



ECOSF NEWSLETTER



The 6th Meeting of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) held in Islamabad, Pakistan

The 6th Meeting of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF) was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 July 2026. The Meeting was inaugurated by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, H.E. Dr. Hossein Simaee Sarraf, Minister for Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In accordance with the ECOSF Rules of Procedure, following the inaugural session, the Chairmanship of the Meeting was assumed by the host country, H.E. Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, Federal Minister for Science and Technology (MoST) of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



The Meeting was attended by representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan (online), the Republic of Tajikistan (online), the Republic of Türkiye (online), Turkmenistan (online), and the Republic of Uzbekistan (online). The ECO Secretariat was represented by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, Secretary General of ECO. The ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) was represented by its President, H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Hassan, while the President of the ECO Educational Institute (ECOEI), Prof. Mehmet Akif Kireççi, participated virtually.

The BoT Meeting was preceded by the 8th Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) on 21 July 2026, under the chairmanship of President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi. Welcoming the delegates, the President gave a brief overview of the progress made by ECOSF since the last BoT Meeting and expressed hope that positive and constructive contributions would help the Committee successfully finalize preparations for the BoT Meeting. The EC held in-depth discussions on the agenda items and made recommendations, inter alia, on the status of ratification of the ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol; mandatory budgetary contributions and contributions to the S&T Fund; adoption of the ECOSF Annual Reports; the ECOSF Strategic Plan and Organizational Restructuring Agenda; the Draft Work Plan for 2026–2028; the proposed new programmes of the Foundation; approval of the ECOSF Accounts and Budgetary Estimates; the appointment of the next President of ECOSF; and the Draft



Islamabad Communiqué 2026 for adoption by the Board. The Committee also prepared and endorsed the Draft Report of the 6th BoT Meeting.

The 6th BoT Meeting began its proceedings with welcome remarks by Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Shahid Iqbal Baloch. President ECOSF Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, in his statement, thanked the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, especially the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), for hosting the Meeting in Islamabad and for extending generous hospitality to the delegates. He also thanked the Honourable Ministers and Vice Ministers of Pakistan and Iran, the Federal Secretary of MoST Pakistan, the representatives of the Member Countries, the Secretary General of ECO, and the Presidents of the ECI and ECOEI for their participation. The President further highlighted the major achievements and international linkages developed by the Foundation.



The Secretary General of ECO, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan, in his remarks called for stronger regional collaboration in science and technology, describing the ECO Science Foundation as a key pillar for achieving the ECO Vision 2035. He appreciated the role of ECOSF as a hub of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in the region and, while commending its efforts to foster scientific cooperation among the Member States, hoped that the Foundation would continue its meaningful contribution to the region's sustainable advancement. Underscoring the growing importance of

artificial intelligence, digitalization and technology-enhanced learning, Ambassador Asad Majeed urged closer coordination among ECOSF, the ECO Secretariat and other ECO bodies, particularly the ECO Educational Institute, and assured the Foundation of the Secretariat's fullest possible support.

In his statement, H.E. Dr. Hossein Simaee Sarraf, Minister for Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran, called upon Member States to deepen scientific and technological cooperation across the region. He underlined that recent global

and regional developments have shown that science, technology and innovation are no longer merely engines of economic growth but pillars of national security, resilience and sustainability. Dr. Simaee Sarraf urged ECO Member States to rethink regional cooperation and to work together to safeguard the continuity of education, research and innovation, even in times of crisis. He emphasized that the region's young population, capable universities and considerable scientific potential, if organized into a cohesive and forward-looking network, could enable ECO to play a far greater role in global scientific production and the knowledge-based economy.



The Chair of the BoT, H.E. Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, Federal Minister for Science and Technology of Pakistan, emphasized Science, Technology and Innovation as key drivers of economic growth and underscored the important role of ECOSF in achieving the common goals of the ECO Member Countries. Appreciating the efforts made by the Foundation for the promotion of science and technology in the region, and reaffirming Pakistan's commitment as host country, he urged Member States to take greater ownership of the institution. The Minister called on countries that have not yet ratified the ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol to complete their national procedures for ratification and stressed that timely financial contributions were indispensable to the Foundation's sustainability. Encouraging ECOSF to pursue demand-driven, outcome-oriented programmes, H.E. Mr. Magsi expressed optimism that a revitalized Foundation would serve as a catalyst for practical cooperation and scientific progress across the region, and wished the Meeting productive deliberations.

