

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) approved Annual Work Plan and Budget for fiscal year 2025-26.

The Chairperson, National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) convened **24th Council Meeting** on July 10, 2025 in the **Mural Hall, Higher Education Commission (HEC), H-9 Islamabad**.

The meeting was attended by esteemed council members, comprising of representatives of HEC, Govt. Ministries (MoST, MNSFR), Deans of Agri-Universities, Provincial D.Gs Agriculture Research and extensions and eminent Agro-Industries representatives.

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman HEC was the chief guest in the inaugural session. Dr. Mukhtar emphasized that accreditation council is responsible to ensure quality of education and sector development by collaborating with academia, research and extension. He quoted the example of the wheat post-harvest losses in Pakistan as 15%-20% compared with the 5%-10% internationally. Avoiding this huge loss can result in availability of food basket for our growing population. He also pointed out that Pakistan is 7th among water risk countries in the world. Lastly, he also advised the use of AI for uplift of curricula and skills of agriculture graduates. After the inaugural session item-wise agenda was deliberated, discussed and approved. The major decision included the approval of NAEAC Annual workplan and budget for the fiscal year 2025-26. NAEAC Human Resource Manual was also approved by the Council.

Prof. Dr. M. Arif, Chairperson, NAEAC, emphasized that the Council's continued commitment to strengthening quality standards in agricultural education and accredited programs meet national and international benchmarks.

The meeting concluded that collaboration, innovation and quality enhancement in the field of agriculture education in Pakistan is the need of the hour.

