

ECOSF NEWSLETTER



President ECOSF called upon Iran's Minister of Science, Research & Technology

Tehran, August 31, 2026 – Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF met with H.E. Prof. Hossein Simaee Sarraf, Minister of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Tehran. Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Deputy Minister for Research, Prof. Ehsan Ghaboul, Head of the International Scientific Cooperation Center, MSRT, and Prof. Mohammad Roshan, Chief Advisor to the minister also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Prof. Tayebi presented a report on the 6th ECOSF Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting held in Islamabad in July 2026 and appreciated support of the Iranian delegates during the BoT and requested the Minister to follow up on the Board's decision regarding Iran's annual mandatory contribution and arrears to ECOSF. H.E. Prof. Simaee Sarraf reaffirmed his full support for Iran's financial commitment to the Foundation and asked ECOSF to help strengthen the bilateral relationship between ECOSF and MSRT, deepen ECOSF's ties with other international organizations, promote exchange programmes between MSRT and Pakistan's Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), and share information through both sides' websites and media channels.



Building on this support, Prof. Abtahi proposed implementing a practical and sustained cooperation programme between ECOSF and MSRT, while Prof. Ghaboul announced the potential award of 100 scholarships and fellowships for Pakistani professors and scholars.

President ECOSF Meets Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology

Islamabad, August 07, 2026. The President of the Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF), Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, met with the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Pakistan, Mr. Shahid Iqbal Baloch, on 7 August 2026 at the Ministry of Science and Technology, Islamabad.



During the meeting, the President ECOSF expressed his appreciation to MoST for its hospitality, support, and cooperation in hosting the 6th Meeting of the ECOSF Board of Trustees (BoT). He added, under the leadership of the MoST, the meeting accomplished fruitful and normative outcomes. He also discussed opportunities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation between the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Iran (MSRT) and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Pakistan, particularly in the areas of student and professor exchange programmes, as well as other mutually beneficial initiative.

The President ECOSF further requested the support and assistance of the Ministry in engaging with non-ratifying countries, particularly Türkiye, with a view to promoting greater participation and cooperation within the ECO framework.

The Federal Secretary, Mr. Shahid Iqbal Baloch, extended his gratitude to Prof. Tayebi and his team for their extensive preparations they made before and during the 6th ECOSF BOT meeting. He added his ministry will continue its support of ECOSF's goals in promoting STI in the region as well as follow up on the matter of ratification of non-ratifying members.

5th Hands-on Islamabad STEM Camp Concludes Successfully at AIOU



The 5th Hands-on Islamabad STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Camp successfully concluded on 8th August 2026 at the Main Campus of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad, providing young students with an engaging platform to explore science, technology and engineering through practical, hands-on learning.

The six-day Camp, held from 3 to 8 August 2026, was jointly organized by the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Pakistan Science Club (PSC), and NUVEX (Pakistan). The initiative builds upon the successful collaboration between ECOSF, AIOU and PSC in previous editions of the Islamabad STEM Camp. This year, NUVEX joined the initiative as a new

partner, adding engineering, aerodynamics and racing-car activities to the programme. The 5th Islamabad STEM Camp was organized with the shared vision of inspiring young minds to learn, experiment, innovate and develop solutions to real-world challenges through STEM.



A total of 105 students participated in the Camp, with 80 students engaged by Pakistan Science Club and 25 students by NUVEX. The programme adopted a hands-on, project-based approach, enabling students to apply scientific and engineering concepts to practical, real-world challenges.

Under the PSC component, students worked on a range of innovative projects, including the design of a light-guided rescue/maze-solving robot, designing and testing a solar cooker, developing a solar water purification system, constructing and testing an earthquake-resistant structure, and designing and presenting an emergency shelter prototype.

These activities provided students with practical exposure to robotics, renewable energy, water purification, structural engineering, disaster resilience and engineering design. The projects also encouraged participants to develop creativity, teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The NUVEX component introduced students to engineering principles behind automotive engineering, from scientific concepts and digital design to simulation and physical assembly. Students gained practical exposure to real-world engineering, prototyping and manufacturing processes.

