

The 13th RPC Meeting

Draft ECO Calendar of Events for years (2003-2004)

(Tehran, 20-22 April, 2003)

Annex-VIII

A. Trade & Investment

S r . N o	Event/Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
1	1 st ECO Regional Investment Conference.	Kish-Iran	February 17-18, 2003 (Held as scheduled)
2	General Assembly meeting of ECO CCI	Tehran	July 2003
3	5 ^h HLEG meeting on Tariff & Non-Tariff Barriers (TTB)	Tehran-Iran	April 28-30, 2003
4	2 nd Buyers-Sellers meeting on Food & Beverages.	Almaty-Kazakhstan	May 26-27, 2003
5	Regional Symposium/ Ministerial Conference envisaged under ITC's project on "Regional Trade Promotion in Central Asia"	Tashkent-Uzbekistan	June 2003
6	2 nd ECO Ministerial meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade.	Islamabad-Pakistan	July 15-17, 2003
7	2 nd ECO Regional Investment Conference	Kabul- fghanistan	July 27, 2003
8	3 rd Seminar on Trade & Investment Information Networking in the ECO Region.	Pakistan	To be determined
9	Trilateral Interim Committee meeting on the Establishment of ECO Trade & Development Bank;	Turkey	To be determined
	Trilateral Interim Committee meeting on Establishment of ECO Reinsurance Company.	To be determined	To be determined
10	3 rd meeting of Council of Heads of Customs Administrations (CHCA) preceded by 2 nd meeting of Technical Experts on Establishment of Data Bank on Smuggling and Customs Offences.	Pakistan	To be determined
11	ECO/WTO Seminar.	To be determined	To be determined

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
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2	ECO CCI/ECO Trade Fair.	Pakistan	To be determined.
3	Training course on HS system.	Tehran	October 26-30, 2003.

B. Transport & Communications

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
1.	1 st ECO Ministerial meeting on Information and Communication Technology (ICT).	Tehran	November, 2003
2.	5 th Ministerial meeting on Transport and Communications.	Kyrgyzstan	May-June, 2004
3.	1 st meeting of the Coordinating Unit (Steering Committee) to monitor and ensure the smooth running of container trains on the Trans-Asian railway main line.	Istanbul	June, 2003
4.	Meeting of the Road Transport and Customs experts to reconcile the existing inconsistency between TTFA and TTA and to consider draft ECO MoU on the Facilitation and Harmonization of International Road Transport of Goods prepared by the concerned Turkish authorities.	Istanbul	June, 2003
5.	5 th meeting of the Experts Group to finalize a draft MoU on ECO Railway Tariff Policy in International Freight Traffic.	Almaty	April 28-30, 2003
6.	1 st meeting of the ECO Central Insurance Authorities.	Tehran	July, 2003 (3 days)
7.	2 nd Working Group meeting of Railway Experts on software and hardware and data transmission for reconciliation of data transmission technology and ensuring the compatibility of hardware and software as well as establishment of a common information area.	Ashgabat (to be confirmed)	July, 2003
8.	EWG meeting to fine-tune draft Action Plan for revitalizing and operating the China-Middle East-Europe corridor including a time	Tehran	July, 2003

	framework for its execution.		
9.	4 th ECO Experts Working Group meeting on the Trans-Asia-Europe Fiber Optical Cable System (TAEFOS).	Baku	August 2003
10.	Workshop on postal security of mail dispatches.	Tehran	August 2003
11.	8 th meeting of the Heads of ECO Railway Authorities.	Uzbekistan (to be confirmed)	September 2003
12.	14 th meeting of the Directors' General of National Telecommunication Companies of the ECO member states.		To be determined at the ECO MM on ICT (Tehran, November, 2003).
13.	Meeting of the ECO seaport and shipping authorities to consider a possibility of cooperation in the field of seaport and shipping facilities.	Noushahr (or Anzali)	October, 2003
14.	Experts Group meeting to consider the draft ECO Framework Agreement on cooperation in the field of Air transport in order to increase the effectiveness of air services in the ECO region.	Mashhad	November 2003
15.	1 st meeting of the ECO Postal Authorities.	Kyrgyzstan	April, 2004

