

**AT THE 18TH REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC
COOPERATION ORGANISATION**

Calendar of Events for the years 2008-2009

(Islamabad, March 3-6, 2008)

-  **A.** Trade & Investment
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Trade & Investment

i) First Priority

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date/Status
1	a) 4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade a) 5 th HLEG on Trade and Investment and other related matters	Secretariat to approach Afghanistan. Wait for 3 months.	To be determined
2	(i) 1 st Meeting of the Cooperation Council (at the level of Ministers) for the implementation of ECO Trade Agreement (ECOTA). (ii) HLEG Meeting on ECOTA.	Mersin, Turkey	20-22 May 2008
3	Meeting on Establishment of ECO Reinsurance Company – Signing	Pakistan	2008

	Ceremony		
4	2 nd meeting of the Heads of Central Banks of ECO Member States	Iran	2008
5	3 rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Finance/Economy	Iran	2008
6	7 th meeting of ECO Council of Heads of Customs Administration	Pakistan	Last quarter (after Ramadhan) of 2008
7	3 rd meeting of the Sub Committee of Experts of Customs Administrations.	Secretariat to send a fresh request to Member States for hosting the meeting.	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Quarters of 2008
8	Expert Group meeting on Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Businessmen of the ECO Member States	ECO Secretariat, Tehran	April 2008
9	EGM on Exchange of Technical Expertise on SPS/TBT among ECO Member States	Member States to volunteer	2008
10	a) 3 rd ECO Business Forum; and b) 2 nd Buyers/Sellers Meeting on Auto Parts Industry under the implementation of 2 nd Phase of ECO Project on Expansion of Intra-	Pakistan	July 23-26, 2008

	regional Trade.		
11	ECO Trade Fair	Pakistan	July 23-26, 2008
12	1 st ECO Specialized Fair	Member States to volunteer	2008
13	ECOWTO Seminar on Global Trade Challenges for ECO Region.	Pakistan	7-8 May 2008
14	Workshops on Potential Benefits of ECOTA	To be determined	1 st and 2 nd quarters of 2008
15	Working Group Meeting of ECO Central Banks Network (ECBN)	To be determined	2008
16	1 st EGM on Corruption and Money Laundering Meeting	Turkey	13-14 May 2008
17	Technical Workshop on Inflation Targeting	Izmir, Turkey	9-10 May 2008
18	9 th General Assembly of ECO-CCI	Pakistan	23-25 July 2008
19	12 th Executive Committee Meeting of ECO-CCI	Pakistan	23-25 July 2008

ii) Second Priority

20	Orientation Seminars on ECO Trade Net	To be determined	2008
21	ECO Trade and Development Strategy. Joint Seminar by ECO and ECO-TDB	To be determined	2008
22	Meeting of the Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations of the Member States	To be determined	2009
23	Symposia on ECO Sectoral Potential and	To be determined	1 st and

	Export Competitiveness Strategies (Minerals – Engineering Products – Textiles etc.)		2 nd Half of 2008
24	Seminar on ECO Women Entrepreneurship Development	To be determined	2008

Non-ECO Activities

1	Regional Symposium envisaged under ITC's Project on "Regional Trade Promotion in Central Asia"	To be determined	To be determined
2	OIC COMCEC Meeting	To be determined	To be determined
3	Expert Meetings of WTO on various topics held in different countries	To be determined	To be determined

Transport and Communications

I. Transport

S.No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Second Meeting of the Insurance Committee of the TTCC	Tehran/Iran	July 21-22, 2008
2.	Second Meeting of the Railway Committee of the TTCC	Afghanistan	2008
3.	First Meeting of the Legal Committee of the TTCC	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined
4.	Second Meeting of the Road Committee of the TTCC	Tajikistan	2008
5.	1 st Meeting of the Transit Trade Committee	Afghanistan	2008
6.	Extraordinary Meeting of the TTCC	Iran	July 21-22, 2008
7.	Third Meeting of the TTCC	Iran	2008
8.	10 th Meeting of the	Pakistan	Early 2009