During the Camp, Dr. Robina Awan, Prime Minister's Focal Person on Youth Program, accompanied by President ECOSF, also visited the Camp. She observed first-hand how these interactive and engaging activities help establish a solid scientific foundation among children from an early age. Dr. Awan congratulated the ECOSF and all partner organizations on the successful conduct of the Camp.

Following are some glimpses of the Camp Activities:



The Camp concluded with a Closing Ceremony attended by students, parents, organizers, facilitators, volunteers and representatives of the partner organizations. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the ceremony as Chief Guest, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, appreciated the successful organization of the Camp and thanked the partner organizations, students, parents, volunteers and all other individuals who contributed to its success. He emphasized the importance of encouraging young people to explore science and technology through practical learning and collaborative educational initiatives. He also added that STEM Camp 5 provided young participants with a window into real-world science, technology, engineering, prototyping, and manufacturing processes.

Dr. Farkhanda Chaudhry of Science Education Department of AIOU welcomed all the distinguished guests, students, parents, volunteers and the organizers, on behalf of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU).

Mr. Abdul Rauf, CEO Pakistan Science Club, gave an overview of the STEM activities conducted by PSC during the Camp and highlighted the importance of practical learning in developing scientific and innovative thinking among young students. He appreciated support of ECOSF and AIOU to launch the camp.



Mr. Muhammad Saad of NUVEX briefed the participants about NUVEX and its contribution to the Camp, particularly its activities related to engineering, aerodynamics and racing cars.

Students and parents also shared their experiences at the Camp and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in practical STEM activities in an interactive learning environment.

Dr. Muhammad Afzal Tanveer, Chairman, Department of Science Education, AIOU, addressed the ceremony on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of AIOU. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers and emphasized the importance of promoting STEM education among young learners. He also assured stronger collaboration and support of AIOU next year to organize such events.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participating students, recognizing their participation and enthusiasm throughout the Camp. The successful conclusion of the 5th Hands-on Islamabad STEM Camp reflects the commitment of ECOSF and its partners to promoting science education, innovation, creativity and practical STEM learning among young people. The initiative also demonstrates the value of collaboration among educational institutions, science organizations and technology partners in nurturing the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators.

ECOSF, Regional Partners Hold Session on Technology-Enhanced Learning at 13th ICELET

Islamabad, August 27, 2026: The ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) hosted a dedicated session titled **“Technology Enhanced Learning: The Experience of ECO Member Countries”** on Thursday, held in hybrid format as part of the 13th International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICELET) 2026. The session was organised in a hybrid format in partnership with the Islamic World Science, Technology and Innovation Monitoring and Citation Center (ISC) and the e-Learning Association of Iran (YADA), and was moderated by Khalil Raza, Program Manager at ECOSF.



The session brought together five speakers from across the ECO region to discuss how digital and AI-enabled tools are reshaping teaching and learning, ranging from smart classrooms and generative AI in medical education to national digital-divide initiatives and regional policy on inclusive learning. Each speaker was allotted twelve minutes to present, with the floor subsequently opened for a joint question-and-answer session and closing remarks.

Speakers took the floor in turn to share national and institutional perspectives. Prof. Dr. Usama Ijaz Bajwa of University of Biology and Applied Science (UBAS), Pakistan, opened with a survey of emerging trends in e-learning and interactive technologies for learning in the country. He was followed by Prof. Hamid Reza Marateb of the University of Isfahan, Iran, who presented offline HTML-based educational applications as auditable, standards-informed tools for technology-enhanced teaching. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF joined the session in person in Shiraz who offered a regional overview, tracing the trajectory of technology-enhanced learning across the ECO region from access and resilience toward AI-enabled, inclusive learning. Dr. Soleiman Ahmady of Smart University of Medical Science (SMUMS), Iran addressed the use of generative AI in cultivating higher-order thinking in medical education, while Prof. Ali Akbar Safavi of Shiraz University, and Chairman of e-learning Association of Iran (YADA), closed the speaker line-up with reflections on the recent initiatives undertaken and future of technology-enhanced learning in Iran.



