State Bank to host D-8 Central Banks meeting

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) is hosting the Developing Eight (D-8) Countries' Central Banks Experts Meeting on Promoting Financial Inclusion and Islamic Banking on 21st April 2014 at National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF), Islamabad. The meeting will be inaugurated by Mr. Ashraf Mahmood Wathra Acting Governor, SBP.

D-8 is an organization for cooperation among 8 developing countries namely; Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. The objectives of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation are to improve all member states' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at international level, and improve standards of living. In this backdrop, this event is continuation of efforts for achieving these goals.

The focus of the Meeting will be Financial Inclusion, Branchless Banking and Islamic Finance. Experts from D-8 central banks, members of private sector industry and other officials will attend the meeting. The experts will share experience of member countries and deliberate on further cooperation in promoting Financial Inclusion, Branchless Banking and Islamic Finance in D-8 countries.

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