The Executive Director of ECOSF, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, in his vote of thanks, expressed his gratitude to the Government of Pakistan for hosting the 6th Meeting of the ECOSF BoT and appreciated all the honourable delegates and representatives of the ECO Member Countries for their support to the Foundation. Dr. Memon affirmed that ECOSF remains committed to promoting STI collaboration among the ECO Member Countries and expressed hope that the outcomes of the Meeting would contribute to the further advancement of science and technology in the region, with the Foundation continuing to play a pivotal role in realizing the objectives of the Meeting.

Iranian Minister of Science, Research and Technology, H. E. Dr. Hossein Simaee-Sarraf called on the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, H. E. Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja

Islamabad, July 21, 2026 - The Iranian Delegation headed by H. E. Prof. Hossein Simaee-Sarraf, the Minister of Science, Research and Technology, visited the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, and met with H. E. Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Pakistan's Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication in Islamabad. Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Iran Deputy Minister for Research and Prof. Ehsan Ghaboul, Iran Vice Minister of International Scientific Affairs also attended.



In this meeting, Prof. Simaee-Sarraf highlighted Iran's scientific achievements despite sanctions, saying the country has attained a prominent position in artificial intelligence research. He also introduced the capabilities of Iran's 60 science and technology parks and proposed expanding cooperation in AI, cybersecurity, knowledge exchange and technology transfer. The Iranian minister invited his Pakistani counterpart to visit Tehran to tour Iranian universities, research centers and the country's innovation ecosystem. The two sides agreed to strengthen scientific and technological collaboration, with their deputies tasked with developing implementation mechanisms and following up on the agreed initiatives.

The Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training held a cordial meeting with the Minister of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, held a meeting with H.E. Dr. Hossein Simaee Sarraf, Minister of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during his official visit to Pakistan. The meeting reflected the longstanding brotherly relations between the two countries and their shared commitment to strengthening cooperation in education, science, research, and innovation.



Welcoming the Iranian delegation, the Federal Minister expressed Pakistan's appreciation for the close ties between the two neighbouring countries. Both sides expressed satisfaction over the implementation of existing Memoranda of Understanding between Pakistani and Iranian higher education institutions, including the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), and encouraged similar collaborations among other universities.

Discussions focused on teacher education, curriculum development, digital learning, artificial intelligence, educational technology, technical and vocational education and training, joint research, faculty exchanges, and student mobility. The Federal Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to implementing the education-related decisions of the Pakistan-Iran Joint Commission.

His Excellency Dr. Hossein Simaee Sarraf appreciated the warm hospitality extended by the Government of Pakistan. Both sides agreed to maintain close coordination and explore new avenues of cooperation to promote academic excellence and people-to-people contacts.

Rector NUST Welcomes Iranian Delegation to Strengthen Academic and Research Collaboration

Islamabad, July 23, 2026 NUST hosted a delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran, including in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), where the delegation was welcomed by Rector, Dr. Muhammad Zahid Latif and the University's leadership. The delegation was presented with an overview of NUST's academic, research and innovation ecosystem, followed by visits to key academic, research and innovation facilities across the campus. The visit concluded with an interactive session and exchange of views with a shared commitment to strengthening academic collaboration, knowledge exchange and institutional linkages. President ECOSF, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, accompanied the delegation to this visit.



High level Iranian Delegates visited the Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH)

Islamabad July 22, 2026 - The Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH) had the honor of welcoming H.E. Dr. Hossein Simaee Sarraf, Minister for Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during his visit to PMNH on 22 July 2026. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, accompanied the delegation, which included Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Iran Deputy Minister for Research and Prof. Ehsan Ghaboul, Iran Vice- Minister for International Affairs, and Prof. Mohammad Roshan, Senior Advisor to the Minister. The distinguished guests were warmly received by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and Director General PMNH.



