

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF**  
**INTERNATIONAL FORUM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FPCCI**  
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**INTERNATIONAL FORUM DEPARTMENT**  
**THE FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN CHAMBERS OF**  
**COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY – FPCCI**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Activities Report of the International Forum Department of FPCCI for the period January–May 2026 is hereby presented for review.

During the period under report, the International Forum Department remained highly active and successfully organized, coordinated, and participated in a wide range of international, regional, and bilateral activities. These engagements attracted significant participation from the business community and further strengthened FPCCI’s interaction and cooperation with regional and international economic organizations and forums. This report briefly encompasses the major activities undertaken by the Department during the aforesaid period.

I am particularly grateful to Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI/ECO-CCI and Brig Iftikhar Opel, SI (M), Retd Secretary General of FPCCI for their continuous guidance, encouragement, and support, which greatly facilitated the successful execution of our activities and initiatives.

I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation for the efficiency, hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm demonstrated by the team of the International Forum Department, particularly Ms. Amber Fatima (DSG), Syed Rashid Hussain Rizvi (Manager), and Syed Muhammad Saad (Manager). Our counterparts in countries affiliated with various regional and international forums have also remained in constant coordination with us and have extended valuable support and cooperation in our endeavors.

It is my firm conviction that the remaining months of 2026 will witness further meaningful and productive activities from our platform. We also remain committed to ensuring effective follow-up and implementation of the decisions and recommendations emerging from our meetings and engagements, which, indeed, will be the true measure of our achievements.

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# **INTERNATIONAL FORUM DEPARTMENT**

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## **1. FORMATION AND LAUNCH OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

During the period under report, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry constituted National Committees on various International and Regional Forums, including

1. Economic Cooperation Organization Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO-CCI)
2. Pakistan–EU Business Forum of FPCCI
3. Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
4. Pakistan–ASEAN Business Council
5. Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC)
6. Developing-8 Chamber of Commerce and Industry (D-8)
7. Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Development (ICCD)

Simultaneously, a nationwide membership drive was launched among Chambers, Trade Bodies, and Associations for broader Participation in these Forums.

The initiative was undertaken with the objective of strengthening Pakistan’s effective representation and proactive engagement in regional and international economic platforms through a more coordinated and institutionalized mechanism. the committees were envisaged to serve as platforms for promoting Pakistan’s Trade, Investment, and Economic Interests at Regional and Global Levels.

The Committees comprise experienced representatives from the business community and relevant sectors possessing knowledge of international markets and economic trends. the committees are expected to deliberate on emerging global developments, trade and investment opportunities, policy issues, and avenues for regional and international cooperation, while also strengthening liaison with International Chambers and Pakistan’s Commercial Missions Abroad.

The Initiative Also Reflects FPCCI’s Commitment to Aligning Pakistan’s Business Community with Evolving Global Economic Dynamics and Strengthening Bilateral and Multilateral Economic Cooperation. The Committees Are Expected to Contribute Towards Identifying New Opportunities for Exports, Foreign Investment, Joint Ventures, And Trade Partnerships, Besides Providing Policy Input On International Economic Affairs.

It is expected that the Formation of these Committees will further enhance Pakistan’s Economic Outreach, Strengthen Institutional Linkages with Foreign Counterparts, and Contribute towards Sustainable Economic Growth through inclusive participation of Trade Bodies from across the Country.



## **ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

### **2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ECO-CCI)**

#### **a. FPCCI HOSTS ECO CCI EXECUTIVE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS ALONGSIDE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FORUM IN KARACHI (JANUARY 2026)**

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), through its International Forums Department, hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting and the 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ECO CCI), on 22 January 2026 at FPCCI Head Office, Karachi. These key regional engagements were organized in conjunction with the 2nd edition of the Sustainable Tourism Forum, held on 21–22 January 2026 in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD).

The decision of holding of ECO-CCI was made by the President FPCCI and ECO-CCI, Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, who highlighted the strategic significance of these events for enhancing regional economic cooperation within the ECO framework. These meetings are expected to play an important role in strengthening intra-regional trade, expanding investment opportunities, and revitalizing ECO CCI as a leading institutional platform for regional economic integration.

In response to the invitations extended to all ECO Member Chambers, the meetings witnessed participation of Presidents, Senior Officials, Business Delegations, and Sector Experts from across ECO Member Countries. Their participation anticipated to facilitate meaningful dialogue and strengthen business-to-business linkages within the region.

The Sustainable Tourism Forum, held alongside the ECO-CCI Meetings, provided a dedicated platform to showcase the tourism potential of ECO Countries. The forum focused on promoting regional cooperation in the aviation, hospitality, and tourism sectors, while encouraging investment and advancing collaborative initiatives for sustainable and responsible tourism development.

