



FINAL REPORT

**WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS
COUNCIL MEETING**

ECO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**Nov 6 - 2012
Ankara-Turkey**



**FINAL Report of the
Fifth Women Entrepreneurs Council Meeting of
ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO CCI)
Nov 6, 2012, Ankara-Turkey**

1. The Fifth meeting of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women Entrepreneurs Council (ECO CCI WEC), was hosted by Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey . The representatives of the Women Entrepreneurs Council from Chambers of Commerce and Industry of I R Afghanistan, I R Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan ,Turkey as well as delegates from the ECO Secretariat participated in the meeting (List at Annex I).

Agenda Item No – 1: Inauguration of the Meeting

2. The Chairperson of the ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council, Ms. 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 Fatemeh Moghimi on Women Entrepreneurship in ECO Region
- 5- Activity Report by Secretary General , ECO CCI
- 6- Remarks by the Heads of Delegations
- 7- Presentations by member countries (except Iran and Turkey) on five most prominent businesswomen in their countries
- 8- Considerations on holding of short training courses for the businesswomen of Tajikistan in Iran
- 9- Considering the proposals on “Workshop on the future of Women Entrepreneurship in the ECO Region by TEPAV
- 10- Proposals on the Annual Working Program of ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council for 2013, by Chairperson of ECO CCI WEC
- 11- Any Other Business
- 12- Proposals on 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. A 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 Fatemeh Moghimi on Women Entrepreneurship in ECO Region

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

Agenda Item No – 5: Activity Report by Secretary General , ECO CCI

6. Under this agenda item , ECO CCI Secretary General, delivered an Activity Report since the last meeting of the Women Entrepreneurs Council in Nov 2011 in Karachi, I R Pakistan (Annex II)

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

7. Mrs Safak Civici Head of TOBB WEC delivered her words on importance of women in the socio economic of today's life.

She mentioned illiteracy and lack of knowledge as the most important issue of women and called for awareness creating and training for women entrepreneurs.

She mentioned that TOBB- TEPAV (Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey) is willing to hold workshops for the businesswomen of ECO member countries and called on ECO CCI member chambers to support this initiative.

It was suggested that each ECO CCI member chamber to introduce their permanent representatives to the ECO CCI WEC (except Iran- Turkey and Pakistan).

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

8. Participating delegates (Except Iran and Turkey) made Presentations by member countries on five most prominent businesswomen in their countries;

Under this item Afghanistan delegate mentioned the religious and cultural common points among ECO member countries as one of the privileges for the ECO CCI WEC.

Agenda Item No-8: Considerations on holding of short training courses for the businesswomen of Tajikistan in Iran

9. Considerations on holding of short training courses for the businesswomen of Tajikistan in Iran was made under this agenda item and below decisions were made ;

- It was suggested that ECO CCI make the necessary arrangements for holding the 5th ECO CCI WEC in Dushanbe – Republic of Tajikistan.

In this regard the experts will visit to hold the Training Workshop for Tajik Businesswomen.

- The Tajikistan delegate mentioned a few points on the status of the businesswomen in the society of Tajikistan stating that holding a businesswomen event in Dushanbe would be subject to approval of the Tajik CCI President.

- The ECO Secretariat was requested to consider the possibility of extending its financial support and to propose a budget share for businesswomen events and activities in the region.
- The members of the committee expressed their intention for financial support for the travels of ECO businesswomen to different events from diverse sources.
- It was approved that the next meeting of the ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council will be held in Kayseri, Turkey where the “Workshop on the future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region” will be held by TOBB-TEPAV along with that event.
- The meeting asked for documentation of the women experiences of member countries except Iran to be delivered by the respective member chambers in consultation with the ECO CCI
- The Workshop on Empowerment of the Women Entrepreneurs of ECO member countries was decided to be held in Tehran- I R Iran

Agenda item No-9: Considering the proposals on “Workshop on the future of Women Entrepreneurship in the ECO Region by TEPAV (Economic Research Institute of Turkey)

10. Under this item proposals on “Workshop on the future of Women Entrepreneurship in the ECO Region by TEPAV was considered.

The nominee of TEPAV Mrs Damla Ozdemir made a presentation about the activities of her respective organization. (Annex III)

Agenda item No-10: Proposals on the Annual Working Program of ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council for 2013, by Chairperson of ECO CCI WEC

11. Proposals for the Draft Annual Working Program of ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council for 2013 was finalized and approved by members of ECO CCI WEC to be subjected to the approval of the 17th Executive Committee and the 12th General Assembly of ECO CCI.

Agenda Item No –11: Any Other Business

12. No other issue was raised under this item.

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

13 . The Meeting left the date and venue of the 6th Meeting of ECO CCI WEC to the decision of the 17th Executive Committee and 12th General Assembly..

The meeting decided to submit venue of the of the next ECO CCI WEC to the approval of the 17th Executive Committee and 12th General Assembly.

It is proposed to hold the meeting in April 2013.

Agenda Item No – 13: Adoption of the Report

14. The Meeting unanimously adopted the Report of the fifth ECO CCI Women Entrepreneurs Council Meeting to be presented to and approved by the 17th Executive Committee meeting of ECO CCI.

Agenda Item No – 14: Vote of Thanks

15. The participating Heads of delegations/members offered their thanks to Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) for the excellent arrangements made to hold this important meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to the participants during their stay in Ankara. The participants also appreciated the contribution of the ECO Secretariat for providing the necessary assistance and support.