

Media Update

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State of National Qualification Frameworks for Higher Education and Vocational Skills

Stakeholder's workshop: State of National Qualification Frameworks for Higher Education and Vocational Skills

When: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 (09:30 - 14:00 hrs.)

Where: Marriot Hotel, Islamabad

What: To share the key findings of Assessment Study and solicit guidance for the development of roadmap for strengthened National Qualification Frameworks.

Chief Guest: Federal Secretary for Ministry of Overseas Employment and Human Resource Development

Programme:

- Opening Statement by Country Director – ILO, Ms. Ingrid Christensen
- Key Statement by Federal Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Employment and Human Resource Development
- Remarks by Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training
- Overview of National Qualification Framework for higher education in Pakistan by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
- Progress on National Vocational Qualification Framework in Pakistan by NAVTTC
- Remarks by Pakistan Workers Federation



- Remarks by Employers Federation of Pakistan
- Global Initiative on Mobility of Workers: Way Forward by Gabriel Bordado, Skills and employability Specialist, ILO Sub-Regional Office, New Delhi
- Current state of National Qualification Framework in Pakistan by ILO's Consultant Mr. Muneer Ahmed
- Reflections on the current initiatives and developing roadmap by key stakeholders (Group Work)
- Presentation of issues and the way forward/road map in plenary
- Vote of thanks by REFRAME Project, ILO Office for Pakistan
- Lunch

You are cordially invited to attend and cover the event.

Background:

The International Labour Organization of the United Nations under its EU funded project "Global Action to improve the recruitment framework of labour migration" (REFRAME) has organized stakeholder's workshop to present the key findings of a study, which assessed the implementation status of national qualification frameworks (NQFs) for higher education and vocational skills in Pakistan. The workshop aims to solicit guidance for the development of roadmap to strengthen the implementation of NQFs in Pakistan. This is the first step in the process of harmonizing the NQFs with the Region, as to support the Pakistanis, get their qualification and vocational skills recognized and secure decent work overseas.

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Development Priorities for the Government

Tuesday, 29 January 2019 | 10.30 am to 1.30 pm

Independent since 70 years, Pakistan has stayed on an inconsistent path of development since inception. Nevertheless, it is still a rather young nation, and with the right opportunities and plausible solutions, it will be able to address the several development challenges that hinders its path to progress.



Different government regimes have brought with them renewed policies and commitments, fresh plans of action and with it, new hopes and aspirations for Pakistan's future. A review of past and current challenges is integral in formulating a renewed agenda for the future. The event aims to discuss the key issues faced by Pakistan's economy and the way forward.

Moreover, the 19th edition of UNDP Pakistan's and Swiss Development Cooperation's collaborated initiative, the Development Advocate Pakistan (DAP) is also on 'Development Priorities for the Government'. It brought together independent opinions on what experts think should be the main focus in the development agenda of the country. Furthermore, the issue also took into account opinions of the general public through a carefully designed survey centering on which focus areas should be prioritized at the national and provincial level.

The Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, UNDP and the Swiss Development Cooperation are hosting a joint discussion on Development Priorities for Pakistan. The objective is to discuss the key development issues being faced by the economy of Pakistan. It will also launch the 19th issue of Development Advocate Pakistan (DAP) on the same topic.

Major Themes for Discussion

1. Economic (Including Macro-Economic) Growth
2. Inclusive Growth (Including Women, Youth and Urbanization)
3. Environment (Including Climate Change and Water Crises)
4. Human Development (Including Education, Health and Standard of Living)
5. Governance (Including Local Government and Rule of Law)
6. Peace, Security and Tolerance

What: Development Priorities for the Government

When: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 | 10.30 am to 1.30 pm

Where: Planning Commission Auditorium

Who: Mr. Khusro Bakhtiar, Minister for Planning, Development and Reform
Mr. Neil Buhne, UN Resident Coordinator
Ms. Stephanie Burri, Head Swiss Development Cooperation
Dr. Hafeez A. Pasha, Former Federal Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, and Former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission

Moderator: Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Assistant Resident Representative,
UNDP Pakistan

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Closing Ceremony of Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) & the Launch of Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) 29 January 2019

At Mashaal Hall, Ramada Hotel at 10:45 AM.

28 January 2019, Islamabad –UNODC Country Office Pakistan in collaboration with Ministry of narcotics Control Government of Pakistan cordially invites you for the media coverage at the launching ceremony of a pilot training programme in Pakistan on drug use prevention in line with the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) and the closing ceremony for the training program of 100 drug treatment professionals from across Pakistan, commenced in August 2018, on the Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC), also implemented with the support of the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

Since 2010, the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has supported the development of the global training series appropriate for the certification of addiction professionals in the South Asia region. The overall goal of the UTC training series is to reduce the significant health, social, and



economic problems associated with substance use disorders (SUDs) by building international treatment capacity through training, professionalizing, and expanding the global treatment workforce. The training prepares counsellors and other health providers for professional certification at the entry level, by providing the latest information on SUDs and their treatment.

Secretary Ministry of Narcotics Control (MNC) Mr. Arif Nawaz Khan has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest of the ceremonies.

You are cordially invited for the media coverage of the Launch and Closing Ceremonies on Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) and Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) at Mashaal Hall, Ramada Hotel, Islamabad at 10:45 AM.

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