During the visit, both sides held a productive and forward-looking discussion focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation in science and technology. The dialogue explored opportunities for joint scientific projects, exchange of experts and researchers, collaborative research initiatives, and professional cooperation between natural history museums and scientific institutions of Pakistan and Iran.

H.E. Dr. Simaee Sarraf also toured the museum galleries and exhibits, where he expressed keen interest in Pakistan's rich biodiversity, natural heritage, and ongoing scientific efforts in conservation and research.

The visit reflects the shared commitment of Pakistan and Iran to further strengthen scientific partnerships, promote knowledge exchange, and foster greater collaboration for the advancement of science, research, and innovation in the region.

MSRT Delegates from Iran Visited PSF

Islamabad, July 23, 2026 - Delegation from the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT), Islamic Republic of Iran Visited Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) to Strengthen Bilateral Scientific Cooperation A high-level delegation from the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT), Islamic Republic of Iran, visited the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) to discuss avenues for enhancing bilateral cooperation in Science, Technology, Innovation, and Research. During the meeting, the Chairman PSF, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Akmal along with senior officers of Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) welcomed the distinguished Iranian delegation, led by Dr. Seyed Mehdi Abtahi Forooshani, Deputy Minister for Science, Research and Technology, included Dr. Mohammad Roshan, Advisor to the Minister for Science and Technology; Mr. Rahim Motahehri, Second Secretary and representatives from Ministry of Science and Technology, Islamabad.

PSF Chairman provided a brief overview of the Foundation's mandate, highlighting its role in promoting scientific research, innovation, and science outreach in Pakistan. Dr. Mirza Habib Ali, Member Science, PSF reviewed the progress and achievements

of the two successful PSF–MSRT Joint Calls for Research, completed in previous years. The two sides also discussed the status of the awaited Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and the Iran National Science Foundation (INSF). Draft of MoU has been finalized by the Pakistan side and is under consideration by the Iranian side.



Iranian delegates Visited to COMSATAS University

Islamabad, July 23, 2026 - A high-level delegation from the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) of the Islamic Republic of Iran, led by Dr. Seyed Mehdi Abtahi Forooshani, Deputy Minister, visited COMSATAS University Islamabad (CUI) to explore avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in higher education, research, and innovation. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Mohammad Roshan, Senior Advisor to the Minister, along with representatives from the Embassy of Iran in Pakistan and Pakistan's Ministry of Science and Technology.

The delegation was received by Prof. Dr. Raheel Qamar, T.I., Rector, CUI, and senior university officials. Discussions focused on expanding collaboration in teacher education, curriculum development, digital learning, artificial intelligence, educational technology, joint research, faculty and student exchanges, and the organization of joint academic seminars and webinars.

Presenting an overview of CUI's academic excellence and institutional transformation, the Rector highlighted the University's Digital Governance Ecosystem: Building a Greener, Smarter CUI, developed under his Green and Efficiency Initiative. Dr. Abtahi Forooshani appreciated the University's hospitality and commended CUI's digital transformation initiatives. The delegation also visited the COMSATS Art Gallery, featuring artworks depicting Gaza and Iran, and the Junaid Zaidi Library.



COMSATS hosted Iranian delegates from MSRT

Islamabad, July 24, 2026 - Executive Director COMSATS, Amb Dr Mohammad Nafees Zakaria welcomed a high-level delegation from Iran, including Prof Mehdi Abtahi, Deputy Minister for Research (MSRT), Prof Mohammad Roshan, Advisor to the Minister and Mr. Mahmoud Hojjati, ECO Coordinator at Iran's MOFA. President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Taybei accompanied the Iranian delegation. Joined by officials from the IPOs & CCCS, agenda was to enhance Scientific Cooperation within the Commission.

During the meeting, the Executive Director COMSATS briefed the delegation on COMSATS' mandate, international network and key programmes promoting ST&I for sustainable development. The two sides also exchanged views on expanding collaboration in research, Capacity Building and regional scientific cooperation, reaffirming their shared commitment to strengthening partnerships among COMSATS Member States.