The discussion centred on three themes: whether advanced tools such as generative AI and smart classrooms are widening or narrowing the ECO region's digital divide, and what minimum viable technology still delivers meaningful outcomes in under-resourced areas; how to build trust in AI-enabled learning systems in high-stakes fields such as medical education without slowing innovation; and what it would take to move from parallel national initiatives in Pakistan and Iran toward a shared, ECO-wide platform or standard for technology-enhanced learning.



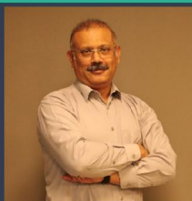
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Technology Enhanced Learning: the Experience of ECO Member Countries
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM (Pakistan Time GMT+5:00) August 27, 2026

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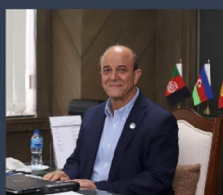
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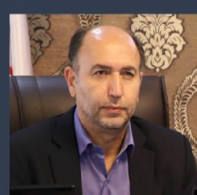
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 Sciences (SMUMS)



Prof. Ali Akbar Safavi
 Shiraz University, Iran, Chairman E-
 Learning Association of Iran (YADA)

ECOSF Highlights Three-Year ICELET Partnership at 2026 Opening Ceremony

Shiraz, August 26, 2026 – Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi attended the inaugural ceremony of the 19th National Conference and 13th International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2026) as one of the lead organizers of the Conference. He delivered a presentation to highlight the partnership of ECOSF with the conference since 2023 to 2026. Prof. Tayebi also added that ECOSF pursues the goal of promoting research and technological development for sustainable development and economic growth in the



ECO Region through developing human resource capacity for STI, strengthening institutional capacity in technological development, and information exchange on S&T Research and Development.

Prof. Seyed Ali Akbar Safavi, the scientific co-chair of the conference, explained that over the past twenty years, this Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT) has always been a platform for researchers, professors, experts, policymakers, technology-based education activists, and the education industry to gather; a platform where scientific findings, practical experiences, and new perspectives are shared to respond to the evolving needs of educational systems.

Prof. Safavi added ICeLeT 2026 is being held in a situation where artificial intelligence, especially generative artificial intelligence, is creating fundamental changes in the way content is produced and presented, interaction between learners and instructors, learning assessment, design of educational environments, and decision-making in educational systems.

In the opening session, Prof. Mohammad Mehdi Alavian Mehr, the conference chair and the President of the Islamic World Science and Technology Citation and Monitoring Institute (ISC), delivered the vote of thanks to the organizers including ECOSF, YADA (E-Learning Association of Iran), etc. He added the conference was also an opportunity to bring together academia, industry, government, and the professional community and exchange experiences among researchers and implementers of innovative educational projects. The presentation of scientific papers, reports of successful experiences, keynote speeches, specialized panel discussions, and educational workshops formed a diverse set of scientific and professional activities of this conference and provided the opportunity for communication and synergy between different domestic and international perspectives.





President ECOSF Participated as a Speaker at the International Education Summit & Expo 2026,

Islamabad – August 19, 2026 - OIC-COMSTECH, in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) and partner institutions, organized the International Education Summit & Expo 2026 at the COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad, under the theme “Promoting Global Education for Sustainable Growth and Economic Prosperity.” The summit brought together vice chancellors, policymakers, education leaders, industry representatives, investors, and international organizations to discuss emerging trends and opportunities in global education.

H.E. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General OIC-COMSTECH, in his welcome remarks, highlighted education as a foundational pillar of the future and called upon universities to adapt to emerging technologies, global uncertainties, and the evolving needs of the younger generation.

The event was attended by Federal Minister for Investment, Mr. Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, as Chief Guest, who emphasized the importance of linking education with employability, innovation, investment, and sustainable economic growth.



On behalf of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Prof. Seyyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF, participated as a speaker at the event. He delivered a speech during the symposium titled “Emerging Destinations for International Study,” highlighting the growing potential of the ECO region as a competitive hub for international education, research, and innovation. He emphasized the importance of quality education, international partnerships, student and faculty mobility, research collaboration, and

affordable study opportunities. Prof. Tayebi also highlighted Pakistan's potential to emerge as an international education destination and called for stronger regional cooperation to develop a globally recognized ECO higher-education space.

