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SECTION AGRICULTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Agriculture is one of the key sectors that can accelerate the economic growth in the region through an enlarged productivity. The efforts to counter the prevailing hunger and poverty should be predominantly made in rural areas which household nearly half of the ECO region's population comprising of most poor and starving inhabitants. It requires sustainable pro-poor investments in the areas of agriculture, rural development and social protection aimed at lifting the people out of their chronic undernourishment and the alleviation of poverty.

2. ECO, as a regional organization dedicated to economic and social development of its member states accords top priority to food security and agricultural development in the region, the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security (ECO-RPFS), has launched/ under implementation since 2008 to comprehensively focus on enhancing agricultural production and trade capabilities in the Member States.

3. As the objectives also stipulated in the ECO Vision as higher food security and safety in the Region, ECO continues its efforts to establish an institutional basis for long term cooperation with Member Countries, International Organizations and Financial Institutions to enhance implementation of regional/national projects under RPFS to achieve sustainable agricultural development in the region.

4. In the context of the above, the ECO Regional Coordination Center (ECO-RCC) for implementation of the ECO-RPFS was inaugurated in Ankara, to mobilize and coordinate the implementation of the project in collaboration of the Member States. Moreover, the ECO Seed Association (ECOSA), the ECO Regional Center for Risk Management of Natural Disasters (ECO-RCRM), ECO Permanent Veterinary Commission, (ECO-VECO), the ECO Meteorological Calibration Centre (ECO-MCC) and the ECO Center of Excellence for Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture (ECO-CEEUWA) are the institutions that can give momentum on the implementation of the ECO-RPFS.

5. ECO continues its efforts to establish an institutional basis for long term cooperation with Member Countries, International Organizations and Financial Institutions to enhance implementation of regional/national projects under ECO-RPFS to achieve sustainable agricultural development as well as the objectives of the ECO Vision.

Priority Area-1:

Food Security and Implementation of the ECO-RPFS

1.1. ECO Vision approach and target:

6. The ECO Vision 2025 has mandated the Secretariat and Member States to develop strategies, policies, plans and projects to contribute to the new development approach of the Region and sustainable development goal in particular Higher food security and safety in the region and enhancement of capability of the participating research institutes and local communities for propagation and release of natural enemies of pests and diseases of the selected crops. In this context the Secretariat and MS are requested to revise and reformulate national and regional industrial development plans to adapt themselves to the ongoing global agenda.

1.2. Background information and Recent Developments:

7. During the Economic Cooperation Organization Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, held in Islamabad on 23-25 July 2002, the preparation of a regional agricultural development and food security strategy in line with the national programs of the member states was decided. In consequence of a Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) conducted by ECO and FAO, Regional Food Security Programme has been prepared. As declared in 2008, aforementioned Programme was revised in 2010.

8. During the 20th ECO Regional Planning Council (RPC) which was held in 16–18 February 2010, General Coordination of RPFS was given to Turkey with consensus and the 17th Informal ECO Council of Ministers which was held in New York, 2010 agreed on the establishment of RCC for the efficient coordination of RPFS in Ankara Turkey. The 19th Council of Ministers (COM), which was held in Istanbul, Turkey on December 22, 2010, approved the establishment of ECO-RCC for the implementation of the RPFS in Ankara, Turkey. ECO-RCC has been established to continue its activities during the Programme period at the facilities of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Food, and Forestry in Ankara. Main task of RCC is to provide coordination between the member countries regarding the projects under the RPFS to ensure food security in the field of food and agriculture in ECO member countries, to develop cooperation and to implement Programme activities in an effective way.

9. The RPFS, which was prepared with the technical assistance of FAO, focuses on enhancing agricultural production and trade of agro-products in the ECO Member States. It includes 10 components: 9 regional components and 1 specific component for Afghanistan.

10. During the 27th RPC in December 2016, the Council requested the 2nd Steering Committee of the ECO-RCC to consider the revision of the ECO-RPFS, if necessary. During the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting in 2019, the Member States were informed that the RPFS needs to be updated.

11. ECO-RCC has informed the Secretariat that they are in a process of formulating a project titled "Support for the Transformation of the Economic Cooperation Organization Food Security Coordination Center (ECO-RCCFS) from a programme-based organization to a self-sustainable institution in the Economic Cooperation Organization. –GCP/SEC/017/TUR" to be funded by the Government of Turkey under the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP-II) on Food and Agriculture. The Funding Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey and FAO has been signed for allocation of funds from the FPPP-II.

12. The proposed FAO project aims to strengthen ECO-RCC's capacity to provide systematic and useful support to its member states, so that member states acquire necessary advice, guidance and information for improving their food security and nutrition policies and programmes. ECO-RCC's contribution will be more effective and efficient when the Centre is integrated as a self-sustainable institution of the ECO with its operational cost provided by the member states, with an updated RFSP.

13. First, technical capacity of ECO-RCC in food security analysis, program development and management will be strengthened through regular learning and training. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be developed to help its staff carry out regular food security analysis efficiently. The analysis results and policy updates will be shared regularly among ECO member states through ECO-RCC Steering Committee Meetings, the Centre's website, and official publications of ECO. Second, based on the analytical evidence provided by ECO-RCC with project support, priority interventions are identified in consultation with member countries and shared with relevant donors including IFIs (International Financial Institutions) for funding. FAO will provide technical support to the ECO-RCC to update 'Regional Food Security Programme (RFSP)' of ECO. Third, basic documents of ECO-RCC including charter, strategic plan, organigram and work plan will be developed and updated by ECO-RCC and approved by ECO-RCC Steering Committee. With FAO's support, ECO-RCC will conduct bilateral meetings with its member states and relevant bodies of the ECO to develop and agree on its working principles and modalities. Fourth, ECO-RCC will approach member states to co-finance ECO-RCC's core activities to ensure the sustainability of ECO-RCC is ensured after the completion of the project.