COMSTECH hosted Iranian delegates from MSRT

Islamabad, July 24, 2026 - H.E. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General OIC-COMSTECH, along with senior officials, received a high-level delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran led by Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Deputy Minister for Research, Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT). The delegation included Prof. Ahmad Reza Roshan, Advisor to the Minister, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) and Mr. Mahmoud Hojjati, ECO Coordinator at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran.



During the meeting, both sides discussed opportunities to strengthen scientific cooperation, research collaboration, higher education, capacity building, and innovation among OIC Member States. Prof. Abtahi explained the strategic plans of MSRT in fostering scientific collaborations in the OIC and ECO regions. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary briefed the delegation on COMSTECH's flagship programmes, including scholarships, fellowships, research grants, scientific mobility, and the COMSTECH Consortium of Excellence. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of OIC-COMSTECH and the Islamic Republic of Iran to promoting science, technology, innovation, and regional cooperation for sustainable development across the Muslim world.

MSRT delegates visited Pakistan Academy of Sciences



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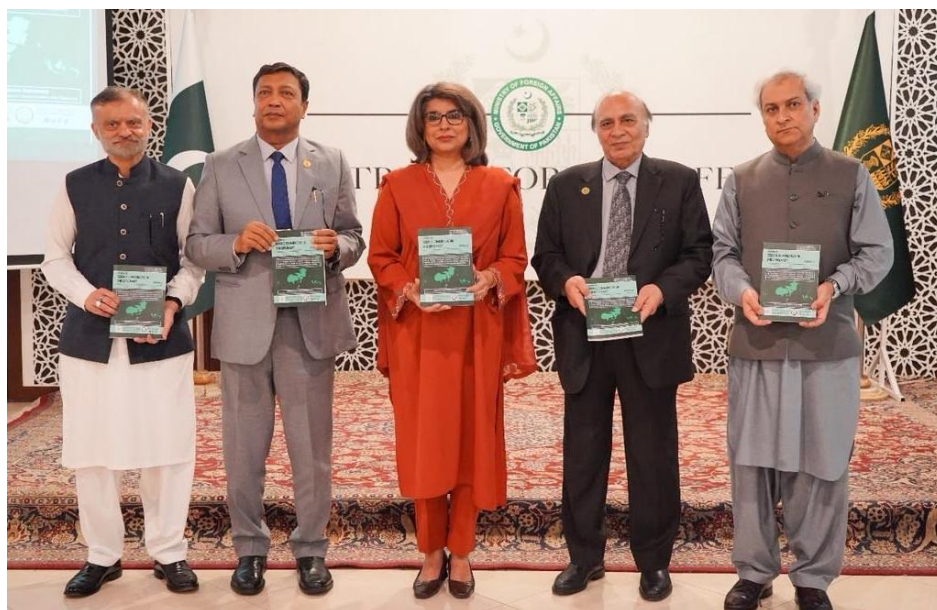
President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Taybei, visited PAS and met with Prof. Aslam Beig, Secretary-General, Pakistan Academy of Sciences, and Dr. Riffat Mahmood Qureshi, Director Administration, Pakistan Academy of Sciences.

Both sides discussed close collaboration in STI and strengthening collaboration among ECO Academies of Sciences, and particularly to support the establishing ECO Council of Academies of Sciences (ECAS). Both sides discussed that ECAS could enhance scientific linkages among ECO countries and to promote joint research projects and conferences addressing shared regional challenges

President of ECOSF Participated in the Launch of the 2026 Journal of Science Communication and Diplomacy

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with COMSTech, launched the first issue of the 2026 Journal of Science Communication and Diplomacy on 24 July 2026 in Islamabad. The ceremony marked two years of the successful publication of the journal.

The event was attended by ambassadors, diplomats, scientists, academics, heads of national organizations, and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, COMSTech, the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), the Higher Education Commission, the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, and other leading institutions



Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General of COMSTech, highlighted the importance of science diplomacy in addressing global challenges through international cooperation, research, and innovation. He emphasized that stronger collaboration among OIC member states can advance scientific progress and promote sustainable development.



