

International Seminar

DEVELOPMENT of NATIONAL POLICY for OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING

May 13-14, 2016

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Track 7. Professional Development

Track 8. Quality Assurance

Track 9. E-learning; MOOCs and OERs

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Program

Day-I Friday (May 13, 2016)

Inauguration

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| a. Recitation of Holy Verses | 0900-0905 | Dr. Ghulam Yousof |
| b. Opening Remarks | 0905-0915 | Prof. Dr. Syed Hassan Raza |
| c. Keynote Speech-I | 0910-0920 | Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui |
| d. Keynote Speech-II | 0930-1000 | Prof. Asha S Kanwar |
| e. Keynote Speech-III | 1000-1030 | Prof. Dhanarajan |
| f. Concluding Remarks | 1030-1045 | Chief Guest |
| g. Tea/Coffee | 1045-1100 | Officers' Club |

Session II

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| a. Focus Group Discussions | 1100-1245 | Group Leaders |
| b. Lunch/Prayer Break | 1245-1400 | Officers' Club |
| c. Focus Group Discussions | 1400-1530 | Group Leaders |
| d. Presentations (FGD) | 1530-1615 | Combined Meeting |
| e. Summary | 1615-1630 | Professor Dr. Tanveer uz Zaman |

Day-II Saturday (May 14, 2016)

I. Session-I

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| a. Keynote Speech-IV | 0900-0930 | Prof. Dr. McGreal Rory |
| b. Keynote Speech-V | 0930-1030 | Prof. Dr. Ansary Ahmed |
| c. Tea/Coffee | 1030-1100 | Officers' Club |
| d. Presentations FG-I | 1100-1230 | Group Leaders |
| e. Presentations FG-II | 1230-1300 | Group Leaders |
| f. Summary | 1315-1330 | Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood |
| g. Lunch/Prayer Break | 1330-1430 | Officers' Club |

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| a. Keynote Speech-VI | 1430-1500 | Dr. Naveed Malik |
| b. Seminar Proceedings | 1500-1530 | Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui |
| c. Concluding Remarks | 1530-1545 | Chief Guest |
| d. Vote of Thanks | 1545-1600 | Mr. Zahid Majeed |
| Tea/Coffee | 1600 | Officers' Club |

Venue:
Academic Complex
AIOU, Islamabad - Pakistan

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Development of National Policy for Open and Distance Learning

Historically Open Distance Learning (ODL) had been considered as a second option or an alternative means to education. Built upon a perception that individuals who are denied an access to the formal institutions of education would adopt this method. Over the period of time, the claim has been transformed into a mode of lifelong learning. Although education in its most formal form has gradually overhauled its modalities in order to match with the challenges of ever-changing world. Hence, with the turn of new millennium, a surge of boundary-less institutions vividly melted down the design of formal, 'walled-based' education. The horizons of target population of ODL-led countries can be broadened through inclusion of professionals working in the fields of education, healthcare, engineering, and law, who need to be trained to assist teachers and practicing technical and vocational workforce. In Pakistan, a number of educational institutions have adopted ODL mode (traditional, blended and virtual) at certain levels of education and has been established as a parallel system of education like many other countries. A substantial number of higher education institutions have already started offering programs online/Open Distance Learning mode.

At this historic juncture, we believe that a National ODL Policy must be formulated for guiding and serving the institutions who intend to offer ODL programs. A policy framework will signify the government's commitment and aspirations of the institutions to streamline/regulate various programs to resolve/manage the challenges and issues of equivalence, trainings and quality within a defined operational system, respectively.

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International Speakers

Professor Asha S. Kanwar
President & Chief Executive Officer,
Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada.
Topic: ODL Policies in International Perspectives

Tan Sri Dato Professor Gajaraj Dhanarajan
Chairman, Board of Governors
Wawasan Open University, Malaysia.
Topic: Policy Considerations in Designing and Developing Curriculum for Open Education.

Professor Rory McGreal
UNESCO/COL/ICDE Chair in OER,
Athabasca University, Canada.
Topic: Open Educational Resources: Challenge of the Future

Professor Dato' Dr. Ansary Ahmed
President/CEO Asia e University, Malaysia.
Topic: eLearning Policy and Pedagogy within a National ODL Framework

National Speakers

Professor Dr. Shahid Siddiqui
Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University Pakistan
Topic: The Evolution of Open and Distance Learning in Pakistan

Naveed A. Malik, Sc.D.
Rector, Virtual University of Pakistan
Topic: The problems of Assessing Large Cohorts in Distance Education

