

## 1<sup>st</sup> Region-wise One Day Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators at The University of Agriculture- Peshawar

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NAEAC was established in 2005 with the mission to improve the standard and quality of agriculture and allied education based on established policies, procedures and criteria prescribed by HEC to meet emerging challenges of knowledge economy. One of the function of the council is to develop and update the roster of program evaluators/subject experts. Since 2007-08, council has been maintaining the roster that consists of experts of more than 16 discipline of Agriculture.

Four training workshops were conducted in 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2017 in which about 120 evaluators participated. The new Chairman, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan took an initiative to expand the program evaluators pool in each discipline of Agriculture and Allied Sciences. The public/private sector universities and research departments were requested to nominate senior teachers/researchers for participation in accreditation process as and when required. Consequently NAEAC received more than 400 nominations across the country. It was difficult to accommodate/manage one training workshop at Islamabad. Hence it was decided that region wise training workshop may be arranged. In this regard, first region-wise workshop was arranged at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar on November 2, 2023. Four training modules were prepared as follows:



- i. Quality assurance and accreditation process of NAEAC
- ii. Program evaluation criteria and standards/sub-standards (Tool kit)
- iii. Introduction of Agriculture Accreditation Automation System (AAAS)
- iv. Roles and responsibilities of Program Evaluators, AIC report writing and SWOT analysis

Fifty four program evaluators representing different disciplines of Agriculture and Allied Sciences from UAP, AWKU Mardan, BKU Charsadda and PFI Peshawar participated in the training workshop.

The training workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Ahamd-Ur-Rahman Saljoqi, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection Sciences, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP) and concluding session was graced by the Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, UAP. The vice chancellor appreciated this initiative and emphasized that this type of training will not only facilitate the NAEAC but also add in quality education in the respective institutions. In the end, accreditation certificates were distributed among HoDs/Chairman Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology, Horticulture and Plant Pathology accredited during the last fiscal year.