The summit featured distinguished speakers from Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Development (ICCD), The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and Higher Education Commission (HEC), along with panel discussions addressing accessible global education, student mobility, vocational skills, women's leadership, artificial intelligence, and academia-industry collaboration. The event provided a valuable platform for dialogue, networking, and strengthening international and regional cooperation in education, research, and innovation.

President ECOSF Meets Chairman NAVTTC to Explore Collaboration on Vocational Education



Islamabad, August 17, 2026. The President ECO Science Foundation Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi met with the Chairman of the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), Engr. Qamar ul Islam Raja on 17 August 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed opportunities to establish collaboration on the robust capacity development of vocational colleges, in partnership with the National New Energy Vehicle Technology Innovation Center (NEVC), China, and Uzbekistan. The discussion focused on strengthening technical and vocational education and training (TVET) across the region and exploring joint initiatives to enhance skills development and support sustainable economic growth. For ECO member countries such as Pakistan and Uzbekistan, this collaboration holds particular significance: it opens access to advanced Chinese expertise in new energy vehicle and green technologies, supports the modernisation of vocational and technical curricula, and helps equip young people with the industry-relevant skills needed to drive clean-energy transition, industrial competitiveness and inclusive economic growth across the ECO region. Mr. Khalil Raza – Program Manager Energy & Climate also joined the meeting.

Report on the Visit of the President of ECOSF to Silicon Village Islamabad

Islamabad - Wednesday August 05, 2026. A high-level visit was organized at Silicon Village Islamabad, where Mr. Abid Kabir Cheema, CEO of Silicon Village Islamabad, hosted Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF). The delegation also included Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Founder of the National Academy of Young Scientists (NAYS) Pakistan, and Dr. Kubra Mehmood, CEO of Planet Bio Labs.



The visit commenced with a comprehensive briefing on Silicon Village Islamabad and the Smart Incubation Center, highlighting its vision, innovation ecosystem, technology-driven initiatives, startup support programs, and its role in fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development. The President of ECOSF was introduced to the ongoing efforts aimed at creating a world-class innovation and technology hub in Pakistan.

Following the briefing, a productive discussion was held between the leadership of ECOSF and Silicon Village Islamabad to explore opportunities for future collaboration. The meeting focused on strengthening partnerships in science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, research commercialization, startup development, and capacity building across the ECO member countries. Both sides expressed their commitment to developing mutually beneficial initiatives that would promote scientific cooperation and technological advancement.



The visit concluded with a guided tour of Capital Smart City, where the delegation visited several ongoing development projects, including the Rehabilitation Center, Adventure District, Sports Complexes and the Capital Smart City Headquarters. The tour provided valuable insights into the city's smart infrastructure, sustainable urban planning, and future development initiatives.

ECOSF Hosts Delegation from the University of Milan

Islamabad - Tuesday August 04, 2026. The ECOSF hosted a delegation from the University of Milan, accompanied by senior management of the DOPASI Foundation. The meeting focused on global health policies, Pakistan's healthcare landscape, and innovative approaches to promoting health equity.

Discussions also highlighted the impact of climate change on healthcare, including extreme weather events, waterborne diseases, and food insecurity. The visiting students shared insights from their academic research and field experiences in Pakistan. ECOSF and the Dopasi Foundation explored potential areas of collaboration, particularly in climate-resilient healthcare and sustainable community health initiatives. President ECOSF, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, expressed his interest in strengthening future partnerships and regional cooperation to address health challenges across ECO Member Countries.



ECOSF Participated in the Race Pakistan launch event

Islamabad August 01, 2026 — In order to transform experiential learning in Pakistan, educational technology firm NUVEX, in collaboration with Serena Hotels, officially launched two premier national STEM initiatives: "Race Pakistan" and "Aero Pakistan." President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi and Mr. Khaill Raza Program Manager joined the inaugural event.

The official launch event, titled NUVEX Next Islamabad 2026, brought together a diverse group of educators, industry leaders, media professionals, and young innovators to discuss the future of engineering, technology, and hands-on learning for Pakistani youth. Ceremony officially launched "Race Pakistan," which originally evolved from the alumni of the NUST Formula Student Team, tasks student groups with designing, manufacturing, testing, and racing miniature F1-style cars. NUVEX also unveiled "Aero Pakistan," celebrated as the country's first high school launcher-powered glider competition. The two competitions are specifically tailored for high school and intermediate students aged 14 to 19, challenging them to move beyond traditional textbook learning and step into the roles of engineers, project managers, and entrepreneurs.