The International Forums Department noted that hosting these high-level regional events in Karachi Reinforces Pakistan's Leadership Role in Regional Economic Diplomacy and underscores FPCCI's Commitment to Promoting Deeper Economic and Trade Partnerships among ECO Member States. The events also contributed to expanding Cross-Border Networking and enhancing Pakistan's visibility as a hub for Regional Economic Dialogue.



The ECO-CCI and ICCD entered into an Agreement signed by Mr. Atif Ikran Sheikh, President ECO-CCI and Mr. Yousef Hassan Khalawi, Secretary General, ICCD.

## **b. Dinner Reception Hosted by Mr. Khalid Tawab (21 January 2026)**

Overview On the evening of 21 January 2026, Mr. Khalid Tawab, Former Senior Vice President FPCI, Chairman Audit & Finance Committee FPCI, Council General of Mozambique and Chairman Tawab Group, hosted a dinner reception at his residence in Karachi in honour of: → H.E. Mr. Yousef Hasan Khalawi, Secretary General, ICCD (Chief Guest) → Mr. Tariq Mustafa, Advisor to Governor of Sindh → Delegates from Islamic countries → ECO CCI representatives → Diplomats, senior business leaders, and FPCI leadership

### 3.2 Significance of the Dinner

The dinner provided an informal yet highly meaningful platform for interaction, fostering goodwill, strengthening relationships, and reinforcing Pakistan’s hospitality and commitment to regional cooperation. The presence of Mr. Tariq Mustafa, Advisor to Governor of Sindh underscored the provincial government’s support for: → Trade and investment → Tourism development → Business-friendly policies

### **During the dinner:**

Appreciation was expressed for the Governor of Sindh’s consistent support to the business community ICCD’s leadership and role in strengthening economic cooperation across OIC countries was acknowledged FPCI and ECO CCI leadership reaffirmed commitment to regional integration The importance of private-sector-driven collaboration was emphasized The dinner also marked a symbolic moment of unity between ECO and OIC economic platforms, ahead of the formal ECO CCI meetings the following day. The President of FPCI announced nomination of Mr. Khalid Tawab as a representative of FPCI for the Vice Presidentship of ICCD which was highly appreciated by the members. Welcome Address of Mr. Khalid Tawab and Speech of Mr. Atif Ikram, President of FPCI & ECO-CCI enclosed (as Annex B-b) Mr. S. M. Tanvir, Leader of Business Community and Patron in Chief United Business Group (UBG) also address the gathering. The Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Yousef Hasan Khalawi, Secretary General of ICCD addressed submitted to further intensify the interaction among OIC.





### **c. MEETING OF SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

In pursuance of the decisions taken by Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of Federation of Pakistan chambers of commerce and Industry (FPCCI), and with the mutual consent of member national chambers, a virtual meeting of the specialized committees of ECO-CCI was held on 13 May 2026. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary General of ECO CCI and attended by representatives of national chambers of commerce and industry of ECO member states, representatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization secretariat, business leaders, women entrepreneurs, and private-sector stakeholders from across the ECO region.

The meeting covered the following specialized committees:

- 1- Trade Facilitation
- 2- Industry, Investment and SMEs
- 3- Tourism
- 4- Transportation
- 5- Women Entrepreneurs Council

At the outset, the chair welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of revitalizing ECO-CCI through regular interaction among member chambers, exchange of views, and formulation of practical recommendations aimed at strengthening regional economic cooperation and private-sector engagement.

Following introductory remarks by representatives of member states, detailed presentations and discussions were held on transportation, trade facilitation, tourism, industry, investment, small and medium enterprises (SMES), women entrepreneurship, and visa facilitation. The participants shared national experiences, sectoral challenges, ongoing initiatives, and proposals for enhancing economic cooperation and connectivity among eco member countries.

A representative of the ECO secretariat also delivered a comprehensive presentation on regional trade, transportation connectivity, transit arrangements, and visa facilitation mechanisms. The presentation highlighted the importance of effective implementation of regional agreements and stronger coordination among member states to achieve greater economic integration within the ECO region.

During discussions on transportation and connectivity, the participants strongly emphasized the need for revival and operationalization of the Istanbul–Tehran–Islamabad container train /ECO train and other regional road and rail transport corridors. It was observed that improved connectivity would significantly reduce logistics costs, facilitate cross-border movement of goods, and promote intra-regional trade.