14. The 6th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture held in the Republic of Azerbaijan on 4th of December 2019, while appreciated the efforts made by FAO and ECO-RCC for initiation of a project proposal concerning the transformation of the nature of ECO-RCC and took note of the revision of the RPFS in line with the current food security situation of the ECO region and related policy priorities of ECO member countries. The said Ministerial meeting requested a more comprehensive, willful partnership and financial contribution of all Member States for accelerating its implementation; and recommended the Secretariat to consider different aspects of the proposal and to take required actions through the respective organs of ECO for identification of ECO projects as provided for in ECO Functional Methodology.

15. ECO-RCC updates "<http://www.eco-rccfs.org/>" regularly in English and Russian. Following the 31st RPC meeting the Secretariat through the Note Verbale No. A&I/Agriculture/ECO-RCC /2021/578 dated 3 June 2021 request the Member States to

contribute for updating the ECO-RCC website through provision their studies, inputs, experiences and best practices relating to food security and agricultural issues.

16. A tripartite virtual meeting to discuss regional projects on agricultural and food security, enhanced cooperation between ECO Secretariat, ECO-RCC, and FAO was held on July 9, 2020. Also, The 1st Consultation Meeting on Updating the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security was held on December 8, 2020 between ECO Secretariat, ECO-RCC, FAO and Member States to get needs and priorities of the Region for tailoring RPFs. The report of the meeting has been circulated among MSs through the Note Verbale No. AI/2021/200 dated 25/2/2021. In this meeting MSs were informed about update of the RPFs. The final draft of ECO Regional Program for Food Security (ECO-RPFs) has been circulated among MSs through the Note Verbale No. AI/2021/928 dated 25/8/2021 for their views and comments for further finalization.

17. ECO-RCC in collaboration with ECO secretariat and FAO has held Introductory Training on Project Cycle Management (PCM) for ECO Regional Food Security Programme on 16-17 March 2021 (Note Verbale No. AI/2021/224 dated 2/3/2021). This event is in line with the FAO-Turkey partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP II). Likewise, the Webinar Series on "Sustainable Food Systems – Its Concept and Practices in the ECO Region" has been held by aforementioned authorities on 1st June 2021 (Note Verbale No. AI/2021/543 dated 26/5/2021). The aim of this webinar was to provide better understanding of food systems and approach, as well as the objectives and the process of the UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

18. Following the 31st RPC meeting, the Secretariat through the Note Verbale No. A&I/Agriculture/ECO-RCC/2021/579 dated 3 June 2021 request the Republic of Turkey to convey the exact date for holding 4th Steering Committee Meeting of the ECO-RCC for Implementation of the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security (ECO-RPFs) and Workshop on Food Loss and Waste.

19. The "Sub Regional Conference on Food Loss and Waste Reduction in Central Asia, Azerbaijan and Turkey" has been held on 29 September 2021 via the collaboration of ECO-RCC, FAO and Turkey among ECO MSs. The event aimed to raise awareness about the complexity of food loss and waste, its impact on value chain actors, consumers, service providers and the environment and discussing possible solution.

20. As per the Work Program of the 31st RPC meeting, the Secretariat through the Note Verbale No. Agriculture/ECO-CCI & ECO-RCC/2021/1097 dated 14 October 2021, request the ECO-CCI to develop a framework in collaboration with ECO-RCC for further cooperation on agricultural machinery and equipment industry and prepare a ground for exchange of best practices and technology in this field.

21. The secretariat initiated a small-sized project namely, " Organic agriculture in ECO Member States and prospects for market integration", in order to providing harmonized regulatory framework, making feasible certification and market integration in the ECO region on organic agricultural production. The report of the project has been circulated among MSs for their views and comments through the Note Verbale No. A&I/Organic/2021/527 dated 23 May 2021.

1.3. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

22. The Council, while welcoming the propose of the Republic of Uzbekistan to host the 7th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, preceded by the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in 2022, may request the host authorities to send exact date and details of meeting. The Council may urge the MSs to actively participate in this Meeting.

23. The Council may appreciate the initiative of the project titled "Support for the Transformation of the ECO-RCC for RPFS from a programme-based organization to a self-sustainable institution in the Economic Cooperation Organization by the ECO-RCC for RPFS, FAO and the ECO Secretariat.

24. The Council may request the Secretariat with the assistance of ECO-RCC to establish a dialogue forum to increase partnerships, through joint programmes with all stakeholders, and promote coordination action to increase synergy in ECO regional efforts to enhance food security through technical cooperation, including institutional capacity development, transfer of technology, and increasing agricultural productivity.

25. The Council may appreciate ECO-RCC and FAO for updating the ECO-RPFS according to views and comments of the Member States. Likewise, the Council may appreciate ECO-RCC regarding holding the workshops on Sustainable Food Systems and Food Loss and Waste Reduction in the Region, during the updating of ECO-RPFS.

26. The Council, while welcoming the offer of the Republic of Turkey to organize the 4th Steering Committee Meeting of the ECO-RCC for Implementation of the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security (ECO-RPFS) in 2022, may request the host authorities to send exact date of the meeting. Also, The Council may urge the MSs to actively participate in this Meeting.

27. The Council may appreciate ECO-RCC for updating website "<http://www.eco-rccfs.org/>" and may invite Member States to contribute to contribute for updating the ECO-RCC website through provision their studies, inputs, experiences and best practices relating to food security and agricultural issues.

28. The Council may request the ECO-CCI to develop a framework in collaboration with ECO-RCC for further cooperation on agricultural machinery and equipment industry and prepare a ground for exchange of best practices and technology in this field.

Priority Area-2:

FAO-ECO Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) on strengthening Seed Supply in the ECO Region

1.4. ECO Vision Approach and Target:

29. The ECO Vision 2025 has mandated the Secretariat and Member States to develop strategies, policies, plans and projects to contribute to the new development approach of the Region and sustainable development goal in particular identification and realization of agricultural export potentials of the Member Countries and intraregional agriculture trade potentials as well as identification of infrastructure requirements in production, processing and export chain of the selected crops and preparation of investment plans. In this context the Secretariat and MS are requested to revise and reformulate national and regional industrial development plans to adapt themselves to the ongoing global agenda.

