

AIOU in SDG Policy Development

Members of the University serve as committee members in various central organs including the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, and Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), assisting the policy development process by identifying problems and challenges as well as by formulating policies and strategies. Scholars from the University have actively participated in international cooperation projects and events. By combining the characteristics of domestic research with international research, the University is able to enhance its international research perspective and its influence in sustainable development.

AIOU's initiatives for Policy Development based on SDGs:

1- Hum Pakistani' is an initiative launched by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) in collaboration with the **Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Pakistan Peace Collective**. Under the initiative, trainings are being imparted to the people at the tehsil and district levels to promote the 'Hum Pakistani' narrative aimed at addressing the common challenges and purging the society from the menace of extremism and terrorism.

[Hum-Pakistani-Programme-1Download](#)

2- Clean green Pakistan is a national campaign and AIOU has also become a part of this national campaign by organizing activities related to "Clean Green Pakistan" in Main campus and across its regions such as; Tree plantation drive etc.

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(Registrar's Department)

No.F.2-6/2020-Admn/3075

Dated: 12th August, 2021.

CORRIGENDUM

Reference Circular No.F.2-6/2020-Admn/3047 dated 11.08.2021

Due to un-avoidable circumstances the tree plantation event in connection with "Jashn-e-Azadi" celebrations could not be held on 12.08.2021.

This event will now be held on 16.08.2021 at 09:30 a.m. in the lawn adjacent to the Academic Complex. All Deans/Heads of Departments/ Principal Officers, are requested to make it convenient to participate in the tree plantation by planting a tree for the future.



(Rana Sharafat Ali)
Assistant Registrar (General)

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1. All Deans/Heads of Departments/ Principal Officers.
2. PS to VC.
3. Notification File.

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No.F.2-6/2019-Admn/2222

Dated: 19th June, 2019

CIRCULAR

The Department of Physics, Allama Iqbal Open University is organizing a **“Clean and Green Pakistan Awareness”** activity in the students and employees of AIOU at Main Campus on Monday, June 24th 2019 from 09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The worthy Vice Chancellor will lead this awareness campaign.

2. All employees of the University are invited to participate in the activity as per given schedule.


(Bibi Yasmin)
Additional Registrar-E

Distribution:

1. All Deans/Heads of Departments - with the request to circulate among the staff members.
2. Project Director. - For making necessary arrangements.
4. Media Coordinator/PRO - To arrange media coverage.
5. Incharge, Security. - To arrange strict security measurers during the activity.
6. PS to VC.

2- AIOU has been a part of Anti-tobacco drive: University campuses to go smoke free. In 2017, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and Capital Administration of Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to motivate the youth, 'Say no to Tobacco'. The AIOU campus has already been declared smoking free area.

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No.F.2-244/2021-Admn/ 3351

Dated: 03 September, 2021.

CIRCULAR

Reference letter No.F.2-11/2016-Admn/1404 dated 29.03.2016 and No.F.2-11/2017-Admn/3111 dated 12.09.2017.

The Government of Pakistan has banned sale and use of cigarettes as well as tobacco in any form in public as well as Educational Institutions. It has however, come to notice that despite this ban people are smoking in their rooms which is health hazard not only for them but also for the people working with them.

In order to create a healthy environment as well as to comply with the orders of the Government of Pakistan issued from time to time in this regard, the Authority has directed that smoking or use of tobacco in any form in the offices as well as public places will not be tolerated. Any person found violating these instructions will be fined Rs.500/-.

All Deans/Heads of Departments are requested to please circulate this among their staff and ensure the compliance of these instructions in true letter and spirit.


(Bibi Yasmin)
Additional Registrar (E)

Distribution:

1. All Deans/Heads of Departments
2. Director General, Regional Services.
3. All Regional Heads.
4. PS to VC.
5. Relevant File.

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No.F.2-11/2017-Admn/3111


Dated: 12th September, 2017

Subject: **ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO CONTROL LAWS IN
UNIVERSITIES OF PAKISTAN.**

Reference Letter No.F.2-11/2016-Admn/1404 dated 29.03.2016.

2. I have been directed to enclose herewith a copy of Letter received from Mr. Awais Ahmad, Director General (Admin & Coord) HEC, Islamabad on the subject mentioned above, earlier circulated vide Letter under reference for enforcement of prohibition of smoking and protection of non smoker Ordinance 2002. HEC issued guidelines to make Higher Educational Institutions (H.E.I)/Universities premises smoke free, needs to be implemented in true letter and spirit.

3. All HODs are once again requested to ensure its implementation in letter and spirit. Any violation reported will be dealt as per rules.