President ECOSF Holds Talks at Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Tehran, August 22, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Islamic Republic of Iran, where he met with Mr. Alireza Toutouchian, Director General of the Department for Multilateral and International Economic Cooperation; Mr. Behzad Azarsa, Director General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Department; and Mr. Mahmoud Hojjati, ECO Coordinator at the Ministry.



Prof. Tayebi briefed the delegation on the outcomes of the 6th ECOSF Board of Trustees Meeting and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between Iran's MFA and ECOSF, including the status of Iran's Mandatory Budgetary Contributions and arrears. With the Ministry's ECO Department well placed to align diplomatic and scientific channels, both sides saw clear scope for the MFA to help advance ECOSF's regional agenda.

President ECOSF Discusses Research Cooperation with MSRT Deputy Minister

Tehran, August 23, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi met with Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Deputy Minister for Research at Iran's Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) to discuss cooperation between the Research Department and ECOSF across the ECO region.



Prof. Tayebi briefed Dr. Abtahi on the success of the Iranian delegation's visit to Pakistan for the 6th ECOSF Meeting in July 2026. Drawing on the Research Department's extensive network of universities and research centres, Prof. Abtahi affirmed his office's continued support for ECOSF's role in promoting science, technology and innovation, and ensured to pursue Iran's financial contributions and arrears to ECOSF. The two sides agreed to develop a joint action plan, which is expected to channel MSRT's research capacity into concrete, region-wide cooperation with ECOSF.

President ECOSF Visits Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education (IRPHE)

Tehran, August 23, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education (IRPHE) and met with Dr. Alireza Khorsandi, President of IRPHE. Prof. Mosayeb Pahlavani, ECOSF Focal Point at MSRT, and IRPHE academic members also attended.

Prof. Tayebi welcomed collaboration with IRPHE, whose standing as a leading think tank for higher-education planning offers a strong foundation for joint work. Dr. Khorsandi described the Institute as a dynamic organization that aligns its research with the mandate and goals of MSRT and specialises in modelling and designing higher-education systems suited to Iranian society and culture. Both sides anticipated that this expertise could support evidence-based higher-education planning and policy research across the wider ECO region.



President ECOSF Meets Young Scientists Festival Leadership at Jamili Foundation

Tehran, August 24, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Jamili Science & Technology Foundation and met with Dr. Shadi Jamili, Director of the Permanent Secretariat for the Young Scientists Festival (YSF), and Dr. Soroush Moaddab, Executive Manager of YSF. Dr. Mosayeb Pahlavani, ECOSF Focal Point at MSRT, also attended.

Prof. Tayebi noted the strong alignment between ECOSF and YSF on regional science, technology and innovation goals, and said both organizations should jointly promote STEM education under the BRISEC framework. Dr. Jamili outlined the Foundation's strategy to expand YSF — a flagship initiative empowering young scientific talent — from a national event into a premier international platform. With ECOSF's regional reach and the Foundation's proven record in youth engagement, the partnership is expected to grow YSF into a leading ECO-wide platform for young scientists.