1.5. Background information and Recent Developments:

30. Economic Cooperation Organization Seed Association (ECOSA) was established in 2009 in Ankara for information and experience exchange between ECO member countries as well as increasing trade, cooperation and solidarity.

31. ECOSA aims to improve the infrastructure of the seed sector in the countries of the ECO region and to raise it to the level of developed countries as well as to increase the trade volume and to bring the high quality to the service of regional agriculture and thereby aiming to contribute to the increase of agricultural production in accordance with its vision and its mission. In order to increase high quality seed trade in the region, ECOSA supports:

- removing the bureaucratic obstacles of the countries of the region,
- ensuring the validity of international quality standards,
- Standardization of the certification and registration systems,

32. For this purpose, a project named Harmonization of Seed Certification Systems in ECO Countries was carried out with the financial support of Turkish Ministry of Agriculture, FAO, ECO and the Seed Union of Turkey. The first part of the project has been completed. The outcome report of the first part of the project has been prepared and presented to all ECO countries. The start of the second phase of the project and the introduction of these developments are important for success and achievement of these developments.

33. As an outcome of the ECO/FAO-SEC Project on Seed Sector Development in the Region, which was completed by organizing the Final Regional Seed Workshop on November 4-6, 2015 in Antalya, Turkey, an ECO Regional Seed Agreement was

formulated and sent to the Member States for their views and comments. The 27th Regional Planning Council (RPC) Meeting held on December 05-08, 2016 at the ECO Secretariat requested ECO Secretariat to proceed for approving the ECO Seed Agreement by the decision making bodies of ECO. The agreement needs to be finalized.

34. To date, ECOSA has organized 7 Seed Trade Congresses to improve seed trade in the region and beyond. 7th ECO Regional Seed Trade Congress held in Antalya, Turkey between 29 November- 01 December 2019 with the attendance of more than 200 businessmen and stakeholders from ECO region. The main sponsor of the congress and the business forum was Turkish Seed Union (TURKTOB).

1.6. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

35. The Council may appreciate the preparation of ECO Regional Seed Agreement as an outcome of the implementation of the ECO/FAO-SEC Project on Seed Sector Development in the Region. The Council may also request other Member States to expedite their joining to this important instrument.

36. The Council while welcoming the ECOSA for proposals to host the 8th ECOSA International Seed Trade Conference and Seed Trade Fair and ECO Expert Meeting on Seed Sector Development, may request the host authorities to send exact date and details of meeting. The Council also may request ECOSA to organize training courses on seed industry for ECO Member States in cooperation with FAO- SEC, Turkish Plant Breeding Union (BISAP), IDB and ECO-TDB.

37. The Council may request Member States to cooperate in ensuring the regional harmonization on validity of international quality standards, and standardization of the seed certification/registration/recognition systems for promotion of regional seed trade.

Priority Area-3:

Cooperation on Animal Trade and Veterinary Services

1.7. ECO Vision approach and target:

38. ECO Vision envisages to achieve higher food security and safety in the region.

1.8. Background information and Recent Developments:

39. The 16th RPC Meeting proposed to establish ECO Permanent Veterinary Commission (ECO-VECO) in order to deal with animal diseases in ECO region. Draft Statute for establishing ECO-VECO was prepared by a working group composing of the Heads of Veterinary Organizations in ECO countries in 2006 and 2007. In collaboration with FAO, OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) and other relevant organizations, it was revised in 2009 during 2nd Task Force Meeting in Tehran, Iran. Draft statute for the establishment of the ECO-VECO was submitted by Iran, during the 2nd Heads of Veterinary Organizations meeting held on April 20-21, 2009 in Antalya,

40. The 19th COM approved establishment of the ECO-VECO in Tehran as a specialized agency of ECO. The Council also approved the Statute of ECO-VECO and decided to submit it for signature/ratification by the Member States. After the 19th COM, the Head of Veterinary Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ECO Secretariat had consultations for early activation of ECO-VECO. The 22nd RPC, while recalling the relevant decision of 19th COM to establish ECO Veterinary Commission (ECO-VECO) in Tehran as a specialized agency of ECO, requested the Member States to sign/ratify its statute. So far Only Iran and Afghanistan has signed and ratified the Statute.

41. The 3rd ECO Heads of Veterinary Organizations meeting held on October 6-8, 2018, in Tehran finalized/approved the Work Plan regarding priority activities of the ECO-VECO for 2019-24 prepared by the Veterinary Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran and welcomed the proposal of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the first Technical Committee Meeting in their respective country in 2019. The Republic of Azerbaijan has informed the Secretariat that they are considering hosting the first Technical Committee Meeting in 2020. Holding this event is a priority to expedite the implementation of the Work Plan of the priority activities of the ECO-VECO for 2019-24.

42. The Secretariat initiated a small-sized project namely, "Establishment of standardized ECO network of Slaughter Houses and Reference Laboratories" regarding provision of food security in the region. The draft study report reflecting the harmonized regulatory framework, making health certification for animal related products, and market integration in the ECO region has circulated among MSs for their views and comments through the Note Verbale No. Agriculture/SH Project/676 dated 27 June 2021.

1.9. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

43. The Council may request the Member states to consider hosting the 4th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Veterinary Organizations and to ratify/sign the Statute of the ECO-VECO.

44. The Council, while appreciating the outcome of the small-sized project of "Establishment of standardized ECO Network of slaughter houses and reference laboratories", may recommend the Member States to implement the outcome of the project with close consultation of the ECO Secretariat to facilitate the smooth trans-boundary movement and trading animal and animal products economically. Likewise, the Council may invite ECO-TDB (ECO Trade and development Bank) to financially support relevant institutions of Member States to implement said project's outcome.

Priority Area-4: Water Management

1.10. Background information and Recent Developments:

45. The 4th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture approved the establishment of the ECO Center for Efficient Utilization of Water as recommended by the Workshop held in Islamabad, and requested the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to prepare, in collaboration with member states, the Secretariat, FAO and the other concerned international organizations, a project proposal for the establishment of the Center; and recommended to the CPR to allocate seed money for it from the ECO Feasibility Fund.