	Heads of ECO Railway Authorities		
9.	Meeting of the 5 en- route countries of the container train and passenger train	Turkmenistan	2008
10.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Afghanistan	June-July 2008
11.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Azerbaijan	August 2008
12.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Iran	June 2008
13.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Kazakhstan	2008
14.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Kyrgyz Republic	2008
15.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Pakistan	Nov. 11-12 2008
16.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Tajikistan	2008
17.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Turkey	2008
18.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Turkmenistan	2008
19.	National Workshop on Multimodal Transport	Uzbekistan	2008
20.	2 nd Meeting of the Civil Aviation Authorities/ Heads of National Airlines.	ECO Secretariat (on non- hospitality basis)	September 2008
21.	High Level Expert Group Meeting for Implementation of the ECO Programme of	Yet to be determined.	2008

	Action for Transportation		
22.	1 st Meeting of Transport Associations	Tehran	February 2008 (held as scheduled)
23.	2 nd Meeting of ECOLPAF	Turkey	September 2008
24.	7 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Transport & Communications.	Turkey	April 15-17, 2008.
25.	4 th Meeting of Heads of Reference Marine Organizations of ECO Member States	Iran	February 16-19, 2008 (held as scheduled)
26.	Inter-Agency Meeting of ECO Secretariat / ECO-TDB/ESCAP/IDB and UNCTAD on MMT, and the proposed TA and Transport Investment Projects.	Jeddah	August 2008

II. Post & Telecommunication

27	5 th Meeting of ECO Postal Authorities.	Pakistan	November 2008
28	6 th Meeting of the ECO Postal Authorities	Kazakhstan	2009
29	Workshop on privatization of postal services and cost accounting	Iran	May 2008 (tentative)
30	Committee on networking of postal financial services and e-shopping	Turkey	2008
31	14 th Meeting of the Heads of Telecommunication Authorities of the ECO Member States	Iran	May 12-14, 2008

32	5 th Meeting of Experts Working Group on Trans-Asia-Europe Fiber Optical Cable System (TAEFOS).	Iran	May 12-14, 2008
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III. Non-ECO Events (To be specified)

No	Event	Venue	Date
1	UNESCAP Ministerial Conference on Transport	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined
2	IRU World Congress:	Istanbul	15–17 May 2008
3	“TRANSEURASIA – 2008” Conference of Ministers of Transport	Astana	September 2008 (to be confirmed)
4	UNSCAP Workshop on mid term review of implementation of Almaty Plan of Action.	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined
5	UNESCAP Meeting on investment in the Trans-Asian-Railway Network	Tehran	18 February 2008 (held as scheduled)
6	UNESCAP Sub-Regional Workshop on Inter-modal Interfaces	Tehran	16-17 February 2008 (held as scheduled)

Energy, Mineral and Environment

Energy, Minerals & Environment

Sr. No.	Event/Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	1 st meeting of ECO Working Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy	Tehran, Iran	2008
2.	7 th Specialized	Islamabad,	6-7 February

	Experts Task Group (SETG) meeting on Power	Pakistan	2008
3.	2 nd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum	Iran or any other country	2008
4.	8 th Specialized Experts Task Group (SETG) meeting on Power	Turkey	November, 2008
5.	4 th ECO Mineral Experts Group meeting	Astana, Kazakhstan	Second half of 2008
6.	2 nd Meeting of the Heads of Geological Surveys of the ECO member states	To be determined	2009
7.	5 th Meeting of ECO Working Group on Environment	Baku, Azerbaijan	22-23 May, 2008
8.	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment to be preceded by the Meeting of Senior Officials	Islamabad, Pakistan	September/October 2008
9.	2 nd Expert Group Meeting on Biodiversity	Astana, Kazakhstan	Second half of 2008
10.	Expert Meeting of ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) on Biodiversity	Pakistan	2008
11.	Experts meeting on Ecotourism	To be determined	Second half of 2008
12.	Pre-Cop	Turkey	2009

	(Conference of Parties) Meeting on Biodiversity		
13.	6 th Meeting of ECO Working Group on Environment	To be determined	2009

Events offered by the member states

Sr. No.	Event/Meeting	Venue	Date
14	Training Course on the preparation of Geosciences Database	Karaj, Iran	16 February-4 March 2008
15	Training Course for Energy Managers	Ankara, Turkey	16-27 June, 2008
16	Seminar on New and Renewable Sources of Energy	Pakistan	October 2008
17	Workshop and exhibition on Renewable Energy Sources	Turkey	2009
18	2 nd Workshop/Training Course on Watershed Rehabilitation	Tehran, Iran	Mid of 2008
19	Seminar on Refinery	Iran	2008

