



ECOSF NEWSLETTER



ECOSF Delegation Holds Meeting with Uzbekistan's First Deputy Minister for Higher Education, Science, and Innovation

The ECOSF delegation led by Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, including Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director ECOSF, and Mr. Khalil Raza, Programme Manager ECOSF visited Tashkent, Uzbekistan on December 16-20 to strengthen the institutional cooperation between the ECOSF and key government, academic, and scientific institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, with a particular focus on advancing science, technology, and innovation (STI) collaboration. The visit was aimed at deepening engagement with national stakeholders, explore opportunities for joint programmes and capacity building, and advance dialogue on Uzbekistan's fuller participation in ECOSF's regional initiatives in alignment with Uzbekistan's national development priorities and the broader objectives of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

Tashkent, 17 December 2025 — The ECOSF delegation held a meeting with H.E. Dr. Sardor Radjabov, First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to discuss avenues for strengthening cooperation in science, technology, and innovation (STI).



During the meeting, Dr. Radjabov outlined Uzbekistan's strong commitment to advancing STI as a key driver of sustainable development, economic modernization, and youth empowerment. He emphasized the Government's focus on strengthening higher education, research capacity, and innovation ecosystems, while highlighting the importance of regional and international cooperation in achieving these objectives.

Prof. Dr. Tayebi, President ECOSF welcomed Uzbekistan's clear vision and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage at a senior level. He highlighted ECOSF's role as the specialized science and technology arm of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and noted that Uzbek scholars, scientists, teachers, and students have already benefited from several ECOSF regional programmes. He also recalled that Uzbekistan was among the original signatories of the ECOSF Charter in 1995, demonstrating its early commitment to regional scientific cooperation, while the charter has yet to be clarified by Uzbekistan.



Dr. Memon, Executive Director underscored the immense potential of the ECO region to advance science and innovation through collective action. He reiterated the importance of Uzbekistan's ratification of the ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol to enable full participation in ECOSF's governance structures and to maximize the benefits of regional STI collaboration.

Mr. Raza provided an overview of ECOSF's key programmes and initiatives, including capacity-building activities, science education and youth innovation programmes, electric mobility, climate action, and regional scientific forums. He highlighted opportunities for Uzbekistan to further enhance the participation of its universities, research institutions, and scholars in ECOSF-led activities.



Dr. Radjabov expressed his appreciation for the Foundation's ongoing programmes and reaffirmed Uzbekistan's commitment to active participation. He further emphasized that Uzbekistan will thoroughly review and make concerted efforts toward the ratification of the ECOSF Charter.

Both sides expressed interest in maintaining close communication, expanding engagement of Uzbek institutions in ECOSF programmes, and continuing discussions on steps toward strengthening institutional partnership within the ECO framework.

ECOSF Delegation Engages with Uzbekistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Enhance Regional Cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation

Tashkent, 18 December 2025 — A delegation of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) held a productive meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan to discuss strengthening regional cooperation in science, technology, and innovation (STI) within the framework of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).



The meeting was held with Mr. Shokirjon Rakhmatov, Head of the Department of Cooperation with Regional Organizations, Mr. Jasur Rajabov, and Mr. Dilrukhn Temiraliyev, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan also participated in the meeting.

During the discussions, Mr. Rakhmatov underlined that the Republic of Uzbekistan considers Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) as key building blocks of economic development and is making concerted efforts to advance these sectors. He emphasized Uzbekistan's strong commitment to regional cooperation within the ECO framework and expressed readiness to collaborate closely with ECOSF to achieve shared regional objectives.

Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF introduced the Foundation and highlighted its mandate in promoting regional scientific cooperation and joint STI programmes among ECO Member States. He emphasized ECOSF's role as a regional platform for strengthening collaboration among scientific institutions and research communities.

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director ECOSF, underscored that the ratification of the ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol would be instrumental in unlocking the full potential of cooperation and further amplifying Uzbekistan's role and visibility in regional scientific collaboration.