46. The 19th RPC welcomed the approval by the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture on the establishment of the ECO Centre for Efficient Utilization of Water in Pakistan and called on Member States for the support of its activities. The 144th CPR Council approved the proposal for the feasibility study in principle with allocation of seed money of 50,000 dollar from the ECO Feasibility Study Fund (February 2009).

47. The 1st Working Group Meeting on the Establishment of the ECO Center of Excellence for Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture (ECO-CEEWUA) was organized by the ECO Secretariat and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in Islamabad on August 2-4, 2010 in collaboration with Federal Water Management Unit, Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. The IDB provided financial support for the meeting. As outcome of the meeting the basic documents for the Center i.e. Draft Statute and Draft Plan of Action were prepared. The Member States were requested to send their views and comments on the said basic documents.

48. The 18th and 19th COM has approved establishment of the ECO Center of Excellence for Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture (ECO-CEEWUA) in Islamabad, Pakistan and called on the Member States to support its activities.

49. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan organized the 2nd Working Group Meeting on the Establishment of the ECO Center of Excellence for Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture (ECO-CEEWUA) on July 25-26, 2016 in Islamabad, Pakistan, in which the Draft Plan of Action and Draft Statute for establishment of the ECO-CEEWUA were finalized and circulated for views/comments of the Member States. To expedite approval process of Draft Plan of Action and Draft Statute and submit to the COM through CPR for its final approval, the amendment/finalization of the Project Proposal for Establishment of the ECO-CEEWUA by the member states is required. Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey have submitted their views/comments on the Draft Statute for establishment of the ECO-CEEUWA. Then the project will be send to FAO for conducting a feasibility study for the establishment of the center and converting it into a bankable project. The bankable project will be submitted to IDB for financial process.

50. The Statute of ECO-CEEWUA shall enter into force 30 days after receiving the 5th instrument of ratification by the Secretary-General of the ECO.

51. The 3rd Working Group Meeting for the Establishment of ECO-Centre for Excellence for Efficient Water Utilization for Agriculture (ECO-CEEWUA) has been held virtually on February 9, 2021 under the chairmanship of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The amended Draft Plan of Action and Draft Statute for the establishment of the ECO-CEEUWA has circulated among MSs for their views/comments through the Note Verbal No. AI/2021/153 dated 16 February 2021. Since no views/comments have been received from any Member States within the stipulated period of time, the forwarded draft report, Draft Plan of Action and Draft Statute are considered as "FINAL" through the Note Verbal No. AI/2021/241 dated 7 March 2021.

1.11. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

52. The Council, while appreciating the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for holding the 3rd Working Group Meeting for the Establishment of ECO-CEEWUA, may urge the Member States to create a network among their relevant organizations regarding the establishment of the ECO Center for Efficient Utilization of Water and request the Member States to nominate national focal points/institutions for expediting the process of Establishment of the Centre.

Priority Area 5: Risk Management of Natural Disasters

1.12. ECO Vision approach and target:

53. The ECO Vision 2025 has mandated the Secretariat and Member States to develop strategies, policies, plans and projects to contribute to the new development approach of the Region and sustainable development goal in particular Agriculture Trade-related risk maps (abrupt price and supply changes because of trade and weather conditions) based on studies and analysis will be generated and finalized to identify hazards and their potential routes for being transferred. In this context the Secretariat and MS are requested to revise and reformulate national and regional industrial development plans to adapt themselves to the ongoing global agenda.

1.13. Background information and recent developments:

54. ECO Regional Centre for Risk Management of Natural Disasters was established in Mashhad on September 4, 2007 and 9 ECO countries signed the establishment agreement.

55. The 22nd RPC welcomed the agreement signed between ECO Secretariat and the Meteorological Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRIMO) for the utilization of US \$ 50.000, from the ECO-FGPF for establishment of the ECO Regional Center for Risk Management of Natural Disasters (ECO-RCRM).

56. The 2nd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations held on October 18-19, 2010, discussed the finalization of draft Statute of the ECO Regional Center for Risk Management of Natural Disasters (ECO-RCRM), and decided to finalize it during the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations after receiving views and comments of the Member States. It may be noted that the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations held on 12-13 November 2019 in Tehran, Iran discussed and finalized the Draft Statute for establishment of the Center. The meeting may consider and recommend the Draft Statute of the ECO-RCRM to be approved by the COM.

57. During the “3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations” held on 12-13 November 2019 in Tehran, Iran, the preparation of Agriculture Trade-related risk maps, which is envisioned in the ECO Vision 2025, was also discussed along with similar cooperation areas. It was noted that the basis of all kinds of natural hazard and risk management activities would ensure food security include establishing an efficient information system among the Member States and with the related international organizations.

58. 19th COM approved establishment of the ECO Meteorological Calibration Center (ECO-MCC) in Ankara as an affiliated body of ECO and called on the Member States to extend support and cooperation to its activities.

59. The Republic of Turkey prepared the Draft Statute for the establishment of the ECO Meteorological Calibration Center (ECO-MCC) and requested the Member States to send their views/comments on the said document, for finalization. The finalization of

the said Draft Statute would be considered during the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations. As Turkey informed that the Draft Statute needs to be further worked on and improved, it was not considered during the said meeting. Following the 31st RPC meeting, the secretariat request the Republic of Turkey to update the draft statute for the establishment of the ECO Meteorological Calibration Center (ECO-MCC) through the Note Verbale A&I/ECO-MCC /2021/593 dated 6 June 2021.

60. The 3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations and the Workshop/Training Course on Drought Monitoring and Seasonal Forecast in the ECO Region have been held by the Islamic Republic of Iran in November 2019, in Tehran, Iran.

61. ECO-RCRM hosted the WMO-IRIMO-RCRM training course on seasonal prediction and short-term job training course on operational seasonal prediction in August 2020.

62. The ECO-RCRM has proposed the project proposal for "Site Selecting for Road Weather Stations via Mashhad-Ashgabat to improve Road Weather Monitoring (RWN)", during the 29th & 30th RPC meetings and the Council requested the ECO-RCRM to send the details of the project to the Secretariat.