Events to be organized in cooperation with the International Organizations

Sr. No.	Event/Meeting	Venue	Date
20	2 nd ECOWB Workshop on Regional Energy Trade	ECO Secretariat, Tehran	8-9 July 2008
21	Joint ECO-OPEC workshop	ECO Secretariat, Tehran	2008

Non ECO events

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Sub-regional Working Group meeting on Energy Trade and Interconnection led by UN ESCAP and ECO	To be determined	2008

Agriculture, Industry and Tourism

Agriculture

Sr. No.	Event	Venue	Date
1	4th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	Baku	2nd half of 2008
2	Donors' Conference on ECO Regional Food Security Projects	Antalya	May 7-9 2008
3	2nd National Focal Points on establishment of ECO biotechnology network ECO-ABN	Iran	2008
4	Working Group Meeting for finalization of the Statute of Risk Management Centre	Iran	1st Half of 2008
5	ECO-IDB-FAO Workshop on Livestock	Pakistan will respond by end May 2008/ECO Secretariat.	2008
6.	2nd Working Group meeting on ECO-VECO	Iran	Before MM on Agriculture
7	Third ECO Regional Workshop on Harmonization of Seed Regulations	Uzbekistan	2008
8	2nd Heads of Veterinary Organizations Meeting	Pakistan	2008
9	3rd Consultative Meeting on Central Asia and Caucuses Seed Trade Conference.	Bishkek	2008
10	Central Asia and Caucasus Seed Trade Conference (CACSTC 2008)	Bishkek	9-11 June 2008

Industry

11.	4th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Industry and 3rd High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Industry	Kazakhstan	November 2008
12.	2nd EGM on Standardization	Iran	2008
13.	2nd HLEG and 3rd Heads Meeting on ECO Privatization Administrations	Turkey	17-19 April 2008
14.	1st Experts Group Meeting on NANO Technology Network	Iran	21-22 May 2008
15.	2nd Permanent Committee Meeting on Establishing ECO Technology Transfer Center	To be determined	2008
16.	First Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights	Turkey	Last week of May 2008
17.	1st Steering Committee Meeting on SME	Iran	13-15 January, 2008 (Held as scheduled)
18.	ECO-IDB-UNIDO Workshop on Transfer of Technology	Iran	16-18 June 2008

Tourism

19.	2nd HLEG on Tourism	Azerbaijan	27-28 March 2008
20.	3rd HLEG on Tourism	Turkey	2009
21.	1st Ministerial Meeting Tourism	Shiraz	7-9 July 2008 (tentative)
22.	ECO Tourism Festival Day/ Tourism Fair	Iran	28 November 2008
23.	Taskforce Meeting on ECO Tourism Promotion Fund	Iran	June/July 2008

Human Resource and Sustainable Development

Human and Sustainable Development

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	Third Meeting of High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Human Development and prospect of MDG implementation	To be determined	End of 2008/1st half of 2009
2.	Regional Conference of ECO Capitals and Metropolises Mayors, titled	To be Determined	2008

	"Good Urban Governance"		
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Health:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
3.	Second High Level Experts Group (HLEG) meeting on Drug Regulatory Authorities	Pakistan	2008
4.	Second ECO-UNFPA Study Tour for Health Authorities of member states	Turkey (To be Confirmed)	2008
5.	Workshop on Prevention of HIV/AIDS	To be determined	2008
6.	Workshop on Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)	To be determined	2008/2009
7.	Workshop on Counterfeit Medicines	To be determined	2008/2009
8.	Workshop on Drug registration and licensing	To be determined	2008/2009
9.	Workshop on Quality control of pharmaceuticals	Iran	November, 2008
10.	Workshop on Pharmacovigilance	Iran	February 2009
11.	1st ECO Health Ministerial Meeting (Secretariat proposal)	To be determined	2008/2009
12.	1st meeting of ECO Heads of Blood Transfusion Organizations	Tehran- Iran	23-24 June, 2008

