

The 16th RPC Meeting

Calendar of Events for the years 2006-2007

(Tehran, January 30 - February 02, 2006)

Annex-VI

a) Trade & Investment

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date/Status
1.	1 st Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ECO Trade & Development Bank	Turkey	May 2006
2.	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade	Afghanistan	25-30 June 2006
3.	5 th HLEG on Trade and Investment and other related matters	Afghanistan	25-30 June 2006
4.	8 th General Assembly of ECO-CCI	Afghanistan	June 2006
5.	2 nd ECO Business Forum	Turkey	2006
6.	Trilateral Interim Committee Meeting on Establishment of ECO Reinsurance Company	I.R. Pakistan	2006
7.	1 st meeting of the Heads of Central Banks of ECO member states	I.R. Pakistan	2006
8.	1 st High Level Experts Group meeting on Finance/Economy	Turkey	2006
9.	2 nd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Finance/Economy	Turkey	2006
10.	5 th meeting of ECO Council of Heads of Customs Administration.	Turkey	2006
11.	1 st meeting of the Sub Committee for the consideration/prioritization of the recommendations of UNDP consultant on harmonization of customs organizations and procedures of the ECO member states	Turkey	2006
12.	4 th ECO Seminar on Trade and Investment Information Networking in the ECO region	ECO Secretariat	2006
13.	Workshop on Potential Benefits of ECOTA	Tajikistan (tentative)	2006

14.	11 th Executive Committee Meeting of ECO-CCI	To be determined	To be determined
15.	Expert Group meeting on Agreement Simplification of Visa Procedure for Businessmen of the ECO member states	Iran	To be determined
16.	ECO/WTO Seminar	I.R. Pakistan	2006-07

b) Transport and Communications:

First Priority:

S No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	6 th Ministerial meeting on Transport and Communications.	Tehran, Iran	April 24 - 26, 2006
2.	Workshop as planned under ECO/ESCAP/UNCTAD Multimodal Transport Project with funding of IDB.	ECO Secretariat	Early 2006
3.	14 th meeting of the Directors General of National Telecommunication Companies of the ECO member states.	Tehran, Iran	May 8-10, 2006
4.	High Level Experts meeting on Information and Communication Technology (ICT).	Tehran, Iran	May 8-10, 2006
5.	3 rd meeting of the ECO Postal Authorities.	Istanbul	September 20 - 22, 2006
6.	1 st meeting of the Transit Transport Coordinating Council (TTCC)	Baku, Azerbaijan	2 nd half of 2006
7.	1 st meeting of Working Group for implementation of Trans-Asian Railway line.	Iran	To be determined
8.	3 rd meeting of Heads of Reference Marine Organizations of ECO member states for development of regional cooperation in port marine and merchant shipping affairs.	Pakistan	To be determined
9.	9 th meeting of the Heads of ECO Railway Authorities.	Astana, Kazakhstan	May 2007

Second Priority:

S No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	2 nd meeting of ECO Insurance Authorities.	Iran	2006
2.	5 th ECO Experts Working Group meeting on the Trans-Asia-Europe Fiber Optical Cable System (TAEFOS).	Tehran, Iran	May 8 - 10, 2006

Non-ECO Events:

S No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Inter-Agency Coordination meeting of ECO/ESCAP/IDB/UNCTAD on MMT.	Tehran/ Secretariat	Early 2006

2.	Conference of the Asian Ministers of Transport (UNESCAP).	Bangkok	2006
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c) Energy, Minerals & Environment

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th Meeting of ECO Working Group on Environment	Iran or Kazakhstan	April 2006
2.	Third ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment to be preceded by the Meeting of Senior Officials	Almaty, Kazakhstan	May/ June 2006
3.	Expert Meeting on developing the Work Plan on Biodiversity	Islamabad, Pakistan	2 nd half of 2006
4.	1 st meeting of ECO Working Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy	To be determined	To be determined 2006
5.	Workshop on Energy Conservation and Efficiency	Islamabad, Pakistan	To be determined 2006
6.	7 th Specialized Experts Task Group (SETG) meeting on Power (in consultation with NESPAK)	To be determined	To be determined 2006
7.	3 rd ECO Mineral Experts Group Meeting	Islamabad, Pakistan	To be determined 2006
8.	5 th Meeting of ECO Working Group on Environment	To be determined	2007

Seminars/Training Courses offered by the member states

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	"Watershed Rehabilitation" Workshop /Seminar	Malatya, <u>Turkey</u>	May/June 2006
2.	3 rd International Practical Training Course for Energy Managers on Energy Efficiency and Conservation (Turkish EIE/NECC in collaboration with JICA)	Ankara, Turkey	12-23 June 2006
3.	A Training Course on the Familiarization with the ISO 14000 Environment Management system	Iran	July 2006
4.	Seminar on Eco tourism	Turkey	To be determined 2006