The participants also observed that despite significant economic potential, strategic geographic location, and historical linkages among ECO member countries, intra-regional trade remains below its true potential. In this regard, the need for removal of trade bottlenecks, simplification

of customs procedures, improvement in border management systems, and enhancement of visa facilitation for business communities was strongly emphasized.

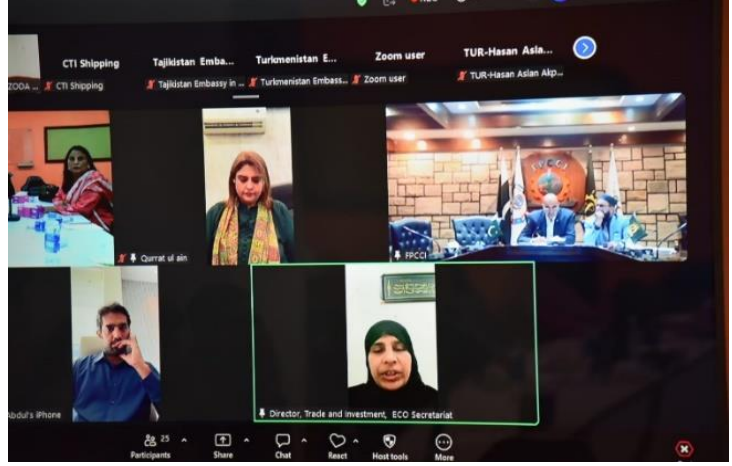
During discussions on women entrepreneurship, representatives of the women entrepreneurs' council highlighted the importance of regular interaction among women business leaders of ECO member states. They recommended organizing dedicated exhibitions, trade fairs, networking forums, and capacity-building initiatives for promotion of women-led businesses and strengthening regional cooperation among women entrepreneurs.

The participants also discussed promotion of tourism, industrial cooperation, SME development, investment opportunities, and public-private partnerships as important pillars for sustainable regional economic growth.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the participants agreed on the need for regular meetings of specialized committees, stronger coordination among national chambers, and practical follow-up measures for implementation of the recommendations and proposals discussed during the meeting.

The chair appreciated the active participation of all member states and reaffirmed ECO-CCI's commitment to promoting regional connectivity, trade, investment, tourism, and private-sector cooperation across the eco region.





#### **d. REPORT ON MEETING WITH CONSUL GENERAL OF TURKEY**

A meeting was held at Federation House, Karachi on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with the Consul General of Turkey, accompanied by the Commercial Team of the Turkish Consulate. The meeting was attended by the following representatives:

##### **Turkish Side**

1. Mr. Ergul Kadak, Consul General
2. Mr. Murat Özmen, Commercial Attaché

##### **FPCCI Side**

1. Mr. Saquib Fayyaz Magoon SVP
2. Mr. Aman Paracha VP
3. Mr. Asif Sakhi VP
4. Mr. Hanif Gohar Former SVP
5. Mr. Zubair Haider Sheikh Member PTBC
6. Mr. Syed Mumtaz Hassan country Manger M/s ZORLU ENERGI
7. Mr. Nadeem Shahzad Chief Representative ECO Trade and Development Bank
8. Mr. Iftikhar Opel Secretary General FPCCI
9. Mr. Maher Alam Khan HOD IF FPCCI
10. Mr. Ahmed Zaman ASG Business Council Of FPCCI
11. Ms. Amber Fatima DSG, International Forums

At the outset, Mr. Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, Senior Vice President and representatives of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry warmly welcomed the distinguished delegation from Turkey. Mr. Saqib Fayyaz Magoon SVP appreciated the longstanding brotherly relations between Pakistan and Turkey. It was highlighted by SVP that Turkey has always remained a time-tested friend of Pakistan, and the business community of Pakistan holds deep respect and affection for the people of Turkey. It was further noted that FPCCI enjoys longstanding friendly and institutional relations with The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB).

During the meeting, both sides held detailed discussions on bilateral trade, investment opportunities, joint ventures, and the exploration of new avenues of economic cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey.

It was observed by SVP that despite strong political, historical, and brotherly relations between the two countries, the current bilateral trade volume has yet to reach its true potential. Both sides agreed that, considering the available opportunities in sectors such as textiles, construction, infrastructure development, energy, information technology, tourism, agriculture, logistics, and food processing, the bilateral trade volume could be significantly enhanced and targeted to reach USD 5 billion through focused cooperation and sustained private-sector engagement.

The participants acknowledged that exchange of trade delegations, bilateral business forums, B2B networking events, and institutional cooperation between chambers have played an important role in strengthening economic ties between the two countries. Both sides also agreed on the importance of holding regular interactions between the national chambers and business communities of Pakistan and Turkey, including sector-specific B2B meetings to promote direct business linkages.

