

## Paid Internship on Food System Transformation by GAIN

NAEAC in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) arranged one month paid internship on food systems transformation. Two Hundred Fifty students including 28 supervisor/mentors from 19 Universities/HEIs were selected. Two webinars were arranged to provide awareness among students/researchers/teachers. This new initiative will help to meet global commitment of Pakistan



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## Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences and HND degree Programs at The University of Lahore

**May 7, 2024**

The University of Lahore (UOL) is the largest private sector university in Pakistan with more than 35,000 students. It was established in 1999 and since then it is offering courses in the fields of Medicine & Dentistry, Engineering, Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences. With strong emphasis on balanced progress and focus on human capital, the University has grown to 11 faculties and more than 45 departments.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Hafiz Naeem Asghar, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Dr. Shinawar Waseem Ali, Chairman, Department of Food Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences and Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND). Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Rector, UOL, Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Mr. Ali Aslam, Registrar, UOL, Dr. Anees Ahmed Khalil, HoD, University Institute of Diet & Nutritional Sciences, UOL, Dr. Rab Nawaz, HoD, Department of Environmental

Sciences, UOL and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf chaired the inaugural session and Mr. Ali Aslam, Registrar presented a brief overview of the University. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC explained the process of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant sections where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the respective HoD/Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sport facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the noon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Rector, UOL chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education. At the end, Rector presented the university souvenir to AIC and NAEAC teams.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND degree Program at Yashfeen College of Allied Health Sciences (YCAHS) - Lahore

**May 07, 2024**

Yashfeen College of Allied Health Sciences (YCAHS), Lahore is a private affiliated college located in the area of Shahdara, Lahore. YCAHS was established in 2022 and affiliated with The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB). Currently, YCAHS is offering 3 Allied Health Sciences degree programs namely Doctor of Therapy (DPT),

BS Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) and BS Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT).



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at YCAHS, Lahore for BS HND degree program on May 7, 2024. Dr. Sarwat Ali Raja, Principal, Prof. Aslam Hayat, Controller Examination, Dr. Adeel Mateen Qureshi, Assistant Professor and Ms. Maham Abid, HoD, HND, YCAHS, Lahore received and welcomed the guest, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC. Ms. Maham Abid presented the overview of the YCAHS, LAHORE including infrastructure especially about HND degree program.



The seminar was held in college auditorium. Ms. Maham Abid acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started after the brief presentation on the college followed by the introductory session. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. The presentation was followed by a very informative Q & A session.

The seminar was attended by Dr. Habib-e-Ajmi, Managing Director,

YCAHS, Mr. Attique-ur-Rehman, Director Admin, faculty members and students of HND department. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Dr. Sarwat Ali Raja, Principal, YCAHS, Lahore. He assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.



## Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences and HND degree Programs at UVAS- Lahore

May 08, 2024

With a marvelous history of 137 years of excellence, the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore is now positioned among top ten Universities of Pakistan. Originally it was established as a school in 1882, it was later transformed into a college by the end of nineteenth century. Realizing the importance of livestock and poultry sectors in the economy of the county and growing need of human resource and research work in veterinary & animal sciences and allied fields in the country, this historic institution was upgraded as university in 2002. Presently, UVAS comprises of 23 departments in five faculties, four institutes and two constituent colleges along with seven affiliated institutes. The university has over 332 faculty members including 186 Ph.D., UVAS offers 26 undergraduate, 30 M.Phil. and 23 Ph.D. degree programs in different areas along with 3 diploma courses and a number of need based short trainings and certificate courses for



capacity building of the human resource in these fields. Presently, about 8,000 students are studying in various disciplines in the University.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Rab Nawaz, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences, UOL and Dr. Ubaid ur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Management & Technology (UMT), Lahore as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Science and Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND). Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management, UVAS, Lahore, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC and all HoDs of respective departments and other faculty members received and welcomed the guests. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management chaired the inaugural session. After introduction, video played about history of UVAS, Lahore. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC explained NAEAC activities and the importance of accreditation in higher education.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the respective HoDs/Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the noon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Meritorious Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younus, Vice Chancellor, UVAS, Lahore chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younus thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education. At the end, Vice Chancellor presented University Souvenir to NAEAC and AIC teams.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Agriculture degree Program at Govt. College University- Lahore