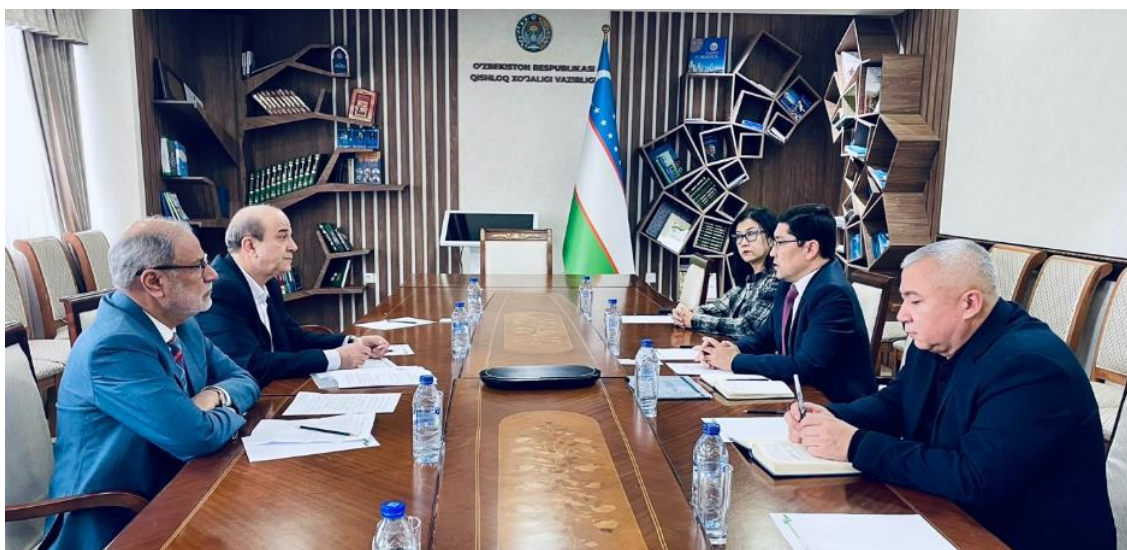


Mr. Khalil Raza, Programme Manager – Energy & Climate, ECOSF also briefed the participants on key ongoing and planned programmes of the Foundation, highlighting opportunities for Uzbekistan’s enhanced engagement in ECOSF-led regional initiatives.

The meeting concluded with mutual interest in deepening cooperation and advancing regional collaboration in science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development across the ECO region. Additionally, Mr. Shokirjon Rakhmatov stated that his ministry will monitor Uzbekistan's ratification of the ECOSF.

ECOSF Delegation Calls on Advisor to the Minister for Agricultural Resources of Uzbekistan to Enhance Scientific Collaboration

Tashkent, 18 December 2025 — A high-level delegation of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) held a productive meeting with the Ministry of Agricultural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan to discuss opportunities for strengthening cooperation in agricultural science, technology, and innovation.



The meeting was hosted by Mr. Nuriddin Kushnazarov, Advisor to the Minister on International Cooperation, and focused on Uzbekistan's ongoing agricultural reforms and the growing role of science and innovation in advancing sustainable agricultural development.

During the discussions, Advisor to the Ministry highlighted the comprehensive transformation of Uzbekistan's agricultural sector, emphasizing the importance of scientific research, innovation, and modern technologies in addressing challenges related to climate change, soil degradation, water scarcity, and food security. Dr. Dilduza Egamberdieva, Deputy Director, International Center for Strategic Development and Research in Food and Agriculture (ISCAD), Ministry of Agriculture, Uzbekistan also participated in the meeting.