1.14. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

63. The Council may request the interested Member States to consider hosting the 4th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations in 2022, with the cooperation of ECO-RCRM and invite the MSs to actively participate in the said meeting.

64. The Council may request the Republic of Turkey to expedite updating the Draft Statute for the establishment of the ECO Meteorological Calibration Center (ECO-MCC) and may also request the Member States to send their views/comments on the said document, for finalization.

65. The Council while appreciating the ECO-RCRM for preparing the draft protocol for disaster data and information sharing, may recommend the Secretariat and ECO-RCRM to establish a task force committee, in cooperation with the relevant authorities of the Member States as well as the relevant international organizations, to finalize the draft protocol.

66. The Council may request the Member States to introduce national focal points to prepare the project proposal titled "Planning Mechanism for Delivering Data and Products" for implementing the protocol of "Data Sharing between ECO Member States".

67. The Council may urge ECO-RCRM to coordinate establishing a task force group for coordination and conduction of country-specific meetings to generate agriculture trade-related risk maps. The Council may also urge The Member States to cooperate with the ECO-RCRM to set up a mechanism to access and operationalize

raw data for designing & establishing of regional natural disasters database, to undertake a GIS based mapping of natural disasters, disaster risk indices developed and assessed for countries and for the ECO region and to develop a database on disaster impacts and GIS based mapping of disaster indices and analysis of disaster risk indices.

68. The Council may welcome the offer of ECO-RCRM for holding the Workshop/Training Course on "Natural Disaster Early warning and Loss Estimation System" in 2022 and may invite all the Member States to participate in the meeting actively.

69. The Council may take note of project proposal for "Climate Change Risk Atlas over ECO Countries" by ECO-RCRM and may request from ECO-RCRM to send the details to the Secretariat.

70. The Council, while appreciating the ECO-RCRM for their progress on the project proposal titled "Site Selecting for Road Weather Stations via Mashhad-Ashgabat to improve Road Weather Monitoring (RWN)", may request Turkmenistan to cooperate with ECO-RCRM and consider contributing to the project with a view to improvement of the road weather monitoring.

Priority Area-6:

Agricultural Bio-technology Network

1.15. Background information and recent developments:

71. The 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture held on 6-7 December 2004 Antalya, Turkey welcomed and endorsed the offer of Islamic Republic of Iran to establish a Network for Agricultural Biotechnology. 4th Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture called on related international institutions for establishment of ECO Agricultural Bio-Technology Network and financial support for this network. The Council approved to allocate 50.000 USD from ECO-FGPF for establishment of network in Iran. After completion of the project, ECO-ABN will continue to function as a regional agricultural biotechnology network under ECO.

72. Since the 5th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, the 2nd Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of the ECO-ABN has not been held due to lack of quorum and the issues regarding the establishment of the ECO-ABN has been still pending.

1.16. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

73. The Council may request Iran to convey the exact date and details for holding the 2nd Expert Group Meeting of the ECO-ABN and may ask the MSs to actively participate in this meeting.

74. The member states may request to contribute to this project with sharing information and introducing their focal points and providing the country reports on biotechnology and related information.

75. The Council may request the ECO-ABN to update the its' website and may ask to enhance and expand its activities and communicate with the Member States and the relevant International Networks and organizations.

76. The Council, while appreciating the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Biotechnology Workshop on application of Nano technology in Agriculture and Agricultural Biotechnology in 2022, may encourage the Member States to actively participate in the said meeting.

Priority Area-7:

Relations with Regional and International Organizations:

77. The Secretariat has maintained regular interactions with the international organizations on the basis of mutual interest, most notably with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UN World Food Programme, UN Food System Summits, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), with a view to identify/develop possible strategic partnership frameworks, to get their financial/technical support to ECO projects and initiatives, as well as to expand ECO's outreach and visibility.

78. The Council may request the Secretariat to pursue the cooperation policy and engagements with abovementioned organizations and other interested partners in the relevant fields, after consultation with the Member States and setting out further roadmap for proceeding on it.

79. The Council may recommend the Secretariat to invite representatives of abovementioned organizations and other interested partners to the relevant ECO events with a view to enhance cooperation for implementation of ECO Vision 2025.

80. The Council may ask the Secretariat to pursue the strong cooperation with FAO to follow-up the aforementioned streamlined proposals with a view to developing joint comprehensive partnership framework, particularly in the context of the ECO-RPFS Project.

2. SECTION INDUSTRY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

81. The ECO region is important in terms of industry. Being rich with natural mineral resources, extraction industry is playing an important role in the overall economic development. In this context Industry is one of the key sectors which can boost economic growth of the region through increasing productivity. Industry is one of the main drivers which bring nations to more prosperous and sustainable futures. The ECO Vision - 2025 has envisioned the strategic objective of achieving long term high level growth, knowledge and information based production through increased contribution of research and development (R&D), entrepreneurship, involvement of private sector, increased women participation and SMEs for the Region

82. ECO Member Countries are at varying degrees of industrialization. The extent of industrial and technological development particularly in the hi-tech arena is very limited thus requiring particular attention. Prevalence of natural and economic human resource is among the advantages that makes investment in industries, affordable and cost effective. However, different factors particularly lack of optimum knowledge of regional capacities, ambiguous regulations and fluctuating/complicated procedures are impeding factors. Furthermore, absence of national strategic policies toward an effective regional cooperation, ambiguity in defining the targets and objectives, skewed financing and non-involvement of women, lack of proper connectivity, regional sub-quality infrastructure and insufficient capacity of for high-tech and new technologies are among the deficiencies for a rapid and cohesive industrial cooperation among the Member Countries. Industrial paradigm of the ECO Region needs to be readjusted as far as possible to contribute to the growth and productivity while meeting the SDG's through adoption of relevant 'standards and criteria' and 'establishment and enhancement of quality infrastructure' in the Region. Involvement of the private sector in industrial cooperation is an indispensable obligation for promotion of regional interactions which require serious attention by the Member States.

