

MRCs not only focus on general public/future migrants but also on other institutionalized stakeholders (governmental and non-governmental), who are directly or indirectly involved in the facilitation or communication of migration related issues. The center conducts information sessions at vocational and technical training schools, colleges, universities and with the communities.

Mr. Khayyam Sohail – MRC Counsellor, gave presentation covering what migration is, its types, push and pull factors, reasons for migration, positive and negative effects of migration, safe migration,

irregular migration and migration in Pakistan's context. He also talked about avenues for Pakistani students; in the end, he took questions from the audience.

At the end, Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Karamat Ali, presented shields to Mr. Shahid Naveed and Mr. Khayyam Sohail. Employees of ORIC and faculty members of Management Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and English Languages attended the event.



Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) established in August 2014 in National University of Modern Languages (NUML) at its main campus to implement Higher Education Commission's (HEC) plan of developing research culture. The purpose of this office is to introduce and promote research culture within NUML by supporting university's strategic research directions and policies and by improving integration of research and education at all levels of the university. ORIC promotes and enhances cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary research initiatives and aims to increase external research funding. This office works to strengthen university-industry relationships and to support local and national economy and works to promote entrepreneurship, technology-transfer and commercialization activities.



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Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC)
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Seminar on "Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 Innovation Challenge"

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Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) organized a seminar on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 Innovation Challenge on May 14, 2018 at Confucius Hall in Ibn-e-Khaldoon Block.

SDG 16 Innovation Challenge is a joint initiative of Government of Pakistan, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan and Accountability Lab Pakistan.

SDG 16 innovation competition is an initiative for young people in Pakistan to find creative solutions for SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions. The initiative is built on the understanding that youth in Pakistan are a key stakeholder in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and have many ideas that can help us achieve the goals to make Pakistan more prosperous and secure. The competition will support youngsters to develop their ideas, build skills and connect with others working towards the same ends.



Mr. Aadil Mansoor, Assistant Country Director - Crisis Prevention & Recovery Unit (CPRU), UNDP Pakistan, Mr. Fayyaz Yaseen, Director Programs, Accountability Lab and Prof. Dr. Karamat Ali, Director ORIC were the speakers. Adviser - Governance, UNDP, Ms. Laura Sheridan was among the attendees.

UNDP is a part of the United Nation's global development network that advocates for change and connects countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help build better lives. Globally, UNDP currently is collaborating with 177 countries and territories and a wide range of partners to develop local capacity and enable customized solutions that best meet development challenges.

UNDP is working with the Government, civil society, national partners and the people of Pakistan to help find solutions to persistent development challenges. UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. With offices in more than 160 countries and territories, UNDP offers global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.



Mr. Aadil Mansoor (Assistant Country Director, CPRU-UNDP) briefed the participants about the vision behind SDG 16 Innovation Challenge - an initiative of Accountability Lab, UNDP Pakistan and Young Peace and Development Corps (YPDC) (project of Planning Commission Pakistan, which aims to actively mobilize the youth to participate in the socioeconomic development of Pakistan). Its first ever Innovation Challenge on SDG 16, a month-long competition through which young Pakistanis can submit their creative ideas along with possible solutions related to the emerging issues of peace, justice, and accountability. Ideas could include anything from using the arts, media, technology, or other approaches.



Accountability Lab was founded in 2012 – with a vision of a world in which people with power are accountable. Lab supports change-makers to develop and implement positive ideas for integrity in their communities, unleashing positive social and economic change. Three mutually-reinforcing objectives of the lab are: to support a positive movement to build accountability; provide substantive, flexible and long-term support for those leaders who can collectively lead this movement within specific contexts; and support collaboration around accountability and open governance.