May 08, 2024

Government College University, Lahore (GCUL) is a public sector university. Its main campus is located in the urban area of Lahore and new campus is situated in Kala Shah Kaku (KSK), a town 18 km away from the main campus on GT Road. GCU was established in 1864 which was upgraded to university in 2002 and it is among the beacons of knowledge in the country. Currently GCUL having 4 Faculties offering different undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs. Department of Agriculture is newly established department situated at the Kala Shah Kaku (KSK) campus and currently offering BS (Hons.) Agriculture.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Kashif, Incharge, Department of Agriculture picked the Guests from UVAS- Lahore and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Shazia Bashir, Vice Chancellor, GCU, Lahore. After the introduction, the Vice Chancellor talked about the initiative of GCUL to initiate BSc (Hons) Agri. at new campus KSK. After a short discussion of mutual interest the guests moved to a meeting room where students and all faculty members including Dr. Muhammad Saleem Kashif, Incharge Department of Agriculture, Prof. Dr. Hamid Mukhtar, Director Quality Enhancement Cell and Dr. Ayub Rashid Chaudhary, Additional Registrar welcomed the guests Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC.



Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. The presentation was followed by a very informative Q & A session. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi also interacted with the students and faculty members. He also extended a generous guidance for the successful completion of this accreditation process according to the needs of NAEAC and HEC.



The seminar was attended by Chairperson, Department of Agriculture, faculty members and students of the department. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Dr. Muhammad Saleem Kashif, In-Charge, Department of Agriculture, GCUL. Prof. Dr. Shazia Bashir, Vice Chancellor GCUL assured that the administration will fulfill all the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of agricultural education in the University. At the end, souvenirs were presented to the esteemed guests.



## Accreditation visit of Dairy Technology, Fisheries & Aquaculture and Poultry Science-UVAS- Ravi Pattoki Campus

May 9, 2024

Consequent upon the up-gradation of the College of Veterinary

Sciences (CVS), Lahore to University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Govt. of Punjab allotted about 1000 acres at Pattoki for the establishment of the sub campus, named as Ravi Campus, Pattoki. This campus is offering 6 undergraduate and 10 post graduate degree programs.



Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Director, Institute of Animal & Dairy Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Prof. (Retd). Dr. Abdul Rab, Department of Zoology, Women University conducted Accreditation visit of Poultry Science, Dairy Technology and Fisheries & Aquaculture. Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Saima, Dean, Faculty of Animal Production & Technology, Prof. Dr. Arshad Javed, Principal Officer/Dean, Faculty of Fisheries & Wildlife, UVAS Pattoki, Dr. Dawar Hameed, Director QEC, UVAS, Ravi Campus Pattoki and all HoDs of respective departments and other faculty members received and welcomed the guests. Prof. Dr. Arshad Javed, Principal Officer, UVAS, Ravi Campus Pattoki chaired the inaugural session. After introduction, a video played covering history and accomplishment of the campus. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC explained the overview of NAEAC activities.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were discussed by the respective HoDs/Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked

for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Arshad Javed, Principal Officer, UVAS, Ravi Campus Pattoki chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Arshad Javed thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.



## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree Program at University of Chakwal

May 14, 2024

The University of Chakwal (UOC) was established by the Government of the Punjab on January 17, 2020. UOC is amongst the fastest growing university in the country. Currently the ADP project with Rs. 7 billion under the annual development plan of the Government of Pakistan, is under execution to develop for leading to expansion of both the City Campus (40 acres) and Balkasar campus (adjacent to the motorway, 115 acres). Currently there are 8 faculties and 20 departments in UOC. The HND degree program was initiated in 2021, currently 98 students are enrolled and 4 teaching faculty (2 PhD) in HND.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree program at University

of Chakwal. Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs, NAEAC also accompanied the AIC.

Dr. Muhammad Imran Additional Director Academics, Dr. Sajid Mehmood Additional Director QEC, Dr. Mohsin Tarar, Additional Director ORIC, Dr. Sajeela Akram Chairperson HND and Dr. Iqra Yasmin Assistant Professor HND received the guests. The inaugural session was held in the seminar hall where Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Registrar, University of Chakwal highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the University. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and sub-criteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.