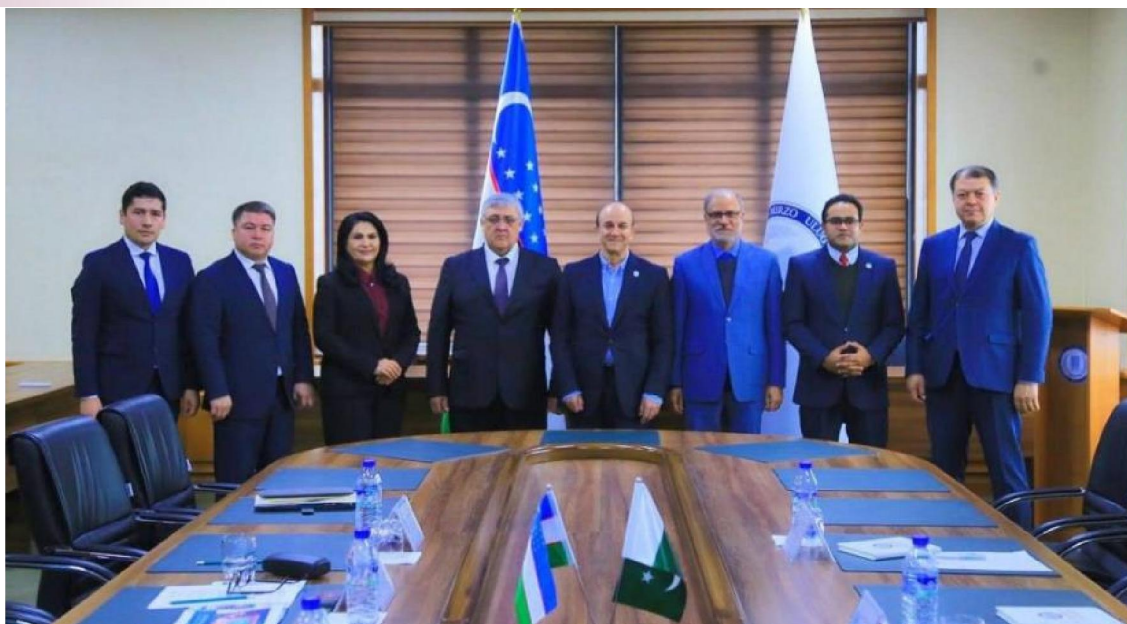
Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi introduced the mission and regional role of ECOSF, underscoring the Foundation's mandate to promote scientific cooperation and joint research initiatives among ECO Member States. Prof. Tayebi further proposed organizing a joint conference in collaboration with Ministry of Agricultural Resources and Tashkent State Agrarian University focused on Climate Change. Mr. Kushnazarov welcomed the proposal and recommended adjusting the theme to place a stronger focus on the impacts of climate change and issues related to food security.

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director reiterated ECOSF's readiness to collaborate closely with Uzbekistan's agricultural research institutions. He emphasized the relevance of regional collaboration in advancing sustainable agriculture and rural development.

Mr. Khalil Raza briefed the Ministry on ECOSF's ongoing and planned initiatives in areas relevant to agriculture, including climate resilience, innovation-driven development, and knowledge exchange, and highlighted opportunities for Uzbek research institutions to participate more actively in ECOSF's regional platforms.

ECOSF Delegation paid an official visit to the National University of Uzbekistan to Strengthen Academic and Scientific Cooperation

Tashkent, 17 December 2025 — The ECOSF delegation led by Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF, and included Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director ECOSF, and Mr. Khalil Raza, Programme Manager – Energy & Climate, ECOSF. paid an official visit to the National University of Uzbekistan. The ECOSF delegation was warmly received by Professor Inom Madjidov, Rector of the University. The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation and exploring promising programmes and initiatives in the fields of science, technology, and innovation.



During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi provided an overview of the mandate, organizational structure, and strategic role of ECOSF. He highlighted ECOSF's mission to promote regional collaboration in science, technology, and innovation, and emphasized the importance of partnerships with leading academic institutions in advancing research excellence and human capital development across the ECO region.

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director ECOSF, underlined the strategic importance of Uzbekistan as a key member of the ECO region. He noted that Uzbekistan's growing emphasis on higher education, research, and innovation positions it as an important contributor to regional scientific cooperation.

Mr. Khalil Raza, Programme Manager, ECOSF, briefed the University leadership on ongoing cooperation initiatives with Uzbekistan, including regional programmes in science education, innovation, climate action, and emerging technologies.



Professor Inom Madjidov welcomed the ECOSF delegation and expressed appreciation for the Foundation's engagement with academic institutions in Uzbekistan. He reaffirmed the National University of Uzbekistan's interest in expanding cooperation with ECOSF, particularly in joint research, innovation-driven programmes, and international academic collaboration.



The meeting concluded with a shared understanding on the importance of closer cooperation between ECOSF and the National University of Uzbekistan to promote scientific excellence, innovation and regional integration.

