



29th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)

“ECO Calendar of Events 2019”

(ECO Secretariat, Tehran, 17-20 December 2018)

ECO Calendar of Events for 2019

A. SECTOR: TRADE AND INVESTMENT

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	a. 5 th Ministerial Meeting on Finance and Economy b. 2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Central Banks Back to back.	Tehran, Iran	1 st half of the 2019
2	5 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/ Foreign Trade	TBD	2019
3	4 th ECO Business Forum	Turkey	2019
4	Trade Policy Review Session	Pakistan	2019
5	1 st Experts Group Meeting on Banking, Financial Matters of ECO and Forming ECO Clearing Union	TBD	2019
6	2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Tax Administration	TBD	2019
7	1 st Meeting of Heads of Capital Markets Supervisory Authorities	TBD	2019
8	1 st Meeting on the Joint Working Group for Preparation of the draft ECO Trade Facilitation Agreement (ETFA)	Turkey	1 st half of 2019
9	1 st Meeting of Joint Working Group to finalize Trade and Investment Strategy and to conduct Preliminary Study on the Prospects of Establishing a Free Trade Area)	TBD	2019
10	4 th Meeting of ECO Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs)	TBD	2019
11	8 th Meeting of the ECOTA Cooperation Council (<i>As per rules, this meeting has to be held twice in a year</i>)	ECO Secretariat , Tehran	2019
12	9 th Meeting of the ECOTA Cooperation Council (<i>As per rules, this meeting has to be held twice in a year</i>)	TBD	2019
13	9 th Meeting of ECO Council of Heads of Customs Administration (CHCA)	Turkey	2019
14	2 nd Meeting of ECO Investment Promotion Agencies (ECO-IPAs) Forum	TBD	2019
15	3 rd ECO Trade Fair	TBD	2019
16	Second Meeting of Technical Committee on Electronic data Exchange (EDI)	Tehran, Iran	First half of 2019

17	2 nd Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on E-Trade Cooperation	TBD	2019
18	First Meeting of the ECO Heads of Commodity Exchanges	Tehran Iran	2019

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
20	5 th Seminar on Trading Patterns in ECO Region and Accession of ECO to WTO.	TBD	2019
21	4 th ECO Investment Conference	Tajikistan	2020

Meetings of the ECO Affiliated Bodies with ECO Secretariat Participation

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
22	ECO Reinsurance Company	Karachi Pakistan	1 st Quarter 2019
23	Meetings of ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECO-TDB)/(18 th BOG Meeting)	Istanbul Turkey	2019
24	Executive Committee Meetings and Specialized Committees Meetings of ECO-CCI (held twice a year)	Turkey	2019
25	Executive Committee Meetings and Specialized Committees Meetings of ECO-CCI (held twice a year)	TBD	2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Organizer	Venue	Date
26	COMCEC Ministerial Session	OIC	Turkey	November, 2019
27	WTO Geneva Week	WTO	Geneva, Switzerland	2019
28	Meeting with UNIDO to discuss the 4 th Phase of UNIDO-ECO Trade Capacity Building Project	UNIDO	Vienna	2019
29	Aid for Trade Global Review	ITC	Geneva	2019
30	Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF)	UNESCAP	TBD	2019