C. Energy, Minerals & Environment

S r . N o	Event/Activity	Proposed Date	Venue
c-1 Energy			
1	6 th Specialized Experts Task Group (6 th SETG) meeting on Power (subject to the need to discuss the consultant issue for the feasibility study)	To be determined	To be determined
2	4 th High Level Experts Task Group (4 th HLETG) meeting on ECO Oil and Gas Pipeline Route(s)	To be determined	[Baku, Azerbaijan]
3	Joint ECO/OPEC Workshop on International Petroleum Market	To be determined	Iran
4	Second ECO Ministerial meeting on Energy/Petroleum to be preceded by the meeting of Senior Officials	Second half of year 2003	Tehran, Iran
5	Workshop on Energy Conservation and Efficiency	To be determined	Islamabad, Pakistan
6	ECO and Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) joint Workshop	To be determined	Tehran, Iran
7	Second Training Programme on Energy Efficiency and Conservation for Black Sea Economic Cooperation and ECO Member States	October	Ankara, Turkey
8	Workshop on New and Renewable Sources of Energy	April 2004	Turkey
9	Second Experts meeting on Energy Resources Development and their Environmental Impact Assessment	To be determined	Iran
10	Conference on Interconnection and Parallel Functioning of the ECO Member States Power Systems and Establishment of ECO Power Market	To be determined	[Baku, Azerbaijan]
c-2 Minerals			
11	ECO Mineral Experts Group meeting on Legal and Fiscal Regimes for promotion of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in Mineral sector	[May 2003]	[Turkey/Iran]*
11	Second ECO Mineral Experts Group meeting	October 20-22, 2003	Ankara, Turkey.

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1 3	Third ECO Mineral Experts Group meeting.	To be determined	[Afghanistan or Kazakhstan]

c-3 Environment

1 4	Workshop on Waste Water Management and Treatment Technology	June 18-20, 2003	Eastern, Mediterranean University, Gazimagosa
1 5	1 st meeting of the ECO Working Group on Environment to prepare the necessary modalities for the implementation of Plan of Action for Cooperation among the ECO Member States on Environment (2003-2007)]	September 2003	Turkey
1 6	[Regional Seminar on ecological education and increase of awareness of population within the framework of ECO Plan of Action in the field of Environment]	To be determined	[Dushanbe]
1 7	Second ECO Ministerial meeting on Environment to be preceded by the meeting of Senior Officials	To be determined	Turkey
1 8	2 nd meeting of the ECO Working Group on Environment (for the implementation of Plan of Action for Cooperation among the ECO Member States on Environment)	To be determined	Iran
1 9	[ECO and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) joint Workshop on natural disasters and climatic cataclysms]	To be determined	To be determined

* If Turkey does not confirm the hosting of the event until end of April 2003, Iran will host this event.

D. Agriculture, Industry, Health & Tourism

Sr. No	Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
d-1 Agriculture			
1.	Senior Officials meeting for the Second ECO meeting on Agriculture	Iran	November 2003
2.	Workshop on Water Management	Pakistan	Not yet finalized

3.	Meeting of the Heads of Veterinary Organizations of the ECO Member States	Iran	September 2003
4.	International Training Course on Combating Desertification	Karaj (Tehran Province), Iran	28 April-07 May 2003
5.	Workshop on Drought Management	Iran	August 2003
6.	Training Course on WTO Agreement on Agriculture	Turkey	September 2003
7.	Training Course on WTO Agreement on Agriculture	Pakistan	2004
8.	Workshop on prevention of crop losses at post-harvest stages	Ankara	3-14 November, 2003
9.	Two separate training workshops within the framework of FAO-TCP	Tehran Almaty	2003 2004

d-2 Industry

10.	First ECO Ministerial meeting on Industry	Iran	October 2003
11.	Expert Group meeting on the private sector development.	Iran	Not yet finalized
12.	Workshop/Training Course on the Development of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	Turkey	Last quarter of 2003
13.	Workshop on agro-related metal working industries	Iran	2003

d-3 Health

14.	ECO/UNFPA Round Table Seminar on HIV/AIDS Disease and Adolescent Health	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	05-07 June 2003 (tentative)
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d-4 Tourism