The National University of Uzbekistan (NUUz), named after Mirzo Ulugbek, is the oldest and leading higher education institution in Central Asia. The university, which was established in 1918, comprises 15 faculties and 74 departments, including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, History, and Foreign Philology. The university cooperates with over 100 institutions worldwide.

ECOSF Delegation Engages with Tashkent State Technical University (TSAU) to Advance Regional Academic Collaboration

Tashkent, 17 December 2025 — A delegation of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) visited Tashkent State Technical University to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation in science, technology, and innovation. The meeting was held with Mr. Shavkat Azimov, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Transformation of the University. Discussions focused on advancing academic and scientific collaboration among universities across the ECO region.

The ECOSF delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF, and included Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director ECOSF, and Mr. Khalil Raza, Programme Manager – Energy & Climate, ECOSF.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi introduced the mission, key programmes, and regional role of ECOSF, highlighting the Foundation's mandate in promoting regional cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) among ECO Member Countries. He emphasized ECOSF's efforts to connect academic institutions, strengthen research collaboration and build innovation ecosystems across the region.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the University leadership and highlighted the importance of institutional partnerships in advancing regional scientific cooperation.

The discussions further addressed issues related to connecting universities across the ECO region and strengthening academic networks. In particular, views were exchanged on the prospects of organizing joint international conferences involving universities from Türkiye, Iran, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, and other Central Asian countries, exploring avenues for scientific research projects and establishing faculty exchange programmes.

Dr. Toshov Javoxir, Head of Knowledge Transfer and Industry Collaboration at Tashkent State Technical University, also contributed to the meeting and presented the University's Center of Excellence on Energy, outlining its research focus and opportunities for collaboration with ECOSF and partner institutions.



Tashkent State Technical University was established in 1918/1920 as a faculty of Turkestan State University, then renamed in 2017 to honor Islam Karimov, the first President of Uzbekistan and a graduate of the university. The university includes Thermal Power Engineering, Electronics and Automation, Energy, Geology and Mining, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanics, Oil and Gas, and Engineering Technology. The campus features 13 dormitories and specialized research centers like the calligraphy laboratory. The university maintains agreements with over 175 global institutions across 15 countries, including Germany, Japan, and the USA.

ECOSF Delegation Meets Leadership of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan



Tashkent, 18 December 2025 — ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) delegation held a high-level meeting with the leadership of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan to explore avenues for strengthening scientific and research cooperation.

The ECOSF delegation met with Academician Shavkat A. Ayupov, President of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, and Prof. Sagdullayev Shamansur Shakhshaidovich, First Vice-President and Chief Scientific Secretary of the Academy. Mr. Ayupov briefed the ECOSF delegation on the mandate, structure, and historical background of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, highlighting its role as the country's leading institution for fundamental and applied research.



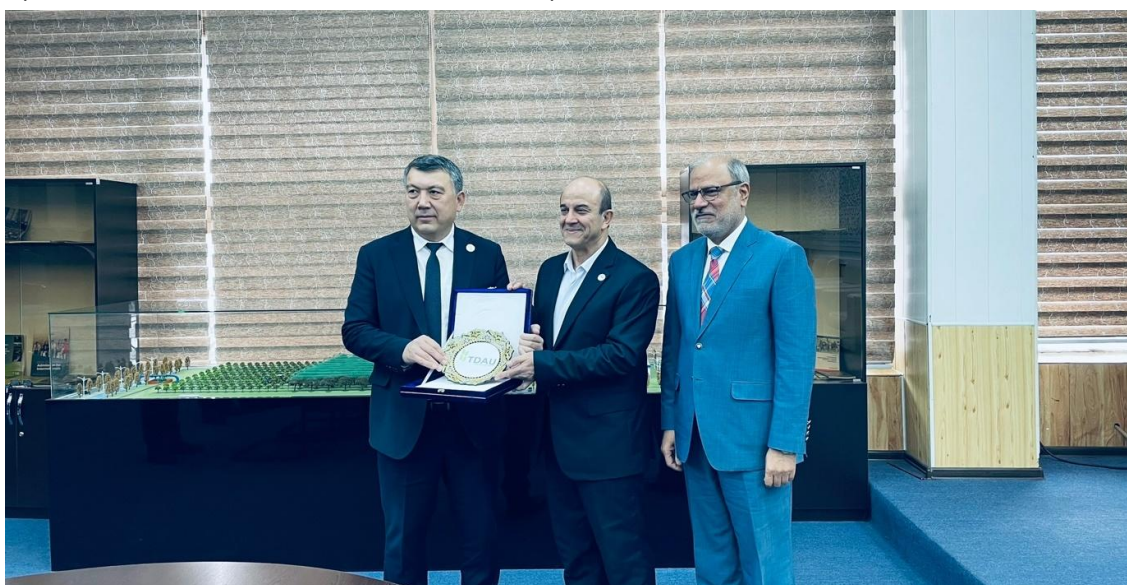
Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi introduced the mission, mandate, and regional role of ECOSF in promoting collaboration in science, technology, and innovation among ECO Member States, highlighting opportunities for joint scientific programmes and institutional partnerships. Prof. Tayebi added the collaboration between ECOSF and Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan aims to strengthen the regional Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) ecosystem by deepening Uzbekistan's participation in ECOSF programs.

Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon emphasized the importance of regional scientific networks in unlocking the full potential of the ECO region and reiterated that deeper institutional cooperation would be further strengthened through the ratification of the ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol. Mr. Khalil Raza also briefed the Academy's leadership on ECOSF's ongoing and planned scientific initiatives, including capacity-building programmes, research collaboration platforms, and opportunities for enhanced engagement of Uzbek scholars in ECOSF-led activities.

During the meeting, discussions focused on strengthening regional scientific cooperation, promoting joint research initiatives, and enhancing the participation of Uzbek research institutions and scholars in regional and international scientific programmes under the ECO framework.

ECOSF Delegation Visits Tashkent State Agrarian University to Strengthen Academic Cooperation

Tashkent, 18 December 2025 — The ECOSF delegation visited the Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU), where it was warmly received by Dr. Narzullo Oblomuradov, Rector of the University.



During the visit, Dr. Narzullo Oblomuradov provided an overview of the University, highlighting its historical background, academic strengths, and evolving role in advancing agricultural education and research in Uzbekistan. The Rector also hosted the ECOSF delegation on a tour of the University's newly established facilities, showcasing recent investments in infrastructure and research capacity.

The ECOSF delegation expressed sincere appreciation for the generous hospitality and warm reception extended by the University leadership. Both sides engaged in a productive and meaningful dialogue on strengthening institutional cooperation, exploring opportunities for joint research, academic exchange, and enhanced participation of the University in ECOSF's regional scientific programmes.

Dr. Dilduza Egamberdieva, Deputy Director, International Center for Strategic Development and Research in Food and Agriculture (ISCAD), Ministry of Agriculture, Uzbekistan and Professor of Biotechnology at the TSAU also participated in the meeting. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi briefed Dr. Narzullo Oblomuradov and the other attendees to the programs and activities of the ECOSF and emphasized the advantages of collaboration between ECOSF and TSAU, which aims to promote joint research initiatives in critical areas such as food security, climate change, ecology, and water resource management. Prof. Tayebi also expressed his sincere appreciation to Dr. Egamberdieva for her excellent support and generous hospitality in Tashkent.



The visit concluded with mutual interest in deepening collaboration between ECOSF and Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU) to support innovation, knowledge exchange, and sustainable agricultural development within the ECO region.

Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU) is the leading higher education and scientific center in Uzbekistan's agricultural sector, established in 1930. It specializes in education and research in agriculture, plant protection, food safety, biotechnology, and agronomy. The university has eight faculties, including Agronomy, Fruit and Vegetable Growing and Viticulture, Plant Protection and Agrochemistry, Zooengineering, and Forestry and Landscape Design. TSAU actively collaborates with over 175 international institutions and organizations, including the European Union (Erasmus+), the World Bank, and the FAO.



ECOSF Participates in Disaster Early Warning Tech Expo 2025

The ECO Science Foundation participated at the Disaster Early Warning Tech Expo (DEWTE 2025) hosted by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) held on December 10, 2025, in Islamabad, Pakistan. The Tech Expo was inaugurated by Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Excellency Muhammad Aurangzeb and focused on shifting disaster management strategies from reactive to proactive approaches through the adoption of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and satellite systems.