Foreign Secretary Ambassador Amna Baloch stressed that today's global challenges require collective solutions. She underlined the growing role of science diplomacy in connecting science with foreign policy and encouraged greater scientific cooperation among OIC member states. She also appreciated the partnership between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and COMSTECH in publishing the journal.

The ceremony reflected the shared commitment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, COMSTECH and other partner institutions to strengthening science diplomacy, promoting scientific cooperation, and supporting evidence-based policymaking for sustainable development. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, participated in the ceremony and communicated with distinguished guests regarding the significance of science diplomacy in facing challenging

ECOSF President Meets Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Strengthen Scientific and Educational Cooperation

Islamabad, July 02, 2026: Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), accompanied by Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon, Executive Director and Mr. Ghulam Abbas Rahar, Manager (Administration), ECOSF, held a meeting with the Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Atadjan Moulamov, to discuss enhanced cooperation and Turkmenistan's engagement in key ECOSF initiatives.

During the meeting, the participants discussed Turkmenistan's nomination and participation in the 6th Meeting of the ECOSF Board of Trustees (BoT), scheduled to be held in Islamabad on July 22, 2026. President ECOSF emphasized the importance of the active participation of all ECO Member States in the Foundation's governance and decision-making processes and requested the Embassy's support in facilitating the nomination of Turkmenistan's representative.



The meeting also discussed the nomination of a national team from Turkmenistan for participation in the 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop, scheduled to be held in China in September 2026.

Another key agenda item was the proposed hosting of ECONEX in Turkmenistan, in line with the commitment made by Turkmenistan during the relevant meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (ECO COM) and ECOSF President's visit to Turkmenistan. The participants discussed the importance of initiating consultations with the relevant national authorities to explore possible arrangements for organizing the event.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation between ECOSF and Turkmenistan and enhancing Turkmenistan's participation in ECOSF's governance meetings, scientific and educational programmes, and regional initiatives.

President of ECOSF Meets Secretary General of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences



On 3 July 2026, Prof. Dr. Aslam Baig, Secretary General of PAS, and Dr. Riffat Mahmood Qureshi, Director Administration, held a productive meeting with Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), to discuss strengthening scientific collaboration among the Academies of Sciences of Pakistan, Iran, Türkiye, and other academies in the region. During the meeting, both sides finalized the concept note of collaboration to establish the ECO Council of Academies of Sciences, an initiative proposed by the Academy of Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council aims to enhance scientific cooperation among ECO member countries by promoting joint research projects, conferences, scientific networking, and capacity building. ECOSF will play a key role in coordinating activities across the region. The initiative is expected to strengthen regional scientific partnerships, encourage innovation, and contribute to the long-term scientific and technological development of the ECO region.

President ECOSF Meets with Representative of ALBORZ Consulting Engineers at ECOSF

Islamabad, 01 July 2026, The President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, held a productive meeting with Mr. Saeed Ghadimi, Managing Director of Iran ALBORZ Consulting Engineers, accompanied by his delegation, to explore opportunities for strengthening regional cooperation in technology and engineering education. During the meeting, the President ECOSF presented the vision and mission of ECOSF as an international organization committed to promoting human resource development, advancing STEM education, and enhancing capacity building in engineering across the ECO region. Mr. Ghadimi introduced the



activities of ALBORZ Consulting Engineers, highlighting the company's expertise in providing technical engineering consultancy, construction and industrial project management, and a wide range of professional services, including architecture and urban planning, structural engineering, electrical engineering, and other engineering disciplines. He also expressed his interest in establishing future collaboration with ECOSF to promote engineering education, professional capacity building, and technical cooperation within the ECO region.