Mr. Fayyaz Yaseen (Director Programs, Accountability Lab) gave presentation on SDG 16 Innovation Challenge; key target areas of the competition are Reduction in violence, End to abuse, trafficking and violence and torture of children, Rule of law and equal access to justice, Reduction in corruption and bribery, Effective,



accountable and transparent institutions, Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making, Provision of legal identity for all, including birth registration, Public access to information and protection of fundamental freedoms, Strengthening of institutions to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

The participants with the top 20 ideas from across Pakistan will be invited to a 2-day workshop in Islamabad to further refine their concepts in late May. The culmination of the campaign will be a pitch competition in front of a panel of judges, from which one winning idea from each of the seven categories defined will be chosen. The winners will be eligible for an internship at UNDP to further develop their ideas; a place within Accountability Lab's incubator; and possible financing from external partners.

Last stage of the seminar was based on Human Centered Design Activity; purpose of the activity was to develop ideas from the user perspective. Participants were divided in seven focus groups; the activity aimed to foster a sense of collaboration and equip participants with a better understanding of the issues so that they can address the challenges. Students from faculty of Management Sciences, Social Sciences and English Languages participated in the activity.



Prof. Dr. Karamat (Director ORIC) stated, such competitions encourage students to work for the betterment of the society. The main focus of the competition is to do good, not necessarily something big - any minor idea can also benefit the society as a whole.

6-weeks 'Office Support Staff Training Program'

ORIC organized training program for support staff, "NUML Office Support Staff Training Program" (NOSSTP) from May 02 to June 12, 2018. It was a follow-up program of NUML's Clerical Staff's Training Program (NCSTP) executed in July 2017.



The program was mandatory for support staff (like Office Assistants and Computer Assistants) of all administrative and teaching departments of main campus especially who didn't attend 'Clerical Staff's Training Program' and those newly recruited.

Objectives of the program were, to provide hands on customized training to keep the office support staff professionally challenged, motivated and engaged, to help them be good communicators and collaborators, to facilitate them in performance management training, to provide a venue for their professional growth and career mobility within the university and to make them play important part in their career success.

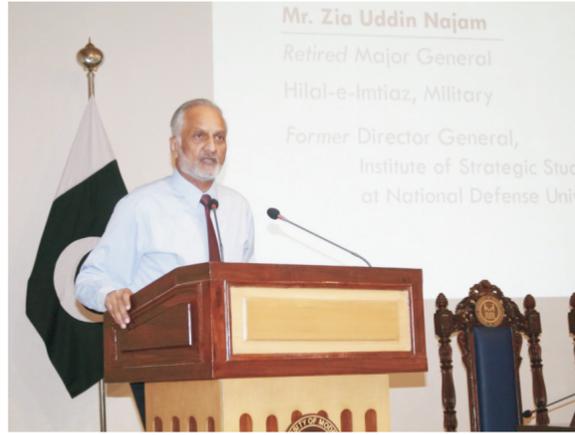
Modules of the training program were: IT and Office Automation, Office Procedures, Workplace Communication Skills, Workplace Ethics and Soft Skills and Accounting and Financial Management.

Methodology of the modules was based on, Collaborative learning methods, Simulation and role plays, Presentations, Case Studies, Problem solving, Hands on practical sessions and Carry home tasks/assignments.



Resource persons of the program were Brigadier (Retired) Muhammad Tufail (HoD IT Department), Ms. Saima Anwar Shirani (Assistant Director – IT Department), Mr. Sajid Javed (Network Administrator), Mr. Rizwan Akhtar (System/Network

Administrator), Mr. Syed Junaid Shah (Computer Programming Officer), Mr. Nauman Khalid (Database Administrator), Mr. Azkar Subhani (Network Support Assistant), Mr. Qaiser Nadeem (Deputy Network Administrator), Ms. Ameena Zafar (Assistant Professor - Communication Trainer), Mr. Usman Asif (HR Manager/Trainer), Mr. Sultan Farid Zafar (HR Manager/Trainer) and Ms. Rabeel Khan.