Then AIC moved to HND department where detailed presentation of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary was given by the HoD. AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Registrar, University of Chakwal chaired the concluding session where program evaluator/expert shared his observations. Additional Director Academics, HOD and Faculty members were also present in the exit meeting. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at The University of Agriculture, Swat

May 16, 2024

The Sub-Campus of The Agriculture University of Peshawar was upgraded to University of Agriculture Swat (UOAS) in December 2021. The University is functioning in Agri. Research Institute Takhtaband, Mingora Swat. The university Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Dawood Jan has taken very positive initiative both in Academics and Financial areas. On Academic side, 5 departments including ENTO, FST, HORT, PBG and Soil Science has been established. The current faculty is 28 and current student enrollment is 60. The financial initiative include pension endowment fund (Rs. 530 million), University endowment fund (Rs.529.758 million), Scholarships (Rs. 40 million) and revenue enhancement and fund generation (Rs. 60 million). Rules and Regulations for each fund are documented by getting approval from concerned statutory bodies.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at The University of Agriculture Swat on May 16, 2024. Prof. Dr. Farmanullah, Director QEC/Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Hidayatur Rahman, Controller Examination, Mr. Akbar Khan, Advisor Finance/Establishment, Dr. Abrar Ul Haq, Deputy Registrar and other faculty members received and welcomed the guest. Before the seminar, Prof. Dr. Farmanullah, Director QEC/Director ORIC presented the salient achievements of the university.

The Seminar was held in the meeting room where Prof. Dr. Farmanullah acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started after the brief presentation on the university followed by the introductory session. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. During the presentation, Questions raised by the participants were discussed in details

The seminar was attended by Director QEC/Director ORIC, Controller Examination, Advisor Finance/Establishment, Deputy Registrar, faculty members and students of agriculture department. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Prof. Dr. Farmanullah, Director QEC/Establishment, UOAS. He assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.



## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree Program at Govt. Graduate College for Women Peoples Colony No. 02- Faisalabad

May 20, 2024

This college was constituted on 1st June 1998 by the efforts of late Ch. Mohammad Sadeeq Salar. Initially it started functioning in the building of Govt. MC High School Izafi No.1. Later on established its own identity and extended on a land of 4 acres at current location of the college. There are 80 faculty members. Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program started in 2022 where 25 students are enrolled.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Benish Israr, Associate Professor, Institute of Home Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree program at Graduate College for Women Peoples Colony No. 02- Faisalabad. Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Registration, NAEAC also accompanied the AIC.



Ms. Rubina Naz, Principal, GGCW, Faisalabad, Dr. Najma Bano, Vice Principal, Ms. Uzma Shahid, Assistant Professor, HND, Ms. Saima Ishtiaq, HoD, HND, GGCW, Faisalabad received the guests. A meeting was held in the Principal office. After introduction and discussion of mutual interest, the delegates moved to a computer Lab where all students, teachers and relevant staff participated in the departmental presentation. Initially, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC explained how the accreditation processes is completed by NAEAC AIC. Then Ms. Saima Ishtiaq, HoD, HND, GGCW, Faisalabad presented in detail about the departmental accomplishments as per itinerary.



The AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Ms. Rubina Naz, Principal, GGCW, Faisalabad chaired the concluding session where program evaluator/expert shared her observation. Vice Principal, HoD and other faculty members were also present in the exit meeting. Ms. Rubina Naz thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at

## Lyallpur Institute of Management and Sciences, Faisalabad

May 21, 2024

Lyallpur Institute of Management and Sciences (LIMS), Faisalabad was established in 2016. It is located in Batala Colony Satiana Road Faisalabad. LIMS College contain seven Departments including Human Nutrition and Dietetics. HND department was established in 2017. Total number of students of in HND department is 200 plus.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at LIMS, Faisalabad on May 21, 2024. Mr. Haseeb Mushtaq, Principal, LIMS, Faisalabad, Mr. Waqas Aslam, Admin Manager, Ms. Hirah Shakoor, HoD, HND and Ms. Areej Munir, Lecturer, HND received and welcomed the guests.

The seminar was held in the conference room of the institute where Ms. Hirah Shakoor, HoD, HND, LIMS, Faisalabad acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started after the brief presentation on the institute followed by the introductory session. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. During the presentation, Questions raised by the participants were discussed in details.





