

Report of the
Trilateral Working Group Meeting on the sidelines of the ECO Workshop on
Production of Population Statistics and Information

07 November, 2012, Tehran

1. A Trilateral Working Group Meeting on the sidelines of the ECO Workshop on Production of Population Statistics and Information was held on 07 November, 2012. It was attended by the delegates from Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and the relevant staff of the ECO Secretariat, Particularly Human Resources and Sustainable Development (HRSD) directorate. List of participants is attached.
2. As per decisions taken in the 1st Meeting of the Heads of ECO National Civil Registration Organizations/Centers (3-4 October, 2011, Tehran), The main objective of the Meeting was:
 - i) To exchange views and identify the main headlines and topics for future educational and research cooperation among the ECO Member States in the field of Civil Registration.
 - ii) To consider the establishment of ECO Civil Registration Authorities Website, its contents and components
3. The Meeting deliberated and adopted its agenda as follows:
 - a) Education (Study and Training) and Research Cooperation in the field of Civil Registration
 - b) Possible financial sources for Education and Research Cooperation in the field of Civil Registration
 - c) Possibilities of the establishment of ECO Civil Registration Website and its contents and components
4. After detailed deliberations made by the participants, the Meeting came up with some recommendations for future course of action for ECO cooperation in the above mentioned fields. The agreed points reached during the Meeting are as follows:

A) Identified topics for the Education and Research Cooperation

- i. Vital events Registration: (*births, deaths, marriages, divorces*)
- ii. Technology and know-how in the scope of the establishment of Civil Registration E-database System
- iii. Migration (moving inside the country: house addresses & postal/code changes registration)
- iv. Issuance of National Identity Card/documents

- v. Establishment of the roster of ECO Member States Researchers and Practitioners in the fields of demography and human population studies including Civil Registration
- vi. Exchange of educational/training programmes
- vii. Demography and population study workshops at various level

B) Possible financial Resources for Education and Research Cooperation

5. In addition to the budget which may be allocated by the governments of the Member States, the Meeting agreed to approach the relevant International agencies/institutions for seeking financial assistance especially from the UNFPA & SESRIC for cooperation on the above mentioned topics.

C) Establishment of ECO Civil Registration Website its contents and components

6. The meeting agreed for establishment of ECO Civil Registration Website in two phases which is as under:

- i) In the 1st phase, a web-page under the title “ECO Civil Registration Cooperation Network” would be established in the official website of the ECO Secretariat. The official websites (in English version) of the Civil Registration Organization/centers of the ECO Member States will be linked to the aforementioned Webpage. The documents of the ECO Secretariat related to the ECO events on civil registration cooperation also would be uploaded on the Web-page by ECO Secretariat.
- ii) In the 2nd phase which will be happened after some times, a separate website would be established for this purpose. The main components of the Website agreed by the meeting would be as follow:
 - a. Civil Registration Events inside/outside the ECO Region (meetings, workshops, training programmes/courses etc.)
 - b. National Rules and Regulations on Civil Registration
 - c. Establishment of Civil Registration Expert Forum

7. The Meeting unanimously adopted its report.

8. The report of the Meeting would be circulated by the ECO Secretariat to the concerned ECO Member States (Iran, Pakistan and Turkey) for views/comments, if any. If new comments are not received by the end of December 2012, the Report would be considered as adopted. The proposed recommendations would be considered in the 2nd Meetings of the Heads of Civil Registration Organizations/Centers of the Member States scheduled to be held in September, 2013 in Turkey.