15.	Expert Group meeting on Tourism Cooperation among the ECO Member States	Not yet finalized	Not yet finalized
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E. Project Research

Sr. No	Event / Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Second Conference on ECO-CEC's Role in the development of member states.	Ankara – Turkey	July 2003
2.	Seminar on Economic benefit and the need for developing strategic action plans for promotion of ECO priority projects.	To be determined	To be determined
3.	Training on ESCAPS Modalities for Project Research and Pre-feasibility Outlays.	Tehran	To be determined
4.	The 1 st meeting of Ministers of Finance and Economics of the member states.	To be determined	To be determined

5.	Seminar on ECO's participation in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.	Tehran	End May 2003
6.	Meeting of Financial Experts of the member states to prepare financial modality for the establishment and subsequent operation of ECO special fund for reconstruction of Afghanistan.	Tehran	May 13-14, 2003

F. Economic Research and Statistics

Sr. No	Event / Activity	Venue	Proposed Date
1.	5 th ECO National Focal Points (NFPs) meeting on Economic Research and Statistics.	ECO Secretariat	September/ October 2003
2.	Workshop on "Prospects for Closer Regional Economic Integration of ECO Member Countries" hosted by the Management and Planning Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran.	Iran	To be determined in consultation with the relevant authorities of Iran.
3.	Workshop on "Marketing Survey on the Selection of Potential Exportable and Competitive Goods and Products for Increasing ECO Intra Trade" hosted by the Export Promotion Center of Turkey (IGEME).	Turkey	To be determined in consultation with the relevant authorities of Turkey.
4.	Workshop on "Comprehensive Study on the Demand and Supply of Energy in the ECO Region" hosted by Institute of Economic Research, Kazakhstan Ministry of Economy.	Kazakhstan	To be determined in consultation with the relevant authorities of Kazakhstan.
5.	Workshop on measuring the non-observed economy in ECO countries	To be determined	October/ November 2003
6.	Workshop on implementation of 1993-SNA in ECO countries	To be determined	2004

G. Meetings of Specialized Agencies and Regional Institutions

Sr. No	Events/Activities	Venue	Proposed Date
1	<u>ECO Science Foundation</u> 1 st meeting of the Board of Trustees	Islamabad	
2	<u>ECO Educational Institute</u> 1 st meeting of the Board of Trustees		

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3	ECO Cultural Institute 3 rd meeting of Board of Trustees	Tehran	2004

H. Meetings of the Decision Making Organs of ECO

S r . N o	Events/Activities	Venue	Proposed Date
1	14 th meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)	Turkey	December 2003
2	13 th meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM)	Bishkek	June 11, 2003
3	8 th meeting of Summit	Dushanbe	2004

I. Meeting of the ECO Audit Board

S r . N o	Events/Activities	Venue	Proposed Date
1	Meeting of the ECO Audit Board.	Tehran	May 24-29, 2003

J. Meetings/conferences organized by regional/international agencies.

S r . N o	Events/Activities	Venue	Proposed Date
1	Fourth meeting of the Heads of the National Statistical Organizations of the OIC member states	Lahore-Pakistan	2003
2	SPECA PWG-TBC 9 th Session	Almaty	November 2003