Representing ECOSF at the inaugural ceremony were President Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi and Mr. Khalil Raza, Programs Manager – Energy & Climate. Prof. Tayebi interacted with various Expo Presenters who demonstrated technology-driven solutions for climate adaptation and disaster preparedness with applications for Pakistan and the wider ECO region.



The expo showcased innovative tech demonstrations, including advanced weather surveillance tools, data analytics platforms, and mobile alert systems, aimed at enhancing early warning capabilities and data-driven decision-making. The event also featured strategic partnership sessions and a dedicated "Women in Tech" segment, bringing together policymakers, scientists, innovators, and development partners to foster resilience and collaboration.

ECOSF participated in the Launch Ceremony of Electric Mobility Technology Initiative by COMSATS

On December 11, 2025, the leadership of the ECOSF participated in the launch ceremony of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Technology initiative, spearheaded under the leadership of Amb. Dr. M Nafees Zakaria, Executive Director of Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS). This milestone event marked the introduction of EV Technology that was indigenously developed by COMSATS' technology partner, representing years of dedicated research and engineering efforts.

The locally designed Electric Conversion Kits, a central feature of the initiative, enable the retrofitting of conventional Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles. This innovation allows existing fuel-consuming and CO₂-emitting engines to be transformed into

fully electric, eco-friendly vehicles. Such conversions offer an economical and scalable solution for accelerating Pakistan's transition toward clean and sustainable transport.



Representing ECOSF at the ceremony were President Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi and Executive Director Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon. The event was held at the COMSATS Secretariat, with the Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination serving as the Chief Guest. During the ceremony, EV-converted rickshaws were delivered, marking the first commercial deployment of the technology under a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

ECOSF Meets the Dawood Foundation to Explore STEM Collaboration

On 5 December 2025, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), met with Mr. Favad Soomro, CEO of The Dawood Foundation (TDF), to strengthen ties and explore collaborative avenues in STEM education and science literacy. The meeting, held at the ECOSF in Islamabad included participation from Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director of ECOSF and Mr. Khalil Raza, Programs Manager at ECOSF.



Mr. Soomro introduced the mission and programmes of The Dawood Foundation, highlighting its strong focus on promoting STEM education and public scientific literacy. He elaborated on the success and impact of the MagnifiScience Centre (MSC) in Karachi — Pakistan's first contemporary and interactive science centre which features over 400 hands-on exhibits designed to foster scientific thinking and curiosity among visitors of all ages. Since its inauguration in 2021, the MSC has attracted more than 650,000 visitors, serving as a vibrant hub for informal science learning and community engagement.



In response, President Tayebi warmly appreciated the Dawood Foundation's initiative and the remarkable achievements of the MagnifiScience Centre in advancing science outreach. He expressed ECOSF's interest in strengthening collaboration with TDF to jointly promote STEM literacy and capacity building across the ECO region. Dr. Memon also applauded the Foundation for its contributions, noting the alignment of ECOSF's mission with TDF's objectives of expanding science education and critical thinking in society.

The discussions underscored potential joint activities to enhance science engagement, including knowledge-sharing platforms, regional science outreach programmes, and collaborative initiatives aimed at inspiring youth participation in STEM fields. The meeting concluded with both sides affirming their commitment to working together toward common goals in science education and innovation.

ECOSF and CPJRC Collaborate to Shape Future Initiatives

On December 24, 2025, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF met with Prof. Hong Tianhua and his associates of the China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre on Earth Sciences (CPJRC) to provide an update on recent ECOSF engagements with authorities in Uzbekistan regarding the potential hosting of the upcoming 3rd International Conference on Climate Change.

During the meeting, Prof. Tayebi highlighted ECOSF's efforts to engage ECO member states in collective action on climate change and to secure broad participation for the planned high-level event. Mr. Khalil Raza, Program Manager – Energy & Climate briefed Prof. Hong and his team on the discussions with Uzbek universities and key government stakeholders, outlining preliminary interest and logistical considerations for organizing the upcoming conference in Uzbekistan.