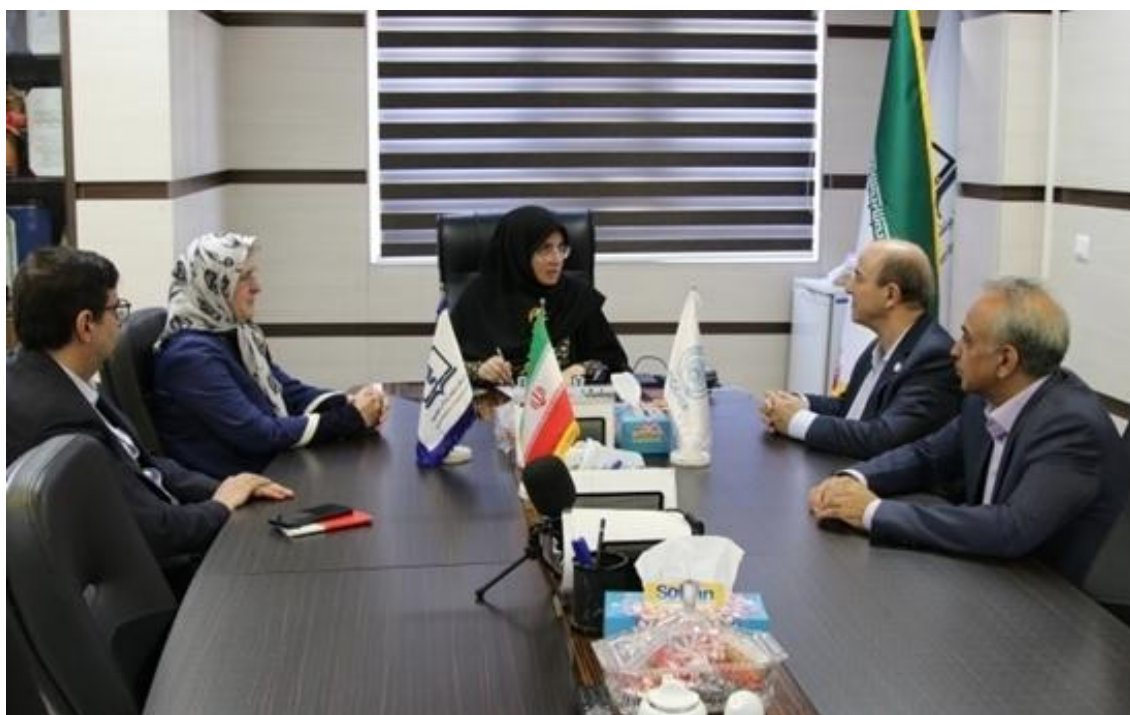
SMUMS and ECOSF Explore Opportunities for Regional Academic Collaboration in Health Sciences

Tehran, August 24, 2026 – The Smart University of Medical Sciences (SMUMS) and the ECOSF explored new opportunities to strengthen academic and research cooperation and expand scientific engagement among ECO Member Countries during a joint meeting.

The meeting brought together Dr Shaghayegh Haghjooy Javanmard, President of SMUMS; Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF; Dr. Seyed Ahmad Ahmadi, Vice President for International Affairs at SMUMS; Prof. Shoaleh Bigdeli, Advisor to the President of SMUMS; and Dr. Mosayeb Pahlavani, ECOSF Focal Point at MSRT. The discussions focused on the progress of cooperation between the two institutions and potential areas for expanding their partnership.

Dr. Haghjooy Javanmard highlighted Iran's capacities in health and medical education and identified family medicine and health systems as promising areas for cooperation with countries across the region. Dr. Ahmadi reviewed the cooperation established under the memorandum of understanding signed between SMUMS and ECOSF in 2023. He noted that the partnership has so far included joint scientific webinars as well as participation in international programs and events.

Prof. Tayebi emphasized the importance of taking a gradual and practical approach to expanding institutional cooperation. He described joint webinars as an effective starting point for building connections among universities and experts across ECO member countries.



President ECOSF and Pardis Technology Park Chart Framework for ECO-Wide Tech Park Cooperation

Tehran, August 24, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited Pardis Technology Park (PTP) and met with Engr. Mehdi Safarnia, President of PTP; Engr. Amin Reza Khaleghian, Director General of International Affairs and Public Relations; Mr. Reza Aslani, Deputy Director General for Communications & International Affairs; directors of PTP's divisions; and Dr. Mosayeb Pahlavani. Both sides briefed each other on ECOSF and PTP's respective mandates and programmes.



Prof. Tayebi proposed a framework for developing capacity building of technology parks across ECO countries, including training camps, workshops, site visits and country-level engagement; highlighted the role Iran's International Innovation Zone could play in other countries' innovation ecosystems; and called for capacity-building for the leadership and staff of ECO technology parks, collaboration on technology commercialization and matchmaking, and the establishment of an ECO Countries' Technology Parks Network.