Priority Area-8:

Policy Makers Cooperation on Industry

2.1. ECO Vision approach and target:

83. The ECO Vision 2025 has mandated the Secretariat and Member States to develop strategies, policies, plans and projects to contribute to the new development approach of the Region and sustainable development goal in particular green industrial development. In this context the Secretariat and MS are requested to revise and reformulate national and regional industrial development plans to adapt themselves to the ongoing global agenda.

2.2. Background information and Recent developments:

84. The 1st Ministerial Meeting on Industry held in January 2004 in Tehran adopted the Plan of Action for Industrial Cooperation in the ECO Region and providing the guidelines for cooperation of the Member States. In order to implement the Plan of Action on Industry and other relevant decisions, ECO organized the 2nd and 3rd Ministerial Meetings in November 2005 and 2006 in Istanbul and Lahore, respectively. Although there are concrete progresses in some areas, there is still a constant need to expedite the implementation of projects and programs in the field of industry and speed up adjustments to the requirements of global agenda of sustainable development.

2.3. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

85. The Council may request Iran or any other interested MSs to host the 4th Ministerial Meeting and the 3rd HLEG Meeting on Industry and inform the Secretariat the exact date and details at the earliest.

86. The Council may recommend the Ministers of Industry to take into consideration the ECO Vision 2025 in their decisions and devise necessary measures and projects to contribute to the expected objectives of the Vision. The Council may also recommend the Ministers of Industry to consider more cooperation to implement the new projects in Industry sector.

87. The Council may invite MSs to support Herat Industrial Zone and request the Secretariat to develop the idea in close collaboration with Afghanistan authorities.

88. The Council may recommend the ECO Member States to organize the meetings to initiate the process of the development of the Green industrial development strategy at regional level to contribute to 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda.

Priority Area-9:

Cooperation on Quality Infrastructure:

2.4. ECO Vision approach and target:

89. As per ECO Vision 2025, quality infrastructure and standards and laws are needed to make the region an investment friendly atmosphere for promoting ECO green industries and services in line with the industrial developments. (Para xiv of the sector E. Economic Growth and Productivity of the Implementation Framework of ECO Vision 2025).

2.5. Background information and Recent developments:

90. The ECO Vision 2025 has mandated the ECO-RISCAM to work for developing industrial standards and encouraging of green industries and services for the region.

91. The establishment of the ECO-RISCAM Institute was approved at the Third Meeting of ECO Industry Ministers in Lahore, Pakistan in 2008. Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology (RISCAM) are the main pillars of quality infrastructure in every successful economic region. The Statute of ECO Regional Institute for Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology (RISCAM) was approved by the 18th Council of Minister (COM) along with the Road Map for its provisional implementation. The official opening ceremony of the Central Secretariat of ECO-RISCAM and its Technical Management Board of Conformity Assessment was held on 14 December, 2016 in Tehran, Iran. The Secretariats of the Technical Management Board (TMB) of Standardization and Accreditation will be located in Turkey, Metrology in Pakistan and Conformity Assessment in Iran.

92. As per the Article 17 of the Statute of the RISCAM, the Statute shall come into force after four signatory states have deposited their instrument of Ratification by the ECO Secretary General/ECO Secretariat.

93. As per the 28th RPC Work Program, the Secretariat circulated the draft of updated ECO-RISCAM Roadmap and its' Work Programme prepared by the Central Secretariat of RISCAM to the MS for their comments. Turkey has conveyed the views on 30 Sep 2018.

94. To date, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey have signed and ratified the Statute of the ECO-RISCAM. Therefore the Statute shall come into force upon ratification of 4 ECO Member States.

95. 7th and 8th HLWG meetings on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology Meeting held virtually on 8 December 2020 and 26 October 2021, respectively. The report of the said meetings have been circulated among MSs. Likewise, the 1th Joint Meeting on activation of four Technical Management Boards by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey held on 10 March 2021. Also, the

1th Meeting of Conformity Assessment Technical Management Board was held on 30 August 2021.

2.6. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

96. The council may request the Member States to sign and ratify (except Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey and Pakistan) the Statute of ECO-RISCAM for paving the way for early functioning of the Institute. The Council also may request the signatory States of the Statute of ECO-RISCAM to ratify (except Pakistan) the Protocol Amending Article 5.4.1.10 of the Statute of ECO- RISCAM.

97. The Council may request Republic of Turkey and Islamic Republic of Pakistan to expedite establishment of Technical Management Boards of Standardization and Accreditation and Technical Management Boards of Metrology of ECO-RISCAM, respectively, due to the completion of ratification process by four Member States.

98. The Council may urge the Member States (except Iran and Turkey) to reflect their view and comments on the roadmap and work programme for the ECO-RISCAM.

99. The Council may appreciate the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the virtual meeting of 8th HLWG on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology on 26 October 2021.

100. The Council may request Member States to introduce the national competent authority in charge of RISCAM and nominate the representatives of the national competent authority with a high-level position in their organization in the ECO-RISCAM. The Council may urge the Member States to reflect their views on the basic documents of the Institute (i.e. Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations).

101. The Council may request the ECO-RISCAM to develop and implement measures and projects toward promoting green industrial development in line with ECO-Vision 2025 and contribute to the new growth paradigm in the region.

102. The Council may request Iran, Pakistan and Turkey to hold workshops in the fields of Standardization, Accreditation, Conformity Assessment, and Metrology.

103. The Council may appreciate the Central Secretariat of ECO-RISCAM for proposing two new projects namely; (i) Establishment of the Regional ECO/Green Labeling Systems and Preparation of Technical Requirements and Data Base for Finished Textile Products (ii) Risk Management of Conformity Assessment Systems in International Trade by ECO Region Countries, Food Products for First Step and Building Materials for Second Step.

104. The Council may appreciate the joint cooperation between ECO-RISCAM and SMIC on Halal Certification to facilitate trading of Halal productions.

Priority Area-10:

Cooperation on Nanotechnology Network

2.7. ECO Vision approach and target:

105. The ECO Vision 2025 calls for green industrial development strategy and enhanced share of high-tech products of the Region and these objectives require particular attention in promoting Nanotechnology as one of the cutting -edge technologies.