Natural Disaster Management

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
13.	Third ECO Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Tehran- Iran	October 2008
14.	Workshop on Global Risk Assessment Report, in cooperation with ISDR	Iran	2008
15.	Workshop on Promotion of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for Media, in cooperation with ISDR	To be determined	2008

Drug Control:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
16.	2nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	To be determined	2008
17.	Expert Group Meeting (EGM)	Tehran, Iran	14-16 April 2008
18.	2nd Workshop on Prevention of HIV/AIDS related to drugs	To be determined	2008
19.	3rd National Focal Points Meeting (to discuss the new	ECO, Secretariat	2008

	Project proposed by European Commission Delegation)		
20	Train the Trainers Course (Narcotic & Custom Officers),	TADOC, Ankara	2008
21	CBT Mobile Training Course	TADOC, Ankara	2008
22	Surveillance Techniques Training Programme	TADOC, Ankara	2008

Interior Ministers:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
23	First HLEG Meeting on Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism and Narcotic Drugs	Ankara	29-30 April 2008
24	Workshop on Illegal Migration, with cooperation of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Kish- Iran	10-11 March 2008
25	Second Interior Ministers Meeting	Ashgabat-Turkmenistan	26-27 May 2008
26	Meeting of Border Security/Law Enforcement Agencies	Iran	September 2008
27	Workshop on Border Security Issues	Iran	July 2008
28	Workshop on "Anti-Terrorist Struggle"	Turkey	2008
29	Second HLEG Meeting on Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism and Narcotic Drugs	To be determined	2008-2009
30.	Counter Terrorism Course	To be determined	2008

Non-ECO Event:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	High level Committee of the General Assembly on South-South Cooperation	New York	2008
2.	MDG/Human Development meeting within the context of UNDP/UNESCAP		2008

Project and Economic Research & Statistics

First priority meetings/activities

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Mission to Kabul to review ECO's participation in the Reconstruction of Afghanistan.	Kabul, Afghanistan	2008
2.	First Meeting of the ECO Heads of National Statistical Offices	Tehran	28-29 January 2008
3.	6th ECO National Focal Points (NFPs) meeting on Economic Research and Statistics.	Turkey	2008
4.	1st Meeting of Expert Group for implementation of the ECO Framework of Cooperation and Plan of Action in statistics	To be determined	2008
5.	Workshop on Data and Indicators to Monitor Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals	To be determined	2008
6.	Consultancy on applying modern approaches for project management, i.e. Results-Based Management (RBM)	ECO Secretariat	March 2008

Second priority meetings/activities

No	Event/Activity	Venue	date
7.	1st meeting of the senior officials of the relevant economic research institutes / organizations / departments of ECO countries	To be determined	To be determined

Non – ECO Events/Activities

1.	Meeting of the Project Working Group (PWG) on Statistics, SPECA	To be determined	2008
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Meetings of the Decision Making Organs of ECO

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	18th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)	Islamabad, Pakistan	3-6 March 2008
2.	Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) (Preparatory to the 18th COM)	Islamabad, Pakistan	October, 2008
3.	18th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM)	Islamabad, Pakistan	October, 2008
4.	10th ECO Summit	Islamabad, Pakistan	October, 2008
5.	19th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)	ECO Secretariat, Tehran	December 2008

Meeting of the ECO Audit Board

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	ECO Audit Board	ECO Secretariat	April / May 2008

Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions

Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions

S.No.	Event	Venue	Date
1.	Third High Level Experts Group Meeting on Culture	To be decided	2008
2.	2nd Experts Group Meeting of ECO Science Foundation	ECO Secretariat, Tehran	2008
3.	First Meeting of BOT of ECO Science Foundation	To be decided	2008
4.	First Meeting of BOT of ECO Educational Institute	Ankara, Turkey	2008

International Relations (Non-ECO Events)

Sl.No.	Event	Venue	Date
1.	12th Consultative Meeting among executive heads of sub-regional organizations (ECO, SAARC, ASEAN, Pacific Island Forum) and UNESCAP	Suva, Fiji	2008
2.	Participation in the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly Informal Meeting of Council of Ministers (COM) on the sidelines of the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly 11th ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial Meeting on the sidelines of the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly	New York, USA	September 2008
3	33rd Annual Meeting of IDB Group.	Jeddah	3-4 June 2008
4	World Economic Forum	Turkey	2008