(Muhammad Hammad Tariq)
Assistant Registrar-I

Distribution:

1. All Deans/Heads of Departments.
2. All Regional Heads.
3. PS to VC.
4. PA to Registrar.

AIOU Faculty and Staff input in Policy Dialogues:

1. Meeting of ORIC managers held at Rawalpindi Medical University for community work related to SDGs



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Feb 10th, 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held ON 02-02-2021 AT 11:00-1:00 PM

ORIC Director's meeting from 11 renowned universities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad was held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Syndicate Hall, Main Campus Rawalpindi Medical University, under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor, Rawalpindi Medical University Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umar. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The welcome statement by Dr. Asad Nizami outlined the purpose and highlighted the importance of the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to learn from ORICs of different universities. Vice-Chancellor Professor Muhammad Umar also elaborated the importance of research, collaborative research collective strategy, and coordination of RMU with other universities. He gave a presentation on the efforts of RMU to improve standards of medical teaching and research. Key points of his presentation were,

1. Infrastructure improvements at Rawalpindi Medical University
2. University faculty development program 360 evaluation.
3. Research Model of RMU.
4. Putting the patient first, program.
5. Community welfare program.

After the VC address, Dr. Arsalan Manzoor Mughal, Manager of Research Operations gave an update on the structure and working of ORIC-RMU.

The meeting was attended by:

1. Professor Dr. Muhammad Umar, VC, Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi.
2. Adeel Ahmed. Assistant Director, Bahria University, Islamabad.
3. Dr. Nabila Zaka, Director ORIC. Health Services Academy, Islamabad.
4. Dr. Syeda Kiran Riaz, Deputy Director, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University
5. Air Cdre (R) Afzaal Ahmed Khan, Director ORIC Air University, Islamabad.
6. Dr. Hazir Ullah, Director ORIC, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.
7. Dr. Ifra Saeed, Associate Professor of Anatomy, Research Associate.
8. Wing Cdr (R) Tariq, Additional Director ORIC, NUTECH, Islamabad.
9. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Director ORIC, International Islamic University, Islamabad.
10. Dr. Asif Javed, Manager Research Operations ORIC, Foundation University, Islamabad.
11. Dr. Hammad Naveed Director ORIC, FJWU, Rawalpindi
12. Abdul Moeed, Additional Director ORIC, Foundation University, Islamabad.
13. Dr. Saima Nasir, Additional Director ORIC, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.

2. Consultancy Services to HEC to develop concrete and detailed operational plans to assist higher education institutes mobilize resources from non-governmental sources – Resource Enhancement Framework



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No. No. 10-02/HEC/Coord/2021/292

Monday, the 5th April, 2021

Subject: **Resource Enhancement framework for the Public Sector Universities**

Dear Sir,

Reduced public funding for higher education sector, and a host of other organization and management factors have led to a severe financial constraints for public sector universities. The crisis has been compounded further by the impacts of devaluation, inflation, legislated salary increases, and the spill over from the Covid-19 pandemic. Several short-term measures have been instituted to tide over immediate difficulties. However, the need for longer-term solutions is now widely acknowledged. The PM had been pleased to direct Chairman HEC to develop a broad resource mobilization strategy for universities. Subsequently, the PM Office asked specifically for a framework to allow universities to undertake commercial activities. In response, HEC undertook an elaborate analytical exercise and consultative process to prepare a roadmap for the development of 'Resource Enhancement Strategy' (RES). Upon finalization, the RES would cover and provide a framework to enable universities to mobilize resources directly through commercial activities (commercialization) and PPP projects, as well as fundraising from alumni, philanthropists, and donors. The three components of the RES are:

- i. **Fundraising:** alumni support, donors, philanthropist, etc.
- ii. **PPP:** Students housing, campus services, students' and faculty housing, etc.
- iii. **Commercialization:** Tech startups, health services, lab services, financial services, consultancies, contracted work, MOOCS, etc.

02. Foregoing in view, and following the Prime Minister directive, the RES is attached herewith at **Annex-I**. We would appreciate your kind support to review the proposed pathway to develop a comprehensive RES and communicate your valuable comments latest by 12th April, 2021. Non-receipt of comments by the prescribed timeline would be interpreted as "the proposed RES is endorsed and supported".

I would be most grateful for your kind consideration and an early response.

Enclosed: As above.


(Awais Ahmad)
Advisor (Coordination)

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No. No. 10-02/HEC/Coord/2021/ **326**
Tuesday, the 13th April, 2021

Subject: **Resource Enhancement framework for the Public Sector Universities**

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to this office letter of even number dated 5th April, 2021 on the subject (copy attached).

02. Following the Prime Minister directive, the Resource Enhancement Strategy (RES) was forwarded to your office for review of the proposed pathway to develop a comprehensive RES, and valuable comments thereon latest by April 12, 2021.

03. Foregoing in view, we would appreciate your kind support and request to kindly forward the requisite information at the earliest but not later than April 16, 2021. Non-receipt of comments/response by the extended timeline would be interpreted as "the proposed RES is endorsed and supported".

I would be most grateful for your kind consideration and a timely response.

Enclosed: As above.



(Awais Ahmad)
Advisor (Coordination)

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3- Dr Munazza Ambreen (Assistant Professor AIU) as reviewer British Council

From: **Munazza Ambreen** <munazza.ambreen@aiou.edu.pk>
Date: Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 1:46 PM
Subject: Sectoral Expert in Assessment
To: <nishat.riaz@britishcouncil.org>
Cc: Dr. Saima Nasir Additional Director Research, ORIC <saima.nasir@aiou.edu.pk>

AOA

With reference to the subject cited above, I, hereby would like to offer my services.

