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Date: September 12, 2013
Thursday: 09:00 - 17:00 Hours
(Lectures/Discussion/Networking)

Venue
COMSATS Institute of Information
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National Seminar on

Strategies for Enhancing South-South Cooperation in Human Resource Development

*September 12, 2013
CIIT - Islamabad*

UN Day on South-South Cooperation



Organizers



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At the turn of the millennium, the global community devised a strategy for development with clear and measurable targets in the form of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). From the outset, it was recognised that the realization of these ambitious objectives would greatly depend on renewed and deepened partnerships including institutional reforms at national and international levels, and significant increases in the critical resources for development, especially the human capital.

South-South cooperation is imperative for international development efforts as it helps create a supportive global economic environment for mutually beneficial collaborations and joint capacity-building programmes. Such realizations have led to a growing culture of cooperation among the developing countries, which has made it critically important to identify suitable mechanisms and methodologies to make the cooperative efforts more practicable and coordinated to achieve the desired goals.

The sustainability of economic growth depends on the availability of qualified workforce in sufficient numbers in various disciplines of science and technology. The high quality education and training, which is required to be imparted to a significant number of population, is a daunting task, often unachievable in many developing countries, because of lack of financial resources and absence of training facilities.

Recognizing the importance of the concept of South-South cooperation, and to observe this year's United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (September 12, 2013), the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

(COMSATS) is organizing a national seminar entitled "Strategies for Enhancing South-South Cooperation in Human Resource Development". This event is expected to encourage a quality multi-stakeholder dialogue on the said theme.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Academia, business strategists & analysts, economists, and sustainable development policy makers & practitioners;
- Representatives of government, international development agencies, NGOs and education institutions;
- Entrepreneurs involved in human capital management; and organizational planning;
- HR consultants;
- Senior representatives of technical, vocational education and training (TVET) institutions;
- Individuals working or interested in socio-economic development, sustainable development, and human capital management.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Awareness of the importance of South-South Cooperation;
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue on South-South cooperation to propose solutions for sustainable socio-economic uplift of the developing countries;
- Compilation of discussions and recommendations made during the seminar to be presented to UNESCO at relevant international forum.