Various practical measures were also discussed to further strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation. These included

1. Fast-tracking the signing and implementation of a comprehensive Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA),
2. Promotion of joint ventures in value-added textile products,
3. Construction and infrastructure sectors,
4. Cooperation in hotel chains,
5. Cultural tourism, and hospitality industries,
6. Encouraging Turkish investment in Pakistan's agriculture sector, particularly in dairy, meat processing, halal food production, and agri-value chains aimed at export markets.

The participants also emphasized the importance of cooperation in Fintech, E-commerce, banking, and digital services, as well as facilitating greater Pakistani exports to Turkey, particularly surgical instruments, leather goods, basmati rice, sports goods, and information technology services.

During the meeting, the FPCCI side also briefed the Turkish delegation regarding FPCCI's active engagement with Economic Cooperation Organization Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Developing-8 (D-8 Chamber of Commerce and Industry), and highlighted the importance of regional economic integration and enhanced private-sector cooperation among member countries.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of mutual commitment to further strengthening bilateral economic, commercial, and institutional relations between Pakistan and Turkey.



**e. Meeting of Secretary General ECO with Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President – FPCCI & ECO-CCI on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at FPCCI Capital Office, Islamabad**

Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Dr. Asad Majeed Khan visited FPCCI President Secretariat Islamabad to meet Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh President FPCCI, ECO-CCI, Senior Vice President SAARC CCI and Vice President CACCI. They discussed the ECO activities, current geopolitical situation in the Middle East and analyzed its potential economic fallout on the ECO region.

Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh officially offered to establish the permanent Secretariat of ECO-CCI in Pakistan and informed the upcoming meeting of the ECO Executive Committee in second quarter of June 2026 (Virtual). He proposed to introduce special visa stickers for the business community to reduce travel barriers between ECO member countries and facilitate smooth cross-border trade.

Secretary General Dr. Asad Majeed Khan pointed out that mutual trade among ECO countries remains significantly below its actual potential. He urged the regional business community to focus on building stronger professional networks. He emphasized that better coordination between member states is the only way to unlock the true economic power of the region.



Islamabad: Secretary General ECO Dr. Asad Majeed meeting with President FPCCI, ECO-CCI Atif Ikram Sheikh

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### **3. ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **a. FPCCI IN COLLABORATION WITH ICCD ORGANIZED 2<sup>ND</sup> SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FORUM IN KARACHI (JANUARY 2026)**

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), in collaboration with Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry successfully organized 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustainable Tourism Forum in Karachi on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at PC hotel, Karachi. The forum focused on promoting tourism cooperation, hospitality sector development, and cross-border investment opportunities. The forum was attended by large number of participants particularly foreign participants including ECO and Islamic Countries as well as foreign diplomats.



#### **b. 41<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICCD**

The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the General Assembly of (ICCD) held on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026 at Makkah Al Mukarramah Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the chair of President ICCD, H.E. Mr. Abdullah Saleh Kamel. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the 24 national chambers – members of ICCD. The meeting was opened by the President H.E. Mr. Abdullah Saleh Kamel with the opening remarks, welcoming all the members and representatives. The house was also addressed by Mr. Rifat Hisareiklioglu, president TOBB Turkey & Vice President of the ICCD, Mr. Samad Hassan Zadeh, President of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture, Mr. Abdou Idrees, Chairman of Federation Palestinian CCI & Agriculture, Mr. Jani Ibrahim, President Nigerian Association CCI, Mines and Agriculture, Mr. Abdolaye sow, President of Senegalese Chambers Union and Mr. Andi Anzhar Cakara Wijaya, President Indonesia CCI. The house disposed of all the agenda items particularly the house endorsed the nomination of H.E.

Mr. Abdullah Saleh Kamel as a President ICCD. Thereafter the presidency of the ICCD was taken over by Mr. H.E. Mr. Abdullah Saleh Kamel. The house also endorsed the financial committee meeting, budget and financial statements of 2024.

**c. MAKKAH HALAL FORUM**

The third edition of Makkah Halal forum held on 14-16 February, 2026 at Makkah Chamber for Exhibitions and events center under the patronage of H.E Dr. Majid Bin Abdullah Al Qasabi Minister of Commerce of Saudi Arabia the success of this forum was continuity of previous forums attended by 120 countries making this event a leading international platform for the halal industry the forum was held under the theme halal, a professional industry appreciated by the participants declaring it continuity of halal sector flourishing world over and gathering of halal influencers gathering including influencers content creator and digital media experts to expand global awareness of halal concepts and build a professional and engaging narrative for both Muslims and Non-Muslims communities. The forum was attended by Pakistani delegates led by Mr. Zubair Tufail Former President FPCCI.