Events/Meetings to be organized in cooperation with the International Organizations/Agencies

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	ECO/WB Workshop on Regional Energy Trade	To be determined	June/July 2006
2.	Seminar/Training Course under auspices of WMO Regional Training Center	Alanya, Turkey	To be determined

Non-ECO Events

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	ECO Secretariat consultation with IDB on the project of interconnection of ECO countries power systems	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	2006
2.	Sub-regional Working Group meeting on Energy Trade and Interconnection lead by UN ESCAP and ECO	To be determined	To be determined
3.	The meeting of UN ESCAP-UN ECE SPECA Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources	To be determined	To be determined

d) Agriculture, Industry & Tourism

Agriculture

S. No.	Event	Venue	Date	Priority/feasibility category
1.	Training Workshop on Competitiveness, Trade and WTO	Antalya, Republic of Turkey	March-May, 2006	I
2.	Experts Group Meeting/Workshop of Focal Points on establishment of ECO biotechnology network	Tehran, I. R. of Iran	22-24 April 2006	I
3.	1 st Meeting of Heads of Veterinary Organizations	Tehran	April/June, 2006	I
4.	First Meeting of National Focal Points on	I.R. Iran	First week	I

	ECO-FAO TCP Project on Seed Supply in the ECO Region	(proposed to host). (Uzbekistan considering to host)	of May 2006	
5.	Inauguration of Regional Center for Risk Management of Natural Disasters and Meeting of Heads of ECO Meteorological Organizations	Mashhad / Tehran, I.R. Iran	May, 2006	I
6.	Training Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture Development	Tehran	May/June 2006	I
7.	Workshop on Water Management with the support of IDB	Islamabad, I.R. of Pakistan	16-22 July 2006	
8.	Workshop on Phyto sanitary issues	I.R. Iran	Sept/Oct, 2006	II
9.	Donors' Conference on ECO Regional Food Security Projects	Republic of Turkey (proposed)	2006	I
10.	Business Forum of private sector on Agri-Business	Dubai	2006	I
11.	3 rd Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Second Senior Officials Meeting	I.R. of Iran	2006	I
12.	Workshop on prevention of crop losses (cereal and pulses) at post harvest stages with the support of IDB	Republic of Turkey	2006	I
13.	Experts Group Meeting on Establishment of ECO Association or Forum of Cotton Producers and Exporters	Republic of Azerbaijan / I.R. Iran	2006	II
14.	Training course on WTO Agreement on Agriculture	I.R. of Pakistan	2006	II
15.	First ECO Regional Seed Conference. Some other events/workshops will be held within the framework of TCP on Seed.	Almaty (tentative)	May 2007	I

Industry

1	2 nd Meeting of Heads of Privatization Administration and First Meeting of the High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Privatization & Private Sector Development	Islamabad, I.R. of Pakistan	First half of April, 2006	I
2	First Experts Group Meeting (EGM) on Transfer of Technology	Tehran, I.R. of Iran	May, 2006	I
3	ECO Workshop on Joint Venture Capital	Tehran	Last week	II

	Systems		of May, 2006	
4	Steering Committee Meeting on Industry	I.R. Iran	2 nd half of June, 2006	I
5.	2 nd High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Industry	Tehran	August, 2006	I
6	Training Course/Workshop on Privatization with the support of IDB	Republic of Turkey	2006	I
7	First Experts Group Meeting (EGM) on SMEs	To be determined	2006	
8	First Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Industrial Property Rights	To be determined	2006	I
9	3 rd ECO Ministerial Meeting Industry	I.R. of Pakistan	Late 2006	
10.	ECO Rountable/Regional Conference on Industrial Investment	I.R. of Iran	2006-2007	II
11	3 rd EGM on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology	Republic of Turkey / Any Member State willing to host	2006/2007	I
12	2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Standardization Organizations and Other Related Bodies	Republic of Turkey/IR Iran (or any other member state willing to host)	2006/2007	I

Tourism

1.	1 st Meeting of High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Tourism	Tehran, I.R. of Iran	27-28 Feb., 2006 or in the second half of June, 2006	I
2.	Workshop in the field of Tourism (*)	To be determined	2006	I

(*) In 16th RPC, the Republic of Turkey has proposed to host this workshop in Turkish Cypriot State.

e) Directorate of Human Resources & Sustainable Development

Human Development and Sustainable Development

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	First Meeting of High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Human Development, Poverty Alleviation and prospect of MDG implementation	To be determined	Mid-2006

