



## Celebrating World Science Day for Peace and Development 2016

*National Seminar on*

# Science Centres and Science Museums

November 17, 2016, Islamabad

World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated internationally to highlight the importance of science in and for society and that science, peace and development are interlinked.

Celebrated every 10<sup>th</sup> November, the day also provides an opportunity to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.

The objectives of the World Science Day for Peace and Development are to:

- Strengthen public awareness on the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies;
- Promote national and international solidarity for shared science between countries;
- Renew national and international commitment for the use of science for the benefit of societies;
- Draw attention to the challenges faced by science and raising support for the scientific endeavour.

The 2016 World Science Day for Peace and Development is dedicated to the theme “Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums”.

Science centres and museums provide effective platforms to societies to create and share scientific knowledge, to nurture it as source of innovation and creativity, and to help develop a more inclusive, sustainable and just path to the future. They also play key roles in sparking the curiosity in children and adults, and help create awareness about science and its role for sustainable development. In the digital era, when we need innovative initiatives to promote the learning of science outside the classrooms, museums and science centres are active nurseries for science education. They motivate and encourage school children to pursue careers in science.

### Who should attend?

- Science communicators and representatives of various national and international science centers and museums;
- Representatives of government, international development agencies, NGOs and educational institutions; and
- Individuals interested in learning and sharing experiences pertaining to promotion of science as means for sustainable development in different scientific areas.

### Expected Outcomes:

- Greater awareness about the importance of science centres and museums for sustainable development; and
- Policy recommendations and solutions for challenges faced by the developing countries in establishing and promoting science centres and museums.

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**Venue:** Business Incubation Centre, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad

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