**d. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRIFOOD: GLOBAL INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP & EXPO**

During the period under report, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), initiated arrangements for jointly organizing the “Agrifood: Global Investment and Partnership Conference & Expo” at the ICCD headquarters in Karachi.

The initiative reflected the shared commitment of FPCCI and ICCD to promote investment, strengthen international partnerships, and explore the vast potential of Pakistan’s agriculture and agri-based industries. The event was envisaged as an important platform for promoting trade and investment opportunities, enhancing international cooperation, and showcasing Pakistan’s agriculture sector, which remains one of the key pillars of the national economy.

The conference was planned to bring together stakeholders from the agriculture and food sectors, including representatives of agriculture chambers from all provinces, sectoral associations related to pesticides, fertilizers, seeds, allied industries, agribusinesses, academia, and chambers of commerce and industry from across the country. Participation of international delegates, business leaders, investors, and members of the diplomatic community was also envisaged.

Mr Saquib Fayyaz Magoon Sr Vic President FPCCI assured full cooperation of FPCCI for the successful organization of such events and continued its close institutional collaboration with ICCD in promoting economic and sectoral initiatives. For effective coordination and implementation of the conference, the international forums department of FPCCI was assigned to work closely with ICCD and other relevant stakeholders.

The initiative was aimed at facilitating dialogue among policymakers, investors, private-sector representatives, and international partners on issues relating to agriculture investment, food security, Agri tech innovation, value addition, and regional cooperation in the Agri-food sector.

It was also expected to create opportunities for business networking, joint ventures, and international partnerships in agriculture and food industries.

The modalities, participation framework, and final schedule of the conference were planned to be finalized through mutual consultations between FPCCI and ICCD in view of regional and international developments and to ensure broader participation of stakeholders.



## **4. PAK-EU BUSINESS FORUM OF FPCCI**

### **a. 1ST MEETING OF PAKISTAN-EU BUSINESS FORUM OF FPCCI**

The first meeting of the Pakistan–EU Business Forum of FPCCI was held on 15 May 2026 at 3:00 pm at Federation House, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Zubair Baweja, chairman of the Pakistan–EU Business Forum, and was attended by a large number of forum members, both physically and virtually through zoom.

1. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the holy Quran, followed by opening remarks by the chair. In his welcome address, Mr. Zubair Baweja warmly welcomed all members participating physically and virtually and thanked them for their active participation. He expressed special gratitude to the leadership of FPCCI, particularly Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI, and other office bearers for establishing the Pakistan–EU business forum in 2025 and entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the forum.
2. The chairman also acknowledged the efforts of the secretariat of the international forum department of FPCCI for their dedicated efforts in making the forum active, dynamic, and result-oriented.
3. It was informed that the forum has successfully enrolled approximately 50 members representing diverse sectors of trade and industry. The chair briefed participants on the activities undertaken by the forum since its establishment in 2025. He highlighted that during the last year, the forum remained highly active and conducted a number of important engagements, including:
  - Meetings with Pakistan’s mission to the European union in Brussels.
  - Interaction with the EU mission and visiting EU trade and monitoring teams.
  - Organization of four awareness and consultative meetings focusing on effective utilization of GSP+ facilities, EU market access requirements, trade and investment opportunities and compliance with EU standards and regulatory frameworks.
4. The chair observed that these engagements significantly enhanced the understanding of Pakistani exporters regarding the European market. During his presentation, the chairman highlighted the importance of GSP+ (generalized scheme of preferences plus) for Pakistan’s exports. It was noted that Pakistan has been enjoying GSP+ status since January 2014. Under this arrangement, Pakistan enjoys preferential or zero-duty access on approximately two-thirds of tariff lines in the European market. Pakistan’s exports to the EU have increased significantly, from approximately us\$ 5 billion before GSP+ to nearly us\$ 12 billion, with total bilateral trade reaching approximately us\$ 16 billion. The balance of trade remains favorable to Pakistan.

5. The chair also pointed out that Pakistan's exports to the EU remain heavily concentrated in the textile sector, which accounts for nearly 60% of exports. He emphasized the urgent need for diversification to reduce over dependence on a single sector.
6. Following the opening remarks, members introduced themselves briefly, after which the chair opened the floor for detailed discussions on trade opportunities, challenges, and future strategies regarding Pakistan-EU economic relations.