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3	Participation in the ESCAP Ad-hoc intergovernmental meeting to consider and adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian Highway Network.	Bangkok	3 rd quarter of 2003
4	Participation in the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Issues of Landlocked and Transit Developing countries.	Almaty	August 28-29, 2003
5	Participation in the ESCAP pre-project activity on international maritime transport operations in the ECO region (in cooperation with UNCTAD).	Geneva	2003
6	Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Regional Economic Organizations, being organized by FAO and IDB	Jeddah	Postponed. No new dates.
7	Caspian Banking & Finance Summit	Istanbul	March 19-20, 2003
8	59 th session of ESCAP	Bangkok	Postponed. No new date.
9	19 th OIC-COMCEC (follow up meeting)	Istanbul	May 12-14, 2003
10	30 th session of Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers	Tehran	May 28-31, 2003
11	14 th yearly session of the Crans Montana Forum	Crans Montana (Switzerland)	June 26-29, 2003
12	Meetings with senior officials of UNIDO, OPEC Fund, UNODC to finalize cooperation with these organizations	Vienna	June 2003
13	Meeting to finalize cooperation with the Energy Charter Treaty	Brussels	June-July 2003
14	Asian-African Sub-Regional Organizations Conference (AASROC)	Bandung, Indonesia	Early August, 2003
15	Informal Council of Ministers meeting of ECO on the sidelines of the 58 th session of UNGA	New York	September 2003
16	Informal ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial meeting on the sidelines of the 58 th session of UNGA	New York	September 2003

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1 7	28 th Annual meetings of the IDB Group, including ministers of Finance or Economy in the IDB member countries	Almaty	September 9-10, 2003
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1 8	Regional Workshop on the role of Faith Based Organizations and Spirituality in Drug Demand Reduction for the ECO Member States Proposed by the Colombo Plan Secretariat	Islamabad	Postponed. New dates will be announced
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1 9	Meeting between ECO and ASEAN at the ASEAN Secretariat as envisaged in Terms of Reference of Joint Study on Strengthening ECO-ASEAN Cooperation	Jakarta	April-June 2003
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2 0	8 th Consultative meeting between the Executive Heads of Sub-Regional Organizations and ESCAP	Tehran	July 2003
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2 1	19 th OIC-COMCEC meeting		October 20-23, 2003
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2 2	Informal Council of Ministers meeting of ECO on the sidelines of the 59 th session of UN General Assembly	New York	September 2004
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2 3	Informal ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial meeting on the sidelines of the 59 th session of UN General Assembly	New York	September 2004
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2 4	9 th Consultative meeting between Executive Heads of Sub-Regional Organizations and ESCAP	Presently not known	2004
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2 5	UNESCAP, Committee on Poverty Reduction	Bangkok-Thailand	8-10 October 2003
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2 6	UNESCAP, Subcommittee on Statistics	Bangkok-Thailand	February 2004
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2 7	Fourth meeting of the Heads of the National Statistical Organizations of the OIC Member States	Lahore-Pakistan	2003
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2 8	UNESCAP, Working group of statistical experts	Bangkok-Thailand	2003/2004
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2 9	Sub-regional Seminar on transit transport issues of landlocked and transit developing countries: Central Asia	Almaty	March 13-14, 2003 (ECO participated)

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30	Meeting with WCO to sign MOU and participation in the 2 nd Conference on Afghan Development Framework (ADF).	Brussels	March 15-17, 2003 (MOU signed with WCO)
31	Participation in OSCE meeting on Economic Impacts of Drug Trafficking.	Tashkent	March 17-18, 2003 (ECO participated)
32	The 3 rd Water Forum, ministerial conference.	Japan	March 22-23, 2003 (ECO participated)
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K. Drug Control

S r . N o	Events/Activities	Venue	Proposed Date
1	Training Exercise of one week each for National Drug Control Coordinators on technical matters related to drug supply reduction.	To be decided	To be decided (2003)
2	Training Exercise for Drug Demand Reduction Liaison Officers on technical matters related to drug demand reduction	To be decided	To be decided (2003)
3	Annual meeting of National Focal Points of Drug Control Coordination Unit	ECO Secretariat	To be decided (2003)
4	Annual meeting of Drug Demand Reduction National Liaison Officers of Drug Control Coordination Unit	ECO Secretariat	To be decided (2003)
5	Study tour for 2 ECO/DCCU staff to UNODC HQ, Interpol and UNDCP/CCM	Vienna, Lyon, Barbados	To be decided (2003)