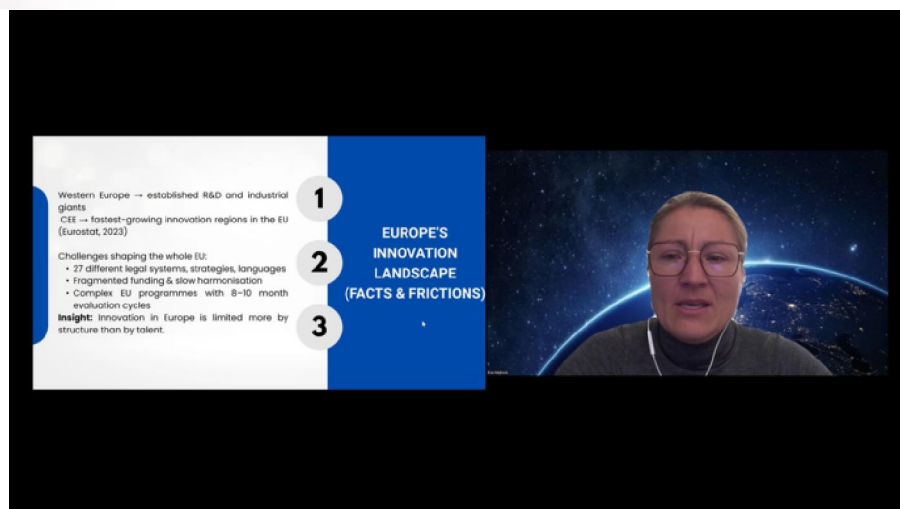
Prof. Hong Tianhua commended ECOSF's proactive outreach and coordination with Uzbekistan authorities, acknowledging the importance of inclusive scientific dialogue and multi-country engagement for addressing climate challenges. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening regional scientific cooperation and contributing to the success of the forthcoming international climate event.



ECOSF Hosts Webinar on Innovation Ecosystem as part of its Science Chronicles Webinar Series

The ECO Science Foundation in collaboration with the Imran Pervaz Khan Institute (IPKI) and the Union of Iranian Societies of Mathematical Sciences (UISMS), hosted a joint webinar on "Innovation Leadership in Europe: Lessons from Central and Eastern European Ecosystems" on 11 December 2025. The online session drew researchers, policymakers, academics, and innovation stakeholders from across the ECO region to gain insight into Europe's innovation landscape and extract practical lessons for emerging ecosystems.

The webinar was delivered by Ms. Eva Mejtová, Innovation Specialist & Founder of GrantHub and EIT Community Officer for Czechia, who shared her expertise on how Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries such as Czechia, Estonia, Poland, and Slovakia have transitioned from post-transition economies into competitive innovation systems. She highlighted how these countries build research capacity, aligned with broader European innovation frameworks, and supported startups and SMEs, while also navigating persistent challenges such as fragmented funding, brain drain, and gaps between research and industry.



Ms. Mejtová explained how strategic long-term policies, stable institutions, international cooperation, and investments in young talent have underpinned European innovation ecosystems — insights that can be adapted to strengthen systems in ECO member countries.

Participants engaged in a discussion on how to foster innovation through enhanced collaboration between academia, industry, and government, and how emerging ecosystems can learn from Europe's experience to spur inclusive economic and technological growth.

Upcoming Events posted on ECOSF website and Facebook page

Call for Proposals – CECECO Clean Energy Hackathon 2026

Are you a young innovator passionate about clean energy and digital solutions? The ECO Clean Energy Center (CECECO) is launching the **CECECO Clean Energy Hackathon 2026** on the occasion of the **International Day of Clean Energy (26 January 2026)** and is inviting youth (16–35 years) from:

- Azerbaijan
- Türkiye
- Pakistan
- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Kyrgyzstan

to submit **digital and data-driven project ideas** that:

- Promote clean energy and energy efficiency
- Use apps/AI/IT tools to reduce energy consumption
- Create platforms and data hubs that support clean-energy policies, startups and investments

Winners will be invited to Baku, Azerbaijan for the award ceremony.

How to apply: Send your proposal (3–5 pages) and short bio to: secretariat@cec-eco.net

Deadline: 30 December 2025

Women and young professionals are strongly encouraged to apply. For more details, please visit <https://ecosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Clean-Energy-Hackathon-2026.pdf>

1st Openmind Winter School on AI, Jan 26 to 29, 2026

Join world-class researchers, including Prof. Richard Sutton, for an immersive program featuring lectures, mentorship, and hands-on exploration of AI Reinforcement Learning theory, algorithms, and applications.