### **Participants Discussed:**

- a. The participants discussed underutilization of GSP+ Potential, decline of nontraditional items and unexplored market of East European States. Participants also emphasized on the need to be more brief about compliance issues of Food Safety standards.
- b. It was also agreed to by them that the Secretariat may prepare Paper On Impact of India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

The Chair informed the house that the forum has already initiated interaction with Commercial Section of Pakistan Missions in EU States and some of them have provided their feedback and input which has been circulated to all members.

### **Formation of Sectoral Working Groups**

To make the forum more practical and Action-Oriented, it was decided to establish Specialized Working Groups in the following areas:

1. GSP+ And Trade Compliance
2. SMES and Cottage Industry Development
3. Women Entrepreneurs
4. Hospitality and Tourism Promotion
5. Marketing and Promotion of Non-Traditional Export Products
6. Investment and Technology Cooperation

These working groups will prepare sector-specific reports, action plans, policy recommendations, and future activities.

It was also decided by the member to form a Web Page of the EU Business Forum for the introduction of Members

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Zubair Baweja thanked all members for their active participation and valuable contributions. He reiterated FPCCI's commitment to transforming the Pakistan-EU Business Forum into a strong, practical, and effective platform for Promoting Trade, Investment, And Economic Cooperation between Pakistan and The European Union. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



## **5. COMMONWEALTH**

### **a. COMMONWEALTH ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT COUNCIL (CWEIC)**

A Delegation of FPCCI Participated in The Commonwealth Program Held in London on 21-22 April, 2026.

The participation provided an opportunity to enhance institutional networking, exchange experiences, and explore new avenues of trade and investment cooperation with commonwealth member states.



## **6. ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) INITIATIVES**

### **a. ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTAN ASEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL**

In line with the Understanding between FPCCI and the ASEAN Secretariat, The International Forum Department initiated groundwork for the establishment of the Pakistan-ASEAN Business Council, aimed at promoting economic and business cooperation with ASEAN member states. The ASEAN summit is likely to be held in the last quarter of 26.

## **7. CONFEDERATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (CACCI)**

### **a. CACCI PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 40TH CACCI CONFERENCE MARCH 5, 2026**

The Planning Committee of CACCI met virtually on March 5, 2026, to coordinate preparations for the upcoming 40th CACCI Conference, which the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) would be hosting in Manila. More than 40 participants joined the online session.

CACCI President Peter McMullin AM thanked FPCCI for its steadfast support, noting that the 2026 conference coincides with the 60th anniversary of the organization's founding in May 1966. PCCI President Ferdinand A. Ferrer underscored the timeliness of the gathering, citing the critical need for sustainable and resilient supply chains amid an uncertain global business environment.

### **Preparations for the 40th CACCI Conference**

Following a review of the Conference dates and venues proposed by PCCI, the Committee finalized Nov. 4-5, 2026, as the official dates, with the Okada Hotel in Manila serving as the primary venue. The dates were specifically selected to allow members of the Young Entrepreneurs Group of Asia-Pacific (YEGAP) to attend both the CACCI Conference and the ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Carnival without requiring additional travel.

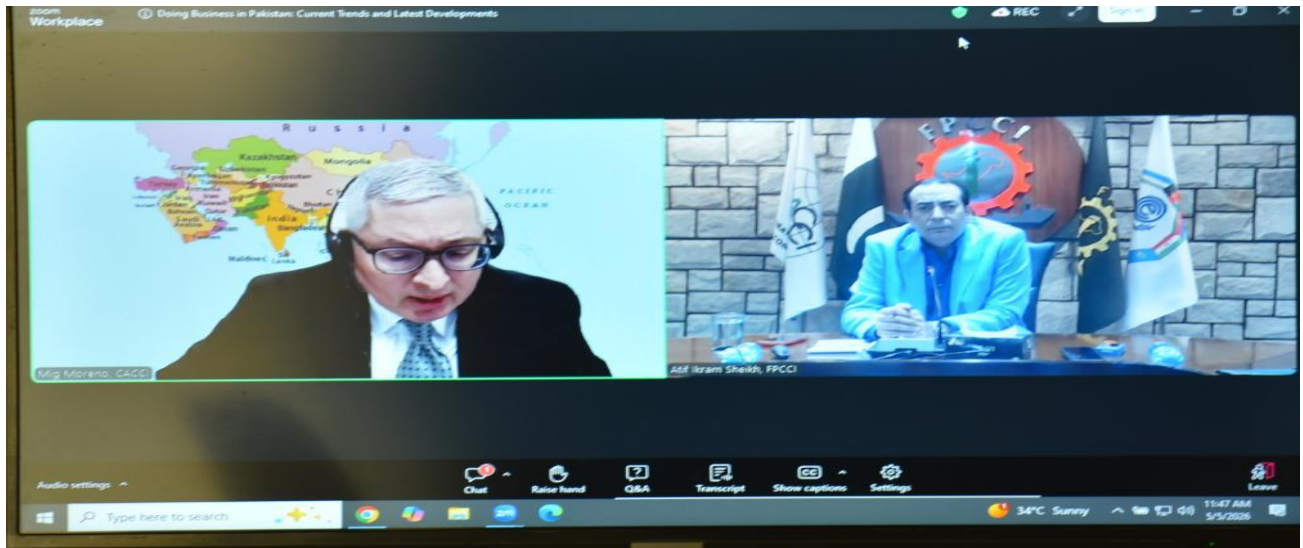
### **b. WEBINAR ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF PAKISTAN**

