



## National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council

### 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF NAEAC

Tenth Meeting of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) of HEC was held on September 15, 2014 at Mural Hall of Higher Education Commission building, Sector H-9, Islamabad at 10:30 AM. Dr. M.E. Tusneem, Chairman, NAEAC presided the meeting. Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain Qureshi, Advisor (Retd), HEC and other Council Members representing the agriculture universities, leading agro-industries and R&D institutions in public and private sectors also attended this meeting. The Council reviewed the progress of the Accreditation Activities during 2013-14 carried-out in different agriculture institutions in the country besides the confirmation of the minutes of the ninth meeting of the Council. It was noticed with concern that evaluation rating of the newly initiated degree programs generally in the newly established institutions is low and unsatisfactory implying these programs do not meet some of the criteria/standards of HEC. Annual Work Plan for FY 2014-15 was endorsed subject to minor modifications. Approval of the budget for FY 2014-15 was also accorded. The Council members emphasized that Council may be provided adequate funds to implement its mandate to carry-out its major activities effectively of external evaluation and accreditation of degree programs, conduct of awareness seminars, and strengthening of institutional database, etc.

In recent years, the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan has taken several initiatives to improve both access to and quality of higher education. Establishment of the Accreditation Councils (ACs) is a major step towards improving the quality of degree programs and bringing them at par with the international standards. Accreditation is both about quality assurance and quality improvement. Accreditation process determines the minimum acceptable educational standard.

