

Media Update

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‘Dissemination Launch: 2017-2018 Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey (PDHS)’

When: Monday, 25 February 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
(Registration at 9.30 am)

Where : Crystal Ballroom, Marriot Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan

What: Dissemination of the 2017-2018 Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey.

Distinguished Speakers:

- Mr. Aamir Mehmood Kiani, Federal Minister of Health
- Captain (r) Zahid Saeed, Secretary NHR&C
- Mr. Khizar Hayat Khan, Executive Director, National Institute of Population Studies
- Ms. Helen Pataki, Deputy Mission Director, USAID
- Dr Ruth Lawson, Head of Basic Services Group, DFID Pakistan
- Ms. Lina M. Mousa, Country Representative, United Nations Population Fund.

About:

The 2017-18 Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey (PDHS) has been conducted in close collaboration with Government of Pakistan, UK Department for International Development (DFID), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). ICF International provided technical assistance through the DHS Program, which is funded by the USAID.



The main objective of the PDHS 2017-18 was to provide an update on the status of maternal and child health and family planning in Pakistan. The survey has generated statistics on fertility, family planning, maternal and child health, gender, violence against women, and HIV/AIDS in Pakistan. The survey was implemented by the National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS) with support from provincial and national-level stakeholders. The 2017-2018 PDHS is the 4th Demographic and Health Survey in Pakistan since 1990-91. A nationally representative sample of 11,869 households were interviewed (excluding AJK and GB regions).

UNFPA in collaboration with the National Institute of Population Studies has organized the dissemination launch of the 2017-2018 Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey.

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PRESS RELEASE

SDG Tech Lab Inaugurated at Information Technology University (ITU) Punjab

Lahore - The School of Humanities and Social Sciences of Information Technology University (ITU) Punjab launched the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Tech Lab in collaboration with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pakistan on Wednesday, 20th February 2019.

Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP Pakistan, Ms. Lina Mousa, Country Representative, UNFPA along with Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Acting Vice Chancellor ITU, inaugurated the SDG Tech Lab.



“Achieving the SDGs requires doing business not as usual: investing in home grown, low-cost solutions that leverage technology and innovative approaches is a must to succeed, and through partnerships.” Mr. Artaza said.

The UNFPA and the UNDP both emphasized the power of partnerships and joint-collaboration.

“I have a strong passion to engage with academia, especially with institutes such as ITU who have the capacity and resources that can help us advance towards the SDGs”, Country Representative UNFPA Lina Mousa said, “It is all about partnership, in terms of national development priorities.”

As closing remarks, Dr. Akhtar, the Vice Chancellor at ITU lauded his faculty and the intellectual capacity of the university.

“The brains are at the University and development solutions will be coming from institutions,” he said.

Dr. Akhtar emphasized the use of information and communication technology tools for strengthening the SDGs in Pakistan. He highlighted the role of cutting-edge research and improving the collection of solid evidence for policy making to solve national socio-economic issues.

Earlier today, a collaborative workshop organized by ITU and UNDP highlighted the core objectives of the SDG Tech Lab and its scope of work. The representatives of the Federal, all the four provincial and regional SDGs Units identified various socio-economic and governance issues. Dr. Akmal Hussain Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, ITU, Dr. Izza Aftab Director SDG Tech Lab, Head of Economics Department, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, ITU, Shakeel Ahmad Chief Development Policy Unit and Assistant Country Director highlighted the need for greater interprovincial collaboration for the effective implementation of SDGs in Pakistan.

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