PTP endorsed the proposal and further shared park events such as INOTEX and the Technology Olympics; cooperation through the Mustafa (PBUH) Science and Technology Foundation and the Sadaf Programme across the ECO region; and leveraging the Modern Technology Development Fund as a model for ECOSF. Given Pardis Technology Park's scale as Iran's flagship innovation hub, the engagement is expected to serve as a model for building an interconnected network of technology parks across the ECO region.

President ECOSF Joins ICELET 2026 Workshop on Inclusive Learning Technologies

Shiraz, August 25, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi joined a workshop on “Rethinking Education Using Inclusive Technologies and Productive AI” at the Islamic World Science and Technology Monitoring and Citation Institute (ISC) as a part of 13th e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICELET 2026) Conference. Together with Conference Chair Prof. Ali Akbar Safavi, he discussed how these developments are unfolding across the ECO region and the scope for shared approaches to technology-enhanced learning.



President ECOSF Explores Science-Park Capacity Building with IRIS and ISTT in Isfahan

Isfahan, August 29, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Isfahan Regional Center for Technology Business Incubator & Science Park Development (IRIS), operating under the auspices of UNESCO, and the Isfahan Science and Technology Town (ISTT). He was received by Prof. Mehdi Abtahi, Deputy Minister for Research (MSRT); Dr. Ehsan Yazdian, President of ISTT; Ms. Mozhgan Yazdianpour, Director of IRIS and Advisor for ISTT International Affairs; Dr. Alireza Vahdatpour, ISTT Vice President

for Investment and Economic Affairs; Dr. Esmaeil Mehryar, Director of ISTT's International and Scientific Cooperation Department; and Ms. Nasim Yazdianpour, Officer in Charge of International Cooperation.



Drawing on IRIS's strong track record in capacity building — including similar programmes delivered in Iran and abroad — the two sides agreed to organize a training programme in Isfahan for science and technology park managers and technology-incubator directors from ECO member countries, combined with a field visit to ISTT, to strengthen the region's innovation ecosystem. ISTT President Dr. Yazdian further proposed drawing on ISTT's technology managers to deliver online technology webinars for the ECOSF network, as well as technology tours to other countries — such as a tour to China on artificial intelligence — as a shared IRIS–ECOSF initiative.

President ECOSF and ISC Advance Collaboration Under New MOU in Shiraz

Shiraz, August 26, 2026 – During his stay in Shiraz and ICeLet 2026 Conference, Prof. Tayebi, President ECOSF, met with Prof. Mohammad Mehdi Alavian Mehr, the President of the Islamic World Science and Technology Citation and Monitoring Institute (ISC) to discuss future collaboration between ECOSF and ISC, based on the current MOU signed recently between two organizations. Dr. Mohammad Reza Ghane, ISC Vice-president for Administration and Finance, Dr. Mohammad Reza Falahati Qadimi Fumani, Director of the International Affairs Advancement Division at ISC, and Prof. Mohammad Javad Dehghani, President of Shiraz University of Technology (SUTech) in Shiraz, Iran, attended the meeting. Both sides discussed exchange of scientific reports, data, and analytical outputs, institutional, advisory, and strategic cooperation, and organization of and participation in scientific events. In this meeting, Prof. Tayebi added that the ECOSF will circulate the relevant ISC events via the media.



President ECOSF Briefs MSRT Council of International Education



Tehran, August 31, 2026 – At the invitation of Prof. Ehsan Ghaboul, President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi attended a session of the Council of International Education at MSRT, where he briefed members on ECOSF's educational programmes and activities and received their feedback. The exchange is expected to help align ECOSF's education initiatives with MSRT's international priorities.

University of Tehran and ECOSF Discuss Expanding Academic Cooperation



Tehran, August 31, 2026 – As part of efforts to develop and strengthen scientific and international cooperation, Professor Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF held discussions with Dr. Saeid Hamzeh, Vice President for International Affairs of the University of Tehran at the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs of the University of Tehran. Dr. Attaullah Koohian, the Advisor to the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, and Dr. Mosayeb Pahlavani attended the meeting. During the meeting, Professor Tayebi emphasized the importance of expanding scientific, educational, and research cooperation between the ECOSF and the University of Tehran.