2.8. Background information and recent developments:

106. The 18th COM endorsed the Project on the Establishment of ECO-Nanotechnology Network and it was launched by Iran Nanotechnology Initiatives Council (INIC) as coordinator in Tehran on 26 May 2009. The website of ECO-Nanotechnology Network was initiated under www.econano.org. A Letter of Agreement between ECO Secretariat and INIC was signed for utilization of US\$ 50,000 from the ECO Feasibility Study Fund. INIC also offered US\$100,000 contribution to ECO-NAN.

107. The 1st ECO Steering Committee on establishment of ECO Nanotechnology Network (ECO-NANO) was held on 5 November 2009, in Tehran with some proposed programs. However, Progress in this field requires further acquaintance of the Member States with the benefits and impact of this new technology in their contemporary life.

108. The Islamic Republic of Iran has submitted a project titled “Pre-Feasibility Study of Removal of Arsenic Water Pollution” in ECO Region Using Nanotechnology Methods with the target of enhancing the regional cooperation in the field and operationalizes the ECONAN. The previous RPC meetings requested the Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan and Turkey) to inform their views and comments on the Project titled Pre-Feasibility Study of Removal of Arsenic Water Pollution in ECO Region using Nanotechnology Methods with the target of enhancing the regional cooperation in the field and implementation of the ECONAN.

109. Although in the previous RPC Meetings, the Council thanked the Islamic Republic of Iran for renewing its offer to host the 2nd SCM on Establishment of the ECO Nanotechnology Network (ECONAN), and Workshop on NANO-technology activities in the Region, this Meeting hasn't yet been held. Regarding the importance of Establishment of ECO Nanotechnology Network in the socio-economic growth of the ECO Member States, the Council requested Iran to furnish the Secretariat with exact date and details of hospitality and all Member States are also requested to actively participate in the Meeting and the Workshop; however no response has been received yet.

110. The previous RPC Meetings also requested the Member States to offer project proposals for the purpose of developing the Nanotechnology in the Region. The previous RPC Meeting appreciated Iran (INIC) for conducting a study project which compiled in the booklet as the Study of Nano-Technology process in ECO Region and

updating ECO-NANO Website and requested Member States to send their views and updates for uploading on the website.

111. Iran Nanotechnology Initiatives Council finalized the study project on the situation of NANO Technology in the ECO region and provided the detailed cost breakdown of the project in 2019 for allocation of the expenses from the relevant feasibility study fund.

2.9. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

112. The Council, while appreciating the convenience of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting on ECO Nanotechnology Network and the Joint workshop on Nanotechnology, may request the related authorities of the host country to submit the exact date and details of the meeting. The Council also may urge the MSs to actively participate in this Meeting.

113. The Council may encourage the Islamic Republic of Iran for updating the study project on the situation of NANO Technology in the ECO region.

114. The Council may request the Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Pakistan) to designate and convey their Focal Points in Establishing ECO Nanotechnology Network.

115. The Council may request the Member States to convey their national policies toward this area of cooperation to the Secretariat and to ensure a more active involvement of their Nano-technology related institutions in the ECO Nano-Technology Network.

116. The Council may request the Member States to take necessary actions to facilitate approval of the Project Proposal and allocate the requested amount in due time for its operationalization. In this regard, the Council may request the Member States to increase their cooperation in the field of new Nanotechnology projects.

117. The Council may encourage the Secretariat to establish a network among the leading scientists and institutions to prepare the ground of exchanging views for using nanotechnology to control and combat Covid-19 disease pandemic.

118. The Council may request the interested MSs to host First High-Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting on Textile & Garments Industry for using Nanotechnology opportunities.

Priority Area-11:

Industrial Property Rights

2.10. ECO Vision approach and target:

119. The ECO Vision 2025 requires that "Legal and administrative support for development of green industries particularly through promotion of Industrial Property Rights to be provided and necessary mechanism to be established and national initiatives to be encouraged."

2.11. Background information and recent developments:

120. First Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights (IPR) in ECO Region was held on 9 November 2012 in Ankara, Turkey after the approval of its Plan of Action in the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Industry (Lahore 2006).

121. The 2nd and 3rd Coordination Committee Meetings on Industrial Property Rights (IPR) in ECO Region was held on 16 June 2014 in Baku and on 17-19 August 2015 in Tehran.

122. During the 27th , 28th RPC Meetings, Pakistan offered to host the 4th Coordination Committee meeting on Industrial Property Rights (IPR) and due to lack of the quorum this event was postponed For two times, then Pakistan's authorities announced that it would be difficult for them to rescheduled the meeting once again for the third time.

123. During the 30th RPC Meeting, the Council requested the Member States to consider hosting the 4th Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights in 2019 and requested all the ECO Member States to actively participate in this meeting. ECO Secretariat sent related follow up NVs, however no response has been received by the Secretariat.

124. As per the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the 27th RPC meeting, Iran organized a Training Workshop on Industrial Property Rights for the Member States on 21-22 February 2017.

125. The Council appreciated the Intellectual Property Center of Iran (IPC), WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) and ECO for holding a virtual Regional Seminar on Geographical Indications' (GIs) productions on 18 November, 2020.

126. Following the 31st RPC meeting, the Secretariat has circulated a Note Verbale (A&I/Industry/IPR/2021/631 dated 13 June 2021) to the Mss requesting for hosting the 4th Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights in 2022, but unfortunately no response has been received.

2.12. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

127. The Council may request the Member States to consider hosting of the 4th Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights in 2022, encouraging the ECO Member States to actively participate in the meeting.

Priority Area-12:

Development of SMEs & Entrepreneurships

2.13. ECO Vision approach and target:

128. The role of SMEs (Small & Medium Enterprises) in achieving sustainable economic growth and employment, raising standard of life of the grass root citizens and contribution to socio-economic development of the region is of high importance and directly contributes to the goals of the ECO and Millennium Development Goals of UN. Establishment of financial mechanism to support start-ups, SME's and entrepreneurs as well as promotion and encouragement of women entrepreneurship are expected to be implemented to contribute to the ECO Vision 2025.