I am currently working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Secondary Teacher Education at Allama Iqbal Open University. Being a part of 'Teacher Education Department' and having special interest and expertise in the field of 'Educational Assessment'; I hope this working opportunity would be a great option for in- field utilization of my expertise and for expansion of my knowledge and skills.

Attached is my brief C.V;

Hoping to hear from you soon.

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Munazza Ambreen
Assistant Professor
Secondary Teacher Education Department
AIOU. Islamabad. Pakistan

Our faculty and other staff attended these SDGs based events:

1. Higher Education Commission's Local Challenge Fund workshop



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Role of Universities In Achieving SDG Targets:

National governments alone cannot realize the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals on their own. Collective and individual efforts are required at the national and local levels and by all stakeholders for achieving the SDGs. Governments will need the support and broad involvement of various stakeholders, especially the universities as well as the private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs), amongst others.

LCF is a funding instrument launched by HEC under the HEDP that provides grants to research projects on a competitive basis. LCF subsidizes private investment in sectors where there is an expectation of commercial viability accompanied by measurable social and/or environmental outcomes in line with SDG targets. LCF will support research by university faculty on challenges faced by local communities in the districts in which the universities are located. The purpose is to

Workshop Schedule:

The workshops will be held from 7th August till 17th August and structured as follows:

S.No.	Workshop theme	Tentative Date & Time	Panelists/Speakers	Session Recording
1.	Role of Universities in independent evaluation and monitoring of the SDGs	7th August, 5-pm	Dr. Zain ul Abdin (HEC) Dr. Rashid Bajwa (LCF Chair, HEC) Dr. Nadeem ul Haq (PIDE) Dr. Abid Sulehri (SDPI)	Session1 Recording

AIOU's ASEA-UNINET Membership



ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
(Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization)

RF/2021/05/01 S&I Dated: August 05, 2021

Subject: AIOU's ASEA-UNINET Membership

RF is a letter from Higher Education Commission (HEC) on subject "Meeting of our Ambassador to Vienna with the Director General, Ministry of Education, Science and Research", dated July 12, 2021, forwarded by VC secretariat to the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC-AIOU).

2. It has been encouraged by HEC in the said letter to join ASEAN European Academic University Network (ASEA-UNINET) for promotion of education and research with no financial liability on part of HEC.

3. The ASEA-UNINET is a network of universities, consisting of European and South-East Asian universities with goal of promoting the continuous Internationalization of education and research. It supports the exchange of knowledge between partner universities in the member countries in Europe and South-East Asia. The main activity of the network is the organization and financial support of the exchange of scientists and postgraduates and the transfer of knowledge associated with it. The funding is organized by the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAS) in cooperation with ASEA-UNINET. Research grants are also offered for PhD scholars and Postdoctoral faculty members from all fields including Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Human Medicine, Health Sciences, Agriculture Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities and Arts.

4. The membership procedure is attached at Flag A which states that the Rector/President of the university should show his interest to the Regional Coordinator for membership. If the Regional Coordinator will forward request to the President ASEA_UNINET who may invite this university to introduce itself at the next Plenary Meeting. The Plenum will vote whether or not this university will be accepted as a new candidate member.

5. The one-time enrollment fee is EUR 900. Also, the members will pay a membership fee once a year i.e. EUR 700 p.a.

6. The case is being submitted for perusal and approval of the Vice Chancellor for paras 4-5/n. please.

(Dr. Saima Nasir)
Additional Director (Research)

Executive Director (P & M)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIOU FACULTY

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Call-for-Proposals.html>

<https://www.authoraid.info/en/funding/>

<https://www.sida.se/en/for-partners/research-partners/research-calls-and-grants>

<https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding>

[Covid 19 research funding opportunities](#)

[IFS Individual Research Grants](#)

<https://www.terravivagrants.info/>

<https://opecfund.org/what-we-offer/grants/grant-application>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Call-for-Proposals-and-Grants-for-Short-Films-in-Pakistan.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Canada-Fund-for-Local-Initiatives-in-Pakistan.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/German-Embassy-Grants-for-Micro-Projects-in-Pakistan.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Heritage-Grants-for-Young-People-in-India-and-Pakistan-and-Bangladesh.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Human-Rights-Monitoring-and-Advocacy-Small-Grants-in-Pakistan.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Social-Change-Through-Arts-Grants-in-Pakistan-and-India.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/USAID-Grants-for-Placing-Pakistani-Youth-in-Jobs.html>

<http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2021/03/11/twas-research-grants-program/>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Australian-High-Commission-Small-Grants-in-Pakistan.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Early-Career-Grants-for-Individuals.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/PhD-and-Masters-by-Research-Scholarships.html>

<https://www.advance-africa.com/Research-Grants-for-PhD-Students-and-Young-Academics.html>