Dr. Hamzeh introduced the University of Tehran's academic, educational, research, and international capacities and capabilities, and emphasized the University's readiness to expand cooperation with universities and scientific and research institutions in ECO member states. The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss and exchange views on various areas of cooperation between the University of Tehran and ECOSF

President ECOSF Visits Tehran Municipality's Urban Innovation Organization



Tehran, August 31, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Tehran Municipality Urban Innovation Organization (TMUIO) and met with its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Paymard Behzad, and the Board of Directors. Dr. Behzad briefed the delegation on the Organization's work in fostering urban innovation and invited ECOSF to take part in CITEX, to be held in November 2026. Prof. Tayebi highlighted the important role of innovation centres such as TMUIO in promoting science, technology and innovation across the ECO region, and the visit is expected to open avenues for ECOSF engagement in Tehran's urban-innovation ecosystem.

President ECOSF Visits Sharif Energy Research Institute to Explore Joint Programmes

Tehran, August 22, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi visited the Sharif Energy Research Institute at Sharif University of Technology, where he met with Prof. Abbas Rajabi, Head of the Institute; Prof. Majid Abbaspour, Board Member of the Sharif Energy, Water, and Environment Institute (SEWEI); and Ms. Sahar Sadeghi, SEWEI Coordinator.

Building on Sharif University of Technology's standing as one of Iran's foremost centres for engineering and energy research, the two sides explored a proposed joint webinar between ECOSF, CECECO and the Sharif Energy Research Institute; ECOSF's role as a co-organizer of the International Conference on Energy Resilience and Sustainability (ICERS 2026); and the establishment of the ECO Network of Scientific Collaboration (ECO-NSC), to be hosted by the University. The engagement is expected to open a durable channel for joint energy research and knowledge-sharing across the ECO region.

President ECOSF Meets Iran's Vice Minister for International Affairs at MSRT

Tehran, August 22, 2026 – President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi met with Prof. Ehsan Ghaboul, Vice Minister for International Affairs at Iran's Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT), at the Ministry's headquarters.

Prof. Tayebi briefed Dr. Ghaboul on the outcomes of the 6th ECOSF Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting held in Islamabad and underlined the importance of Iran's budgetary contributions and arrears in sustaining the Foundation's programmes. As a

founding member and host of several key ECOSF initiatives, Iran's continued engagement was recognised as central to the Foundation's momentum. Dr. Ghaboul reaffirmed MSRT's strong support for fostering scientific collaboration between Iran, Pakistan and other ECO member countries, highlighting closer coordination on regional science and technology priorities in the period ahead.

Upcoming Events posted on ECOSF website and Facebook page

Call for Applications – 3rd East Africa Regional Capacity Building Training Workshop (EARW): Strengthening Science Diplomacy for Sustainable Development

3rd EAST AFRICA REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP: STRENGTHENING SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Main Campus, Maseno University (Kisumu, Kenya) **5th - 9th October 2026**

APPLICATION TIMELINE	APPLICATION OPEN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS
	31 JULY 2026	23 August 2026	28 August 2026

The 3rd East Africa Regional Capacity Building Training Workshop: Strengthening Science Diplomacy for Sustainable Development is jointly organised by the International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO (ISTIC), Maseno University, Future Earth Africa Hub Leadership Centre (FEAHL), National Research Fund Kenya (NRF-Kenya), the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), Belmont Forum, Future Earth Africa Hub (FEAH), the National Research Foundation South Africa (NRFSA), the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the International University Network on Cultural and Biological Diversity (IUNCBD), and the Ecosystem-based Programme for Integrated Climate Action Network (EPIC Network).

Read more: <https://ecosf.org/earw/>

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Partners: Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) and ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF)

9 September 2026
10.00am Pakistan time

ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) in partnership with UNESCO Office in Pakistan and Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) is pleased to invite you to the inaugural webinar of the **Webinar Series on Science, Ethics and Innovation**, organized under the framework of the **International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033)**.

- **Webinar 1: UNESCO Initiatives on Bioethics and Human Rights**
- **9 September 2026**
- **10:00 AM Pakistan Time**
- **Online via Microsoft Teams**

The webinar will highlight UNESCO's work on bioethics and human rights, including the Global Ethics Programme and the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss emerging