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Date: January 26 to 29, 2026

Venue: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), UTAR Sungai Long Campus, Jalan Sungai Long, Bandar Sungai Long, Cheras 43000, Kajang, Selangor



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Registration Fee: USD 400
This class covers the fundamentals of RL and AI, modern reinforcement learning methods, applied RL topics across practical domains, and key concepts in embodied RL.

Professor Richard Sutton
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Recipient of the ACM Turing Award in 2024

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Call for Abstracts, Papers and Participation 19th National & 13th International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2026)

The 19th National and 13th International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2026) will be held on 27–29 January 2026 in Shiraz at the Islamic World Science and Technology Monitoring and Citation Institute (ISC). ICeLeT is annually organized by the Iranian Association of e-Learning (YADA). The 2026 edition is proudly co-organized by ISC, the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), and YADA. ICeLeT 2026 will provide a premier interdisciplinary forum for researchers, practitioners, policymakers, EdTech companies, and educators to present and discuss recent innovations, trends, challenges and solutions in e-Learning, e-Teaching, and Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL).

The conference will be held in HYBRID MODE – both virtual and in-person participation and presentations are welcome.

Read more: <https://ecosf.org/icelet-2026/>



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- Learning for Sustainable Development and Smart Societies
- Policy, Infrastructure, and Institutional Transformation in Digital Education
- Human Learning in the Age of Automation and AI

Conference Venue:
Islamic World Science & Technology Monitoring and Citation Institute, Jam-e-Jam Ave, Jomhuri Esfami Blvd, Shiraz, IRAN

Extended Important Dates

Full Paper Submission
~~Nov. 24, 2025~~
Dec. 01, 2025

Notification of Acceptance
Dec. 21, 2025

Final Paper Submission
Jan. 05, 2026

Conference Dates
Jan. 27–29, 2026

29th National & Regional Conference on Resilience, Energy, Water, Environment and Food Security Nexus

Call for Participation:

29th National & Regional Conference of IRSEN

Theme: Resilience, Energy–Water–Environment–Food Security (NEXUS) in Development Plans
(National, Regional, and International Collaboration)

The Iranian Society for Sustainable Energy and Environment (IRSEN) is pleased to invite researchers, academics, policymakers, industry experts, practitioners, and students to participate in the **29th National & Regional Conference of IRSEN**, held alongside the **19th Green Development Festival (Painting, Film & Photography Competition)**.

Dates: February 15–16, 2026

Venue: Sharif Energy, Water and Environment Institute (SEWEI), Teymouri Blvd, North Tarasht, Tehran, Iran

For more details: <https://ecosf.org/resilience-energy-water/>



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| The Role of Governance & Green Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental Accounting ✓ Job Opportunities ✓ Increasing of Collaborations ✓ The Role of Externalities | The Role of AI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Renewable Energy ✓ Energy Storage ✓ Energy Consumption Mitigation Tech. ✓ Water Consumption Mitigation Tech. |
| The Role of Land Use Planning & Administration in Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Role of Land Use Planning ✓ The Role of Remote Sensing ✓ The Role of GIS | The Role of Education and Capacity Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental education ✓ Culturalization in improving the quality of the environment ✓ The role of local communities in environmental protection |



Selected papers, after final editing, and review by referees will be published in ISI ranked journals such as UEST, and UJWR which is publish by SPRINGER Publication

19th Green Development Festival and the National & Regional Competition of Painting and Photography
This festival is held in different ages as follows:
1- Children and teenagers 2- Young people and adults

How to send works:
1- The name, age and signature of the artist should be included on the submitted drawing, sketch or photo.
2- Full details, contact number and email should be legibly inserted behind the works.
3- Works should be sent in A4 size or larger.

Selected works will be exposed to visitors in the side exhibition of the conference.
Final winners will be honored.
Note: Submissions will be stored in the forum archive and will not be returned.

Submitting works Jan. 15, 2026 **Submitting articles Jan. 10, 2026** **Participate in the festival Jan. 10, 2026**

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