FPCCI President Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh Emphasized on Investment Opportunities in Pakistan at CACCI Investment Forum. Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI attended a high profile CACCI Investment Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 organized by the Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) to discuss investment prospects in Pakistan.

In his capacity as the Vice President of CACCI, Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh briefed the member countries on the vast investment potential available in Pakistan. He highlighted several key points regarding the country's economic landscape.

The President FPCCI highlighted that Pakistan's current policies and market conditions are highly suitable for foreign capital in the evolving global environment. He noted that the government has achieved considerable stability over the last three years. The initiatives taken from the grassroots level upward have shown encouraging results for the economy.

Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh reiterated that FPCCI and CACCI will work together to pave the way for increased investment. He extended a formal invitation to delegates from CACCI member countries to visit Pakistan and witness the opportunities firsthand.



## 8. Developing Eight (D-8)

### a. D-8 BUSINESS CONFERENCE & HALAL EXPO INDONESIA 2026

FPCCI had planned to organize a high-level business delegation under the leadership of Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI, to participate in the D-8 Business Conference and D-8 Halal Expo Indonesia 2026 scheduled to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 14–18 April 2026.

The proposed participation was aimed at strengthening trade and investment cooperation among D-8 member countries and providing opportunities to Pakistani businesses for exploring new markets, B2B networking, joint ventures, and enhancing exports, particularly in halal-related sectors.

In coordination with the Commercial Section of the Embassy of Pakistan in Jakarta, FPCCI made extensive efforts to ensure effective and meaningful participation of the Pakistani business community, including engagement with trade bodies, business councils, and leading exporters across the country.

However, due to the prevailing situation in the Middle East and related regional uncertainties, the proposed program and delegation visit was postponed by the organizers

## **9. UNIDO-ITPO**

### **a. FPCCI, UNIDO-ITPO LAUNCH MAJOR INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA LINKAGES UNDER EDIP PAKISTAN PROGRAM WITH THE SUPPORT OF LAUNCHPAD PAKISTAN PROJECT OF FPCCI**

Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, has announced a significant initiative in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization — Investment and Technology Promotion Office under the Enterprise Development and investment Promotion (EDIP) Pakistan Program to strengthen industry-academia linkages and promote entrepreneurship across Pakistan with the support of Launchpad, initiative of FPCCI.

With the support of LaunchPad Pakistan, a training session will be held likely either in April or May 2026 at FPCCI Head Office, Karachi. The program aims to equip youth, startups, and women entrepreneurs with practical knowledge on enterprise development, investment readiness, access to finance, and market expansion.

Saqib Fayyaz Magoon Sr. Vice President FPCCI, entrusted with the task of program stated that FPCCI's collaboration with UNIDO-ITPO, formalized in December 2024, reflects a shared vision to strengthen Pakistan's entrepreneurial ecosystem and enhance the capacity of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). He noted that following the successful training sessions held in 2025, this initiative marks another important milestone in promoting innovation-led economic growth.

The training will feature experts from UNIDO-ITPO, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, LaunchPad Pakistan, financial institutions, and other relevant organizations, providing hands-on guidance and practical insights to participants.

Highlighting the importance of academia-industry collaboration, Saqib Magoon remarked, "Bridging the gap between academia and industry is essential for fostering innovation, enhancing employability, and creating sustainable economic opportunities. Through initiatives like LaunchPad Pakistan, we are building a dynamic platform where investors meet innovators and ideas are transformed into viable businesses."

He further added that FPCCI has invited trade bodies, universities, academic institutions to nominate two representatives—preferably young entrepreneurs, innovators, or women entrepreneurs—for participation in the training program. Selected participants will also be provided opportunities to connect with international networks and institutions for further business development and investment facilitation.