President ECOSF Meets Dr. Robina Awan, Focal Person for the Prime Minister's Youth Programme at ECOSF, Islamabad

The President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, held a productive meeting with Dr. Robina Awan, Focal Person for the Prime Minister's Youth Programme of Pakistan, and her delegation to discuss opportunities for strengthening cooperation in science, technology, innovation, and education for the benefit of youth across the ECO region. During the meeting, Prof. Tayebi presented the vision and mission of ECOSF as an international organization committed to promoting human resource development and advancing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education among the ECO Member States. He highlighted



ECOSF's initiatives to develop innovative capacity-building programmes, strengthen scientific and research institutions, and create greater opportunities for young people through science, technology, innovation, and skills development to support sustainable socio-economic growth and regional prosperity.

Dr. Robina Awan appreciated ECOSF's valuable contributions to promoting science, technology, and innovation across the ECO region and acknowledged its role in strengthening regional scientific cooperation. She expressed the Prime Minister's Youth Programme's interest in exploring collaborative initiatives with ECOSF to empower youth through education, research, innovation, and capacity-building programmes, emphasizing that such partnerships would equip young people with the skills needed to contribute to national and regional development. The meeting concluded with both sides reaffirming their commitment to enhancing collaboration and pursuing joint initiatives to empower youth, promote scientific excellence, and advance sustainable development across Pakistan and the ECO region.

A Delegation of Thar Education Alliance Made an Exposure Visit of ECOSF

Islamabad, July 1, 2026: A delegation comprising officials and young students of the Thar Education Alliance visited the Secretariat of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) in Islamabad as part of an educational exposure visit to national and international organizations. The delegation was received by Prof. Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, in the presence of Mr. Ghulam Abbas Rahar, Manager (Administration), ECOSF. The students were members of the "Children's Parliament on Right to Education," a unique platform that empowers young advocates to promote the fundamental right to education.

During the interaction, Prof. Dr. Tayebi gave a detailed overview of ECOSF, its mandate, vision, and mission to advance STEM education, and strengthen scientific and technological cooperation among ECO Member States.

Prof. Dr. Tayebi also highlighted various initiatives undertaken by ECOSF to develop the skills and capabilities of young people and women through science camps, training programmes, educational activities, and other capacity-building initiatives. He emphasized the importance of science, technology, creativity, and innovation in preparing young people to contribute meaningfully to the development of their communities and countries.



Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Ms. Qurat-ul-Aine Mudasar, Head of the Delegation, expressed her sincere gratitude to the President ECOSF for providing the students with the opportunity to visit the Foundation and interact with its leadership.

President ECOSF Meets Iranian Delegate

Islamabad, July 01, 2026. The President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) held a productive meeting with the Iran MFA Delegation, accompanied by Mr. Motahari from the Embassy of Iran in Islamabad, to present the vision and mission of ECOSF as an international organization dedicated to promoting Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), human resource development and advancing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education across the ECO region. Drawing on his experience as President, he highlighted ECOSF's commitment to evaluating existing training facilities, formulating innovative training programmes to develop highly skilled



scientific and technical manpower, and designing initiatives to strengthen scientific, engineering, research, and development institutions. He also emphasized the importance of creating greater opportunities for the younger generation, particularly in the fields of STI, and skills development, to equip them with the knowledge and competencies needed to contribute to sustainable socio-economic growth and regional prosperity.

Upcoming Events posted on ECOSF website and Facebook page

Call for Nominations: 40th Khwarizmi International Award (KIA)

The ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) is pleased to announce the **40th Khwarizmi International Award (KIA)**, organized by the **Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology (IROST)** under the patronage of the **President of the Islamic Republic of Iran**.

The Khwarizmi International Award is one of the region's most prestigious scientific awards, recognizing outstanding achievements and innovative contributions in **science, technology, research, and engineering**. Researchers, scientists, innovators, and inventors from around the world are invited to submit their nominations.

Award Benefits

Each Khwarizmi International Award laureate will receive:

- **USD 10,000** cash prize;
- **Khwarizmi International Award Trophy**;
- **Commendation Certificate** issued by the **President of the Islamic Republic of Iran**;
- Formal recognition at the prestigious **Khwarizmi International Award Ceremony**, providing recipients with international visibility and recognition for their scientific achievements.

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