

Final Report

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS COUNCIL MEETING

ECO CHAMBER of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Oct 9 - 2013 Tehran-I.R Iran



Final Report of the Women Entrepreneurs Council Meeting of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO CCI) Oct 9, 2013- I.R Iran

1. The Sixth meeting of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women Entrepreneurs Council (ECO CCI WEC) hosted by Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) was held on Oct 9, 2013 in Tehran-I.R Iran. The representatives of the WEC Committee from Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Turkey, Islamic Republic of Iran participated in the meeting (list of participants: Annex I).

Agenda Item No – 1: Inauguration of the Meeting

2. The Chairperson of the ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council, Mrs. Seyedeh Fatemeh Moghimi delivered her welcome address.

Agenda Item No – 2: Adoption of the Agenda

- 3. The draft agenda of the meeting already circulated to Member Chambers and given below was adopted by the Meeting:
- 1- Inauguration of the Meeting
- 2- Adoption of the Agenda
- 3- Appointment of the Drafting Committee
- 4- Statement by Mrs Seyedeh Fatemeh Moghimi Head of ECO CCI women Entrepreneurs Council on Women Entrepreneurship in ECO Region
- 5- Activity Report by Dr M.R Karbasi, Secretary General, ECO CCI
- 6- Remarks by the Heads of Delegations
- 7- presentation by member countries (except Iran , Turkey and Tajikistan) on five most prominent businesswomen in their countries
- 8- Discussions about workshop on the "Future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region» for the ECO businesswomen in Kayseri, Turkey.
- 9- Discussions regarding Workshop on Empowerment of the Women Entrepreneurs of ECO Member States.
- 10-Disclosure and discussions on the Plan to hold the Exhibition on Potentials of the ECO Businesswomen and Women Entrepreneurs.
- 11-Any other Business
- 12-Date and Venue of the Next Meeting
- 13-Adoption of the Report
- 14-Vote of Thanks

Agenda Item No – 3: Appointment of the Drafting Committee

4. An Open Ended Drafting Committee consisting of members of ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council was formed to prepare the Draft Report of the Meeting.

Agenda Item No – 4: Statement by Mrs Seyedeh Fatemeh Moghimi Head of ECO CCI women Entrepreneurs Council on Women Entrepreneurship in ECO Region.

5. Mrs Seyedeh Fatemeh Moghimi, Chairperson of the ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council, made remarks on the Women Entrepreneurship in ECO Region (Annex II).

Agenda Item No – 5: Activity Report by Dr M.R Karbasi Secretary General, ECO CCI

6. Under this agenda item, Dr M.R Karbasi ECO CCI Secretary General, delivered an Activity Report since the last meeting of the Women Entrepreneurs Council in Nov 2012 in Ankara-Turkey.

Agenda Item No – 6: Remarks by the Heads of Delegations

- 7. Heads of delegations from the participating Member Chambers made their remarks.
 - The delegate from Turkey presented the meeting on the status of the businesswomen in Turkey and the initiatives and projects implemented in this regard.
 - Pakistani delegate stated that his country has established the first women bank in the country.

Agenda Item No-7: Presentations by member countries (Except Iran, Turkey and Tajikistan) on five most prominent businesswomen in their countries

8. This item was covered within item No-6

Agenda Item No-8: Discussions about workshop on the "Future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region» for the ECO businesswomen in Kayseri, Turkey.

- 9. Workshop regarding the "Future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region» for the ECO businesswomen in Kayseri, Turkey was discussed under this item.
 - The TOBB stated that the event will be held in Kayseri in 2014.

Agenda item No-9: Discussions regarding Workshop regarding Empowerment of the Women Entrepreneurs of ECO Member States which will be held in Tehran- I R Iran

10. Under this item Workshop on Empowerment of the Women Entrepreneurs of ECO Member States which will be held in Tehran- I R Iran was discussed whose exact date will be communicated to the member chambers in due course.

Agenda item No-10: Disclosure and discussions on the Plan to hold the Exhibition on Potentials of the ECO Businesswomen and Women Entrepreneurs

11. The Plan to hold the Exhibition on Potentials of the ECO Businesswomen and Women Entrepreneurs was disclosed and discussed for the proposals and opinions of the members of the committee for which deliberations were made in this regard.

- Iran Businesswomen Association (IBWA) offered to hold the exhibition on businesswomen and entrepreneurs in two days which will be further discussed with this association by the ECO CCI and its details will be further disseminated by the ECO CCI.
- Iranian delegate asserted the need to have a sponsor to hold the first ECO Businesswomen Exhibition.
- Turkish delegation asked for the lines of activities which will be included in this event
- It was deliberated that a variety of products would be put to display at the exhibition
- Furthermore it was decided that Iran Turkey and Pakistan define the financial conditions of the exhibition in trilateral collaboration and consultations.

Agenda Item No -11: Any other Business

12. The participants raised no other issues under this item.

Agenda Item No - 12: Proposals on Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

13. The Meeting asked for the proposals on date and venue of the 7th Meeting of ECO CCI WEC.

Agenda Item No – 13: Adoption of the Report

14. The Meeting unanimously adopted the Report of the Sixth ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council Meeting to be presented to and approved by the 18th Executive Committee meeting of ECO CCI.

Agenda Item No - 14: Vote of Thanks

15. The participating Heads of delegations/members offered their thanks to Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) for the excellent arrangements made to hold this important meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to the participants during their stay in Tehran. The participants also appreciated the contribution of the ECO Secretariat for providing the necessary assistance and support.