Saqib Magoon reaffirmed FPCCI's commitment to working closely with national and international partners to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and investment, and to create meaningful opportunities for Pakistan's youth and business community.

## **10. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND MOU'S**

### **a. MOU BETWEEN FPCCI AND GERRY'S GROUP FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL & VISA FACILITATION SERVICES**

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), through its International Forums Department, initiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gerry's Group for Facilitation of the Business Community through provision of efficient travel and visa support services.

The proposed collaboration aims to provide one-window facilitation services to FPCCI Members, including Visa Assistance, Travel Arrangements, Premium Lounge Services, Group Travel Facilitation, And On-Demand Mobile Biometric Services, Subject to The Policies of Respective Foreign Missions. The arrangement also envisages establishment of a dedicated facilitation desk at FPCCI premises, subject to mutual agreement, for guidance and support to the business community regarding travel and documentation requirements.

The MoU further provides for organization of seminars, awareness sessions, and outreach activities for FPCCI Members to enhance understanding of international travel procedures and facilitation opportunities. The initiative is expected to support exporters, importers, trade delegations, and businesspersons participating in international exhibitions, conferences, B2B meetings, and trade promotion activities.

Under the framework of cooperation, FPCCI would facilitate outreach and coordination with its member bodies, While Gerry's Group would ensure professional, transparent, and efficient service delivery through trained staff and coordination with relevant embassies and diplomatic missions, where applicable.

This collaboration reflects FPCCI's continued commitment to providing value-added facilitation services to the business community and strengthening institutional support mechanisms for promotion of international trade and business connectivity.

## **11. MEDIA AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**

During the reporting period, the international forum department actively promoted FPCCI'S international activities through media engagement.

A number of press releases relating to departmental activities, meetings, and international engagements were issued and published in leading national newspapers.

<b>S.NO.</b>	<b>PRESS RELEASES</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>1.</b>	FPCCI, ECO-CCI HOLDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN KARACHI	<b><u>23/01/2026</u></b>
<b>2.</b>	STRENGTHEN PAKISTAN- EU TRADE: MR. ATIF IKRAM SHEIKH INVITES MEMBERSHIP FOR PAKISTAN EU BUSINESS FORUM OF FPCCI (2026)	<b><u>26/01/2026</u></b>
<b>3.</b>	PRESIDENT FPCCI & ECO-CCI MR. ATIF IKRAM SHEIKH, INITIATE REGIONAL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT WITH UZBEKISTAN & KAZAKHSTAN UNDER ECO FRAMEWORK	<b><u>20/02/2026</u></b>
<b>4.</b>	FPCCI CHIEF TO LEAD BUSINESS DELEGATION TO INDONESIA FOR D-8 CONFERENCE, HALAL EXPO	<b><u>11/03/2026</u></b>
<b>5.</b>	FPCCI, UNIDO-ITPO LAUNCH MAJOR INITIATIVE OF STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA LINKAGES UNDER EDIP, PAKISTAN PROGRAM WITH THE SUPPORT OF LAUNCHPAD, PAKISTAN PROJECT OF FPCCI	<b><u>31/03/2026</u></b>
<b>6.</b>	FPCCI & ECO-CCI WELCOME GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE TO FACILITATE EXPORTS TO IRAN AND CENTRAL ASIA	<b><u>31/03/2026</u></b>
<b>7.</b>	FPCCI ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES ON INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT.	<b><u>15/04/2026</u></b>
<b>8.</b>	FPCCI & ICCD TO JOINTLY ORGANIZE ARG-FOOD: GLOBAL INVESTMENT & PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE AND EXPO IN KARACHI	<b><u>24/04/2026</u></b>
<b>9.</b>	FPCCI PRESIDENT SHOWCASES PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AT CACCI WEBINAR, ENGAGES ASIA-PACIFIC BUSINESS LEADERS ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES	<b><u>05/05/2026</u></b>
<b>10.</b>	ECO MEMBER STATE CALL FOR STRONGER REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY, TRADE INTEGRATION, AND WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE: MR. ATIF IKRAM SHEIK	<b><u>18/05/2026</u></b>

## **CONCLUSION/ OUTCOME**

The report remained highly productive for the International Forum Department. through active engagement with international and regional organizations, formation of National Committees, organization of strategic events, and development of new partnerships, the department has significantly contributed toward enhancing FPCCI'S international outreach and strengthening PAKISTAN'S private sector representation at regional and global forums.

The department remains committed to further expanding its activities in the coming quarters with the continued guidance of FPCCI leadership and support of the business community.