Closing Ceremony was held on June 13, 2018. Rector NUML - Maj. General (R) Zia Uddin Najam graced the ceremony as Chief Guest; Director General NUML - Brig. Muhammad Ibrahim, Director ORIC - Prof. Dr. Karamat Ali, other Directors and Deans attended the ceremony.



(June 13, 2018) Rector NUML, Maj. General (Retd.) Zia ud din Najam with Director General, Brig. Muhammad Ibrahim, Directors, Deans, Registrar, Resource Persons and staff (ORIC, IT Department and clerical) of NUML at the closing ceremony of NOSSTP.

Closing Session of 'Future Generation Leadership Program'

Business Incubation Center of NUML (B ICON) organized four weeks leadership program titled, "Future Generation Leadership Program" for students of Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs from March 07 to April 26, 2018.

Resource Person, Mr. Usman Rafique conducted the program; he is an International Leadership Fellow at East West Center, University of Hawaii, USA for Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Objective of this program was, to build leadership capacity of students so that they can lead in their respective fields.



"Right to Responsibility" by DBTV (Episode-1)

B ICON in collaboration with DBTV.live organized a talk on "Democracy and Future of English Language Studies in Pakistan keeping in view C-PEC" for the program "Right to Responsibility" on May 04, 2018. Faculty members and students of different departments participated in the talk.



'Start-up Meet-up & Talk' with Vice President, Dubai technology entrepreneur center (Dtec)

ICON organized a 'Start-up Meet-up & Talk' with Mr. Hans Henrik Christensen, Vice President - Dubai technology entrepreneur center (Dtec) at Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority (DSOA) on May 11, 2018. He visited Pakistan to attend final of HULT Prize Competition.

Mr. Hans gave detailed introduction of 'technology entrepreneur center', its culture and future plans of Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority.

Students from faculty of Management Sciences, Engineering and Computer Science and Social Sciences participated in the talk.



"Right to Responsibility" by DBTV (Episode-2)

ICON and DBTV.live organized second episode of program "Right to Responsibility" on May 11, 2018. Episode was based on two sessions, one on "Gender Equality in Pakistan" and other on, "Future of PhDs in Pakistan".

Participants were faculty members and students of different departments.



Orientation Session on 'Safe and Informed Migration'

ORIC organized orientation session on "Safe and Informed Migration" in collaboration with Migrant Resource Center (MRC) on May 10, 2018. Objectives of the session were to raise awareness and provide information on regular migration, irregular migration, human trafficking, migrant smuggling and related serious risks, in order to empower them and encourage them to make informed choices.



Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (MoOP&HRD) established first ever Migrant Resource Centre in Islamabad in April 2016. MoOP&HRD established this center and planned inauguration of the center with the support of European Union (EU) funded International Labour Organization (ILO) project "South Asia Labour Migration Governance". The center will provide a range of services to intended migrant workers, migrant workers and their families, counselling, pre-departure orientation and referral to save migrant workers from exploitation and abuse in the migration cycle.



Team of MRC visited NUML comprised of Mr. Shahid Naveed (Coordinator), Mr. Khayyam Sohail (Counsellor) and Mr. Umer Wazir (Counsellor).

Coordinator at MRC, Mr. Shahid gave introduction of the center. The center operates to provide migrants with information and counselling in various areas, such as overseas employment, rights and protection of



migrants, access to education systems in other countries, skills development and vocational training programmes in Pakistan. More importantly, MRC's team of counsellors provide awareness on the benefits of safe and regular migration and the dangers and consequences of irregular migration.

The center strives to provide information to potential migrants on possibilities for orderly migration, as well as rules and regulations, including relevant pre-departure information. MRC gives pre-departure orientation and information on work and living conditions abroad and their rights and obligations to outgoing migrants. Center also working to raise awareness and provide clear information to



potential migrants on the risks and dangers associated with irregular migration. MRC has offices in Islamabad and Lahore..