B. SECTOR: TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	10 th Meeting of Road Committee of TTCC	Afghanistan	2 nd half 2019
2	7 th Meeting of the Customs Transit Committee of TTCC	Afghanistan	2 nd half 2019
3	The 10 th Meeting of TTCC	Afghanistan	2 nd half 2019
4	14 th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Railway Authorities/8 th Meeting of the Railway Committee of the TTCC	Dushanbe/ Tajikistan	1 st half 2019
5	Review Meetings of the Member States enroute Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran (KTI) Railway Project	ECO Secretariat ECO Secretariat	February 2019 March/April July/August 2019
6	Meeting of the Heads of Railways of the Member States enroute Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran (KTI)	ECO Secretariat	2019
7	10 th HLWGM on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Container Train	Turkey	2019
8	2 nd HLWG meetings on KTAI Railways and Ministerial level meeting for enroute KTAI countries.	Afghanistan	2 nd half 2019
9	2 nd HLWG meetings on Istanbul-Almaty and Bandar Abbas-Almaty Container Trains	Tbd	2019
10	5 th HLWG Meetings on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Road Corridor and 4 th HLWG Meeting on the Kyrgyz-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran Road (KTAI)	I.R of Iran	2019
11	2 nd meeting of ECO Senior Consular Officials on Facilitation of Visa for Drivers	Tbd	2019
12	5 th HLWG Meeting on Qazvin-Rasht-Astara (Iran)-Astara (Azerbaijan) Railway	Iran	2019
13	5 th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Reference Marine Organizations	I.R of Iran	2019
14	Working Group Meeting on ICT	Tbd	2019
15	Working Group Meeting on Civil Aviation Cooperation	Tbd	2019

Non-ECO events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
16	Meeting of UNECE's Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, WP.30 and AC2	Geneva, Switzerland	Feb & Oct 2019
17	UNESCAP Meeting on Transport	Tbd	2019
18	CAREC/ADB meeting on Transport	Tbd	2019
19	UIC RAME (Regional Assembly of Middle East) meeting	Tbd	2019
20	UIC World Conference on Transport	Tbd	2019

C. SECTOR: ENERGY, MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

ECO Events

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	4 th Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum, preceded by Senior Officials Meeting	Tbd	2019
2	4 th High Level Experts Group Meeting on Energy	Tbd	2019
3	2 nd Experts Group Meeting on establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	2019
4	3 rd Iran-Turkey Bilateral Meeting on Establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market	ECO Secretariat	2019
5	4 th Meeting of ECO Experts Group on Renewable Energy Sources (EGRES)	Tbd	First half of 2019
6	ECO Consultative/Validation Meeting for the needs assessment and feasibility study within the Preparatory Phase of the project on establishment of ECO Clean Energy Centre (proposed to be held back-to-back with the 4 th Meeting of ECO EGRES)	Tbd	First half of 2019
7	Consultative Meeting on the First Operational/Start-Up Phase of the project on establishment of ECO Clean Energy Centre	Tbd	Second half of 2019
8	2 nd Meeting of the ECO Public and Private Sector Energy/Petrochemical Consortium/Companies	Iran	3-4 March 2019
9	1 st Meeting on establishment of ECO Refinery Association (ERA)	Iran	Second half of 2019
10	1 st ECO Working Group Meeting on Joint Investment in Construction of Renewable Energy Power Plants/Projects	Iran	Second half of 2019
11	6 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment, preceded by Senior Officials Meeting	Tbd	2019

12	7 th Working Group Meeting on Environment, back to back with the 2 nd Experts Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity	Pakistan	2019
13	4 th Experts Group Meeting on Biodiversity	Kyrgyz Republic	2019
14	Meeting on Sustainable Pastoralism back to back with 3 rd Pre-COP Meeting on Biodiversity	Turkey	2020
15	Experts Meeting on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)	Antalya, Turkey	11-13 March 2019
16	Experts Meeting on Conservation of Fauna and Flora in the ECO Region	Iran	Second half of 2019

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
17	6 th Workshop on Renewable Energy Sources	Tbd	2019
18	Training Courses as per the Calendar of ECO Courses on Oil and Gas of OGITC (Oil and Gas International Training Centre of I.R. Iran)	Iran	2019
19	Joint ECO-Energy Charter Training Course on "Promoting Regional Electricity Markets and Interconnectivities: Trade and Investment Opportunities"	Iran	First half of 2019
20	Capacity Building Training Course on Geomatics (title to be determined)	Iran	2019
21	Capacity Building Training Course on Geomatics (title to be determined)	Pakistan	2019
22	Workshop on the Project of Development of "Combating Desertification with a Special Emphasis on Dust Haze and Sand Storms in the Region"	Turkey	2019
23	ECO-UNEP Inception Workshop on modalities of First State of Environment (SoE) Report for ECO region	Tbd	2019
25	Conception/Capacity Building Workshop for Developing Future Roadmap Development and Management of Biosphere Reserves in the ECO Region	Pakistan	2019
24	Second ECO Workshop for capacity building and best practices on Biodiversity issues	Nicosia	Second quarter of 2019
25	Workshop on Protected Areas Systems	Nicosia	Second quarter of 2019