2.	Workshop on Data and Indicators to monitor progress towards MDGs	To be Determined	2006/2007
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Non-ECO Event:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	United Nations Symposium on Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development	Baku, Azerbaijan	28-30 March 2006
2.	14 th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development	New York	May 2006

Health:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on regional cooperation in the field of health. The 1 st HLEG will be on Avian and Bird Flu.	Iran	12-13 March 2006
2.	Workshop on the ECO School Earthquake Safety Review	Republic of Turkey	1 st Half of 2006
3.	Workshop on Prevention of HIV/AIDS	To be determined	2006/2007
4.	Workshop on Health and Mal-Nutrition	Iran	2006/2007

Drug Control:

No.	Title of Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	Train the Trainers (Narcotics & Custom Officers)	TADOC, Ankara	22 May until 2 nd of June 2006
2.	National Focal Point & Liaison Officer Meeting	Almaty Kazakhstan	First Quarter of 2006
3.	Experts Group Meeting (EGM)	ECO Secretariat	1 st Half of 2006
4.	Risk Analyzing & Profiling	TADOC, Ankara	6-10 November 2006
5.	Drug Concealment Areas and Searching Techniques	TADOC, Ankara	20-24 November 2006
6.	Workshop on Prevention of drug-related aspects of HIV/AIDS	Tehran, Iran	3 rd quarter of 2006
7.	1 st ECO Interior Ministers Meeting	Tehran, Iran	2006
8.	2 nd Senior Officials' Meeting	To be decided	2006

f) Directorate of Project Research and Economic Research & Statistics

ECO Events/Activities

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
1.	3 rd Conference on ECO-CEC's Role in the development of ECO member states.	Lahore, Pakistan	March/April 2006
2.	5 th ECO National Focal Points	ECO	June 2006

	(NFPs) meeting on Economic Research and Statistics.	Secretariat	
3.	Mission to Kabul to review ECO's participation in the Reconstruction of Afghanistan.	Kabul, Afghanistan	Last Quarter of 2006
4.	Workshop on measuring the non-observed economy	To be determined	To be determined
5.	Workshop on Capacity Building Measures	ECO Secretariat	To be determined

Non – ECO Events/Activities

1.	Sixty-second session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ESCAP	Jakarta, Indonesia	6 April 2006
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g) Specialized Agencies / Regional Institutions

1	Experts Group Meeting of Cultural Experts	Tehran	27-28 February 2006
2	3 rd Meeting of BOT of Cultural Institute	Islamabad	25-26 April 2006
3	1 st Meeting of BOT of Science Foundation preceded by Experts Group Meeting	Islamabad	2006
4	1 st Meeting of BOT of Educational Institute preceded by Experts Group Meeting	Republic of Turkey	2006
5	Working Group Meetings on ECO College of Insurance	Tehran	2006

International Relations (Non-ECO Events)

1	Inauguration Ceremony of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Astana, Kazakhstan	11 th January 2006
2	Participation in the UN General Assembly session	New York	September 2006
	Informal Meeting of Council of Ministers (COM)		
	10 th Joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the sidelines of 61 st session of UN General Assembly		
	Informal Meeting among Executive Heads of Sub-Regional Organizations (ECO, SAARC, ASEAN, Pacific Islands Forum) and UNESCAP		

3	22 nd Session of OIC COM-CEC	Istanbul	21-24 November 2006
4	33 rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM)	Baku, Azerbaijan	2006
5	11 th Consultative Meeting among Executive Heads of Sub-Regional Organizations (ECO, SAARC, ASEAN, Pacific Islands Forum) and UNESCAP	To be determined	2006

h) **Meetings of the Decision Making Organs of ECO**

No	<u>Event/Activity</u>	Venue	Proposed Date
1	16 th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)	ECO Sectt. Tehran	30 Jan. – 2 nd Feb. 2006
2	Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) <i>(Preparatory to the 16th COM and 9th Summit)</i>	Baku, Azerbaijan	29-30 April 2006
3	16 th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM)	Baku, Azerbaijan	1 st May 2006
4.	9 th ECO Summit	Baku, Azerbaijan	3 rd May 2006
5.	17 th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)	To be determined	To be determined
6*.	Senior Officials' Meeting	Baku	Last Quarter of 2006

* As proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran and in the light of decision taken in the 95th CPR held on 19th January 2005 (**Agenda Item No. 8**) that Senior Officials' Meetings may also be held between the two meetings of COM.

i) **Meeting of the ECO Audit Board**

No	<u>Event/Activity</u>	Venue	Proposed Date
1.	ECO Audit Board	ECO Secretariat	To be determined