The seminar was attended by Principal, Admin Manager, HoD, other faculty members and students of HND department. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Mr. Haseeb Mushtaq, Principal, LIMS, Faisalabad. He assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Abbottabad University of Science & Technology- Havelian

June 4, 2024

This college was constituted on 1st June 1998 by the efforts of late Abbottabad is the biggest town and headquarter of Hazara division in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Havelian is an important Tehsil of district Abbottabad situated on Karakorum Highway/Express Way. Hazara University, after starting operations at Mansehra in 2002, established its second sub-campus at Havelian in 2008 on a vast area (over 150 acres). The same campus has been declared as Abbottabad University of Science and Technology after being chartered by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly in May 2015. Currently, there are 4 faculties and 4,000 enrolled students. AUST initiated FST program in fall 2021 and currently enrolled students in FST are more than 60.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Abbottabad University of Science & Technology, Abbottabad on June 4, 2024. Dr. Mudassir Ali Qazalbash, Focal Person, Department of FST, Dr. Azam Hayat, Chairman, Department of MLT and Mr. Usman Shoukat Lecturer, FST received and welcomed the guests. Following their arrival, the guests visited the Vice Chancellor's office, where they engaged in discussions on mutual interests and collaborative opportunities.

The seminar started in the main conference hall with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Zia Ahmed, Registrar of AUST. This was followed by an introductory session. Dr. Saif Ullah Khan, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), provided an overview of AUST and the initiatives of its QEC. Dr. Azam Hayat then presented a comprehensive history and introduction of

both the university and the Department of Microbiology and Food Science and Technology.

Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. During the presentation, Questions raised by the participants were discussed in details. During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Malik Mujaddad Ur Rehman, Vice Chancellor not only remained present in the entire session but

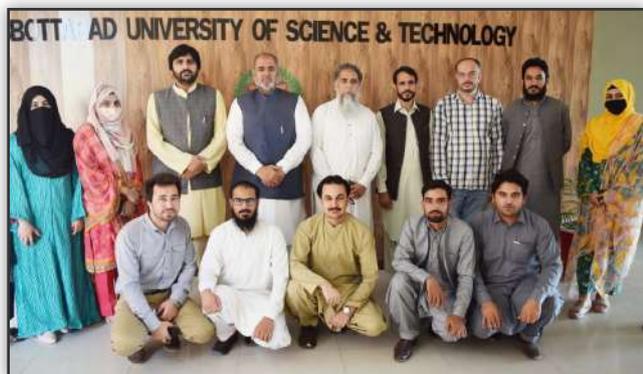


also emphasized the commitment of the university's faculty members towards quality education and the necessity of upgrading the curriculum based on modern industrial needs. He also briefed the guests on the various initiatives undertaken by AUST to enhance educational standards and facilities. The seminar was also attended by the Mr. Imran Javed, Controller of Examination and Dr. Muhammed Rizwan, Chairman, Pakistan Studies and faculty members of FST, Microbiology and MLT, reflecting the broad interest and support for the accreditation process across the university.

Following the seminar, the guests visited the university's classrooms, laboratories and library, gaining a first hand view of the facilities and resources available to students. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar also addressed the students of BSc. (Hons) Food Science and Technology, in the ORIC Hall, offering words of encouragement and highlighting the importance of maintaining high educational standards.



In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Malik Mujaddad Ur Rehman, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mudassir Ali Qazalbash and Dr. Azam Hayat thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at National University of Science & Technology (NUST)-Islamabad

June 13, 2024

National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) was established in March 1991. It has earned the infallible reputation of being a next-generation university with a strong focus on multidisciplinary higher education, research and innovation. Creativity and innovation are embedded as core values in all scholastic activities. The university produces professionals and researchers of high caliber, capable of developing indigenous technologies to meet the growing demands of the 21st century. An outstanding feature of the university is that while maintaining traditional values of excellence in teaching and research, it challenges conventional practices and creates new ways of developing and delivering courses, pertaining to emerging and cutting-edge disciplines, on most modern lines reflecting by its QS ranking of 353 in 2024.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Atta-ur-Rahman School of Applied Biosciences (ASAB), NUST for the Food Science & Technology program. Dr. Faraz Bhatti (Acting Principal ASAB), Dr. Fazal Adnan, HoD, Department of Microbiology and Biotechnology, ASAB, NUST received the guest. Dr. Fazal Adnan inaugurated the seminar with a brief introduction of the respected guest and purpose of the seminar. He also presented an overview of the university and highlighted the significance of Food Science & Technology.

Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main rubrics and 73 subrubrics in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. During the presentation, the participants (students and faculty) of the seminar also contributed through their insightful questions that added more to the knowledge about the importance of quality assurance in academic excellence and future aspects of the degree accreditation process.



In the concluding remarks, Dr. Faraz Bhatti, Acting Principal, ASAB NUST thanked the guest speaker and assured that the university administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.



## A webinar on “Orientation on Pakistan Food System Dashboard (PFSD)” for the interns and Supervisors/Mentors

June 13, 2024

A webinar for internship orientation on PFSD was arranged for the awareness amongst the university students and teachers/supervisor/mentors about key features of Pakistan Food System dashboard on June 13, 2024. According to 2023 population estimate 60% of the total population is under the age of 30 years. Realizing the youth significance influence on decision making, future leadership, change makers and voice of the future, an internship program on food system transformation was advertised. Among the many applicants, more than 200 shortlisted students and mentors participated in this webinar. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC highlighted the need to join hands to undertake the research on food system transformation through one month internship program. Mr. Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy & Advocacy, GAIN, apprised the participants regarding technical depth and future implications of this area of research. The webinar ended with thanks from Chair.



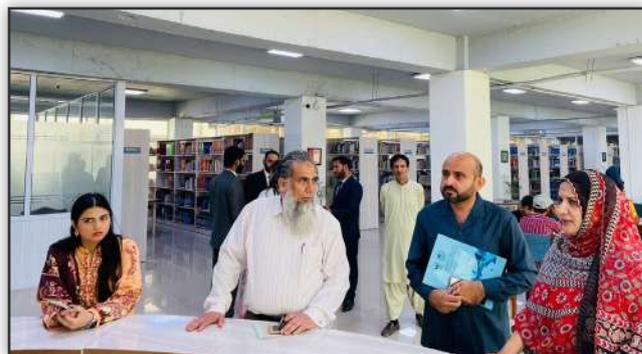
## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree Program at Hamdard University- Islamabad Campus

June 27, 2024

Hamdard University is a first private research university in Pakistan with campuses in Karachi and Islamabad. It was founded in 1991 by the renowned philanthropist Hakim Said of the Hamdard Foundation. Hamdard University Islamabad Campus is located adjacent to Comsats University. This Campus has 6 faculties including Faculty of Eastern Medicines where HND program is being offered. HND was initiated in 2022. Currently 81 students are enrolled.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Umar Farooq, HoD, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree program at Hamdard University, Islamabad Campus. Ms. Mishal Fatima, Assistant Director Registration, NAEAC also accompanied the AIC.



Prof. Dr. Syed Faisal Haider, Associate Dean, Faculty of Eastern Medicine (FEM), Ms. Neelum Shehzadi, Incharge HND and admin staff received the guests. Mr. Imtiaz Haider, Director General and Mr. Shehzad Afzal Kiyani, Director QEC at DG office welcomed the AIC team where the inaugural session was held. Firstly, Prof. Dr. Syed Faisal Haider gave introductory presentation on Hamdard University. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC explained how the accreditation processes is completed by NAEAC AIC. Then Ms. Neelum, Incharge, HND gave presentation on department of HND as per itinerary.

The AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments, assignments and examination results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Mr. Imtiaz Haider, Director General chaired the concluding session where program evaluator/expert shared his observation. Mr. Imtiaz Haider thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education. At the end of the visit, shields were presented to NAEAC and AIC team.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar on Pakistan Food System Dashboard (PFSD)

June 28, 2024

A continuation of webinar on June 13, 2024, some queries/clarifications were demanded by the mentors/supervisors. This webinar was arranged to discuss in length the raised issues, research areas, methodologies, presentation format and research report format. Mr. Faiz Rasool Cheema, Head of Policy & Advocacy, GAIN shared his views with participants and lastly Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC thanked the participants and expressed his hope that this collaboration will pave an avenue to self-sufficiency and food security in the country.