26	Workshop on Ecosystem Services	Nicosia	Second quarter of 2019
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Non-ECO Events

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
27	9 th Session of the Assembly of IRENA	Abu Dhabi, UAE	10-13 January 2019
28	30 th Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference	Tirana, Albania	10-11 December 2019
29	5 th Meeting of the Global Network of Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) Platform	Vienna, Austria	2019
30	Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4)	Nairobi, Kenya	11-15 March 2019
31	14 th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)	New York	6-10 May 2019
32	14 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of UN Convention to Combat Desertification	TBD	2019
33	19 th International Training Course on Energy Efficiency and Management in Industry	Ankara, Turkey	2019

D. SECTOR: AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & TOURISM

Agriculture

ECO Events

No	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	6 th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	Azerbaijan	2019
2	High Level Experts Meeting on Agriculture	Azerbaijan	2019
3	3 rd Steering Committee Meetings of the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (ECO-RCC) for Implementation of the ECO-RPFS	Turkey	13-14 March 2019
4	Workshop on Food Security	Turkey	13-14 March 2019
5	Workshop on Food Security	Tajikistan	2019
6	3 rd Working Group Meeting/Workshop on the Status for establishment of the ECO-CEEWUA	Islamabad, Pakistan	2019
7	3 rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations	Tehran, Iran	2019
8	3 rd ECO-RCRM Workshop on "Draught	Tehran, Iran	2019

	Monitoring and Seasonal Forecast "		
9	4 th Meeting of the Heads of ECO Veterinary Organizations on the sidelines of the FAO 4th Regional Meeting on the Formulation of Strategies for the Control of PPR at Regional Level	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	February 2019
10	1 st Technical Committee meeting to follow up on the draft road map of the ECO-VECO	Baku, Azerbaijan	2019
11	3 rd EGM on Establishment of ECO-ABN	Karaj, Iran	23-24 June 2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
12	PPR GEP Advisory Committee Meeting	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	June, 2019
13	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition	Rome Italy	2019
14	Agricultural Ministers' Meeting of OIC	Istanbul Turkey	2019
15	Expert Group Meeting on Food Security	Rome Italy	2019
16	FAO Regional Meeting	Beirut	2019

Industry

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
17	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Industry	Iran	2019
18	3 rd High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting	Iran	2019
19	7 th High Level Working Group Meeting on Standardization, Accreditation, Conformity Assessment and Metrology	Iran	2019
20	7 th Meeting on the ECO Heads of Privatization Administration	Kyrgyz Republic	2019
21	6 th HLWG on Privatization and Private Sector Development	Kyrgyz Republic	2019
22	5 th ECO Steering Committee Meeting on Entrepreneurship and SMEs Development	TBD	2019
23	Workshop on SMEs	TBD	2019
24	4 th Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights	TBD	2019
25	2 nd Steering Committee Meeting on ECO Nanotechnology Network	Iran	2019

26	Workshop on Nanotechnology Opportunities for Textile Industry in ECO Region	Iran	2019
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Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
27	International Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INOTEX 2019)	Iran	2019
28	International Training Workshop on Techno-Entrepreneur S&T Parks	Islamabad Pakistan	2019
29	Conferences and Meetings on Industrial Development on Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda	Doha	2019
30	OECD Meeting on Innovation in science, technology and industry	Paris France	2019
31	International events \ organizations on industry, IP, science and technology	Vienna Austria	2019
32	International Nanotechnology Exhibition	Iran	2019