2.14. Background information and recent developments:

129. During the 27th & 28th RPC Pakistan offered to host the 5th HLWG on Entrepreneurship and SME Development Meeting in Pakistan. Pakistan has informed to host the Meeting in 2017 and also on 16-17 Oct 2018 in Lahore, however Just Iran and Turkey confirmed their participation in this Meeting and the Meeting was postponed due to lack of the quorum.

130. The Republic of Turkey was informed to host the Workshop on Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection in SMEs in 2017 and renewed its offer in 2018; however due to the provision of necessary information (details of hospitality) at belated stage from host, the Workshop was postponed.

131. During the 29th RPC, the Council requested the Member States to consider hosting the 5th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on Entrepreneurship and SME Development Meeting and SME Workshop back to back in 2019. ECO Secretariat through formal NVs requested from MSs to host the said events, however no response has been received.

132. During the 31st RPC meeting, the Islamic republic of Afghanistan has conveyed its' readiness to host the 5th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on Entrepreneurship and SME Development Meeting in 2021. The Secretariat requested for the exact date and details through the Note Verbale No. A&I/Industry/ SME/2021/634 dated 13 June 2021, however no response has been received.

2.15. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

133. The Council may request the interested MSs for hosting the 5th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on Entrepreneurship and SME Development Meeting and SME Workshop back to back in 2022.

134. The Council may request the ECO secretariat to convene expert level meetings with the ECO Member States to develop a financial mechanism to support start-ups,

SME's and entrepreneurs, consisting establishment of special fund which may be managed with the help of ECO- TDB and funded through Member States, ECO TDB and other international funding agencies.

135. The Council may request the ECO Secretariat in collaboration with UNIDO (and through hiring of consultants if required) to develop start up projects in different sectors of industry focusing on SMEs and entrepreneurs in the Region.

136. The Council may request the Secretariat to convene meetings of the experts and women entrepreneurs of the Member states to develop an implementation of action plan to promote and encourage women entrepreneurship in the region.

Priority Area-13:

Relations with Regional/ International Organizations/ Agencies

2.16. ECO Vision approach and target:

137. According to the ECO Vision 2025, Close cooperation with international organizations should be established. Member States may decide to instruct the Secretariat to expand bilateral cooperation with the relevant organizations through MoU or any other format in line with the mentioned goal and may recommend the (CPR) to allocate a sufficient budget to carry out activities in this regard.

2.17. Background information and recent developments:

138. The AIT Directorate of the ECO Secretariat has established relations with World Intellectual Property Rights Organization (WIPO) and the MoU between ECO & WIPO was signed on 22 Jan 2018. This MoU covers various areas of cooperation with regard to Industrial Property Rights and will help capacity building in the Region. As per Article 5 of the MOU, both organizations nominated its representatives as focal points. As per Article 4 of the MOU, the Draft work program for MoU implementation was prepared by ECO Secretariat and sent to MS on 22 February 2018 for their views. Just Azerbaijan has yet responded to ECO NV with no comments on the document. The other MSs are expected to submit their views on the Draft work program if any.

139. For finalizing the work program, there was a coordination Meeting between AIT Directorate of ECO Secretariat and representative of WIPO on May 1, 2019 in ECO headquarters in Tehran. Also according to the Para 4 of Article 3 of the MOU between WIPO and ECO, regarding mutual cooperation, a Regional Seminar on Geographical Indications (GIs) was held in Tehran on 18 November, 2020 with cooperation of the Intellectual Property Center of Iran (IPC), WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) and ECO.

2.18. Expected outcomes for 2022 and Secretariat's recommendations:

140. The Council may appreciate the Secretariat for active follow - up of MoU affairs and may request the Member States to submit their views/proposals on this issue. The Secretariat may considers initiating/intensifying cooperation with various international and regional organizations to strengthen its outreach and obtain to technical and financial assistance.

Draft Calendar of Events for 2022
(Subject to revision and approval by the 32nd RPC)

AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRY

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	7th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	Uzbekistan	2022
2.	6th High Level Experts Meeting on Agriculture	Uzbekistan	2022
3.	4th Steering Committee Meetings of the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (ECO-RCC) for Implementation of the ECO-RPFS	Turkey	2022
4.	8th ECO Seed Association (ECOSA) International Trade Conference and Fair ECO Expert Meeting on Seed	Baku, Azerbaijan	2022
5.	4th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Meteorological Organizations	TBD	2022
6.	Training Course Natural Disaster Early warning and Loss Estimation System	Iran	2022
7.	2nd EGM on Establishment of ECO-ABN	Iran	2022
8.	4th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Veterinary Organizations (ECO-VECO)	TBD	2022
9.	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Industry	Iran	2022
10.	3 rd High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting on Industry	Iran	2022
11.	First High-Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting on Textile & Garments Industry for using Nanotechnology opportunities	TBD	2022
12.	9 th High Level Working Group Meeting on Standardization, Accreditation, Conformity Assessment and Metrology	Iran	2022
13.	4 th Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights	TBD	2022
14.	2 nd Steering Committee Meeting on ECO Nanotechnology Network	Iran	2022
15.	5 th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on Entrepreneurship and SME Development Meeting	TBD	2022
16.	Sharing best practice examples in terms of SME Support Mechanisms	Turkey	2022

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4th International and 12th National Biotechnology Congress of Iran	Iran	2022
2.	3rd International and 17th National Crop Science Congress of Iran	Iran	2022
3.	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition	TBD	2022
4.	Expert Group Meeting on Food Security	TBD	2022
5.	Food Security related regional and international events i.e. FAO, OIE, OIC, IDB and D8-Organization for Economic Cooperation (D8).	TBD	2022

6.	Bilateral Meeting with UNIDO	TBD	2022
7.	High Level Panel of Experts on Industry and Entrepreneurship	TBD	2022
8.	Expert Group Meeting on Industry and Globalization	TBD	2022