilitate and accelerate the access to Technology information of the Member States and creating a context for technological cooperation based on a dynamic portal as its infrastructure.

D8TTEN holds several annual meetings and conferences, notably the Technology Investment Meeting (TIM) which is envisaged to "serve as a platform to meet, exchange experience and explore chances of investing in creative and forward-thinking startups" to eventually Create a network of Ventures, Investors, Business Angel, Private Equity Fund, Fund Raisers, Family Office, Asset & Wealth Manager from all countries".

D-8 International University

Established in 2018 and headquartered in Bu-Ali Sina University of Hamadan, the D-8 International University aims at strengthening "cooperation among member states through inter- university and student exchanges, in order for the member states to achieve an acceptable international share of these exchanges", as well as, "promotion of cooperation on science and technology with the aim of institutionalizing the subjects of cooperation through establishment of research centers of D-8 institute/university".

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