Tourism

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
33	3 rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Tourism	Tajikistan	2019
34	5 th High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting	Tajikistan	2019
35	5 th International ECO/ Silk Road Food Festival	Zanjan, Iran	2019
36	Meeting with UNIDO on bilateral cooperation	Vienna	2019
37	The 4 th Experts Group Meeting on Ecotourism	Nicosia	2019-20
38	ECO-NGO and Tourism Agencies Meeting	Iran	2019
39	Meeting with UNWTO on bilateral cooperation	Madrid	2019

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
40	Workshop on Culinary Tourism	Zanjan Iran	2019
41	Workshop on Tourism Business	Zanjan, Iran	2019

	Development		
42	2 nd Confobition (conference + exhibition) on Health Tourism as well as the ECO-NGO and Tourism agencies meeting	Ardabil, Iran	18-20 June, 2019
43	12 th International Exhibition on Tourism and Related Industry	Tehran, Iran	2019
44	Forum of ECO Head of Tourism Associations and Unions	Tehran/Isfahan, Iran	2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
45	TOURAVEL 19/V. International Tourism, Travel and Leisure Conference	Istanbul Turkey	7 June 2019
46	Conference on Health Tourism of Islamic Countries	Jakarta Indonesia	2019
47	21 st International Conference on Halal Tourism and Islamic Tourism	Tokyo, Japan	May 27 - 28, 2019
48	9 th International Meetings on Silk Road Tourism	Rome Italy	2019
49	ACD Ministerial Meeting on Tourism	Qatar	2019
50	10 th Tourism Investment and Business Forum for Africa	Madrid, Spain	24 January 2019
51	4 th UNWTO-UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture	Istanbul Turkey	2019
52	4 th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference	Berchtesgaden, Germany	2-5 March 2019

E. SECTOR: PROJECTS, ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	5 th Meeting of ECO Permanent Steering Committee for Economic Research	Iran	2019
2	4 th Meeting of ECO Economic Journal Editorial Board	Iran	2019
3	3 rd Forum of ECO Economic Think Tanks forum	TBD	TBD
4	6 th ECO High Level Expert Group Meeting (HLEG) on Statistics	Pakistan	2019
5	4 th Meeting of the Heads of ECO National Statistical Offices (MHNSO)	Pakistan	2019
6	7 th ECO High Level Expert Group Meeting (HLEG) on Statistics	TBD	2019-20

7	5 th Meeting of the Heads of ECO National Statistical Offices (MHNSO)	TBD	2019-20
8	The First Meeting of the Donors' for the ECO Fund for Afghanistan (MDECOFA).	TBD	TBD

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
9	Innovations in methodology through new technology in conducting population census	TBD	2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
10	ECO-IRTI	TBD	2019/20
11	ECO-SESRIC	TBD	2019/20
12	ECO-FAO	TBD	2019/20
13	ECO-UNSD	TBD	2019/20
14	ECO-TEPAV	TBD	2019/20

F. SECTOR: HUMAN RESOURCES & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Disaster Risk Reduction

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	8 th ECO Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Turkey	March 2019
2	ECO Experts Group Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction and Implementation of the ECO Regional Framework for DRR	Afghanistan	2019
3	1 st Senior Officials Meeting/Heads Meeting for Disaster Management and Insurance Authorities	TBD	2019

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
4	ECO- UNESCO Workshop on School Safety and related programs/actions	TBD	2019
5	ECO- HABITAT Training Workshop on "Urban Renewal and Building Resilient Infrastructure"	TBD	2019

6	Training Workshop on “Disaster Risk Transfer through Insurance and Management”	TBD	2019
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Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
7	ISDR Asia Partnership Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand	2019
8	Preparation Meeting for the next Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Australia	2019
9	Global Consultation Conference on Capacity Development on DRR	TBD	2019
10	Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)	Geneva,	13 to 17 May, 2019
11	9 th International Congress on Health in Emergencies and Disasters	Iran	16-17 June, 2019
12	“WHO-ECO Regional Meeting on Health in Emergencies and Disasters”	Iran	18 June 2019

HEALTH

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
13	Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting to Finalize the draft of the ECO Plan of Action on Health	Iran	May 2019
14	Workshop on Promoting UHC as a means of prevention and control of NCDs.	Iran	May 2019
15	4 th ECO Health Ministerial Meeting	Member States/ on the Sidelines of WHO Assembly	2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
16	7 th World Health Summit Regional Meeting	Kish Island, Iran	29-30 April 2019
17	WHO 72 nd World Health Assembly	Geneva	20-28 May 2019

G. SECTOR: DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME COORDINATION UNIT (DOCCU)

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	4 th ECO Interior Ministers' Meeting	Islamabad	2019
2	4 th Meeting of Heads of Anti-Corruption Organizations and Ombudsmen of the ECO Member States	TBD	2019
3	2 nd Meeting of Chiefs of Police of ECO Member States	TBD	2019
4	2 nd Meeting of Heads of INTERPOL of ECO Member States	Islamabad	2019
5	4 th Meeting of Attorneys and Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States	TBD	2019
6	1 st Meeting of Police Focal Points of the Member States	Tehran	2019
7	2 nd Meeting of Chiefs of Anti-narcotics Police of the ECO Member States	Tehran	2019
8	1 st Experts Group Meeting to Establish Judicial/ Legal Cooperation Mechanism for the ECO Member States	TBD	2019

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
9	ECO Workshop on Controlled Delivery and Joint Investigation	Tehran	2019
10	Training Course on awareness of Drugs and Precursors	Islamabad	2019
11	Workshop on Current Routes and Trends on Narcotics Drug Types	Ankara	2019
12	Workshop on Cyber Crimes	Tehran	2019
13	Workshop in the Field of Primary Prevention on Addiction	Tehran	May 2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
14	15 th Paris Pact Policy Consultative Group Meeting	Vienna	2019

15	62 nd Session of the Commission on Narcotics Drugs	Vienna	2019
16	Relevant INTERPOL Meeting(Subject to invitation)	TBD	2019
17	ICMPD Regional/ International Meeting(Subject to invitation)	TBD	2019

H. SECTOR: ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies and External Relations

ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1	Informal meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM) and 74 th Session of the UN General Assembly	New York	September 2019
2	ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the sidelines of 74 th Session of the UN General Assembly	New York	September 2019
3	ECO Training Workshop/seminars for foreign services officers (officers dealing with external relations) from ECO Member States.	Islamabad	2019
4	ECO Conference on international relations/external relations to be attended by eminent scholars, former ministers and former heads of governments/states from ECO Member States	Islamabad	2019

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
5	WIPO Global Networking Event	Tbd	2019
6	UNOSSC Global South-South Development Expo	Tbd	2019
7	Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok	2019
8	UNIDO Networking Event	Tbd	2019
9	ASEAN,OIC, SCO, CICA, D-8 Summit/Ministerial Meeting	Tbd	2019
10	Heart of Asia/ Istanbul Process	Tbd	2019
11	Involvement in events of international organizations/agencies where ECO	Tbd	2019

	could get Financial or Technical assistance for its Projects		
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Events to be organized by the Specialized Agencies/Affiliated Bodies

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
12	4 th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) preceded by the 5 th Executive Committee Meeting	Isfahan, Iran	January, 2019
13	ECO Educational Institute's 3 rd BoT Meeting	Turkey	June, 2019
14	Conference on the teaching of history, literature and cultural heritage in ECO Member States by ECOEI	Turkey	June, 2019
15	Joint Capacity Building Workshop on Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) by ECOSF and ECOEI	Turkey	2019
16	Workshop/Forum between Pakistan and Iran for Knowledge Sharing on Karez (Wells) by ECOSF in partnership with UNESCO	Islamabad Pakistan	2019
17	2 nd Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly of the ECO Countries (PAECO)	Islamabad Pakistan	2019
18	Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)	Pakistan	2019
19	1 st ECO Ministerial Meeting of Ministers of Youth and Sports	Iran	2019
20	1 st Meeting of the Heads of the National Museums of the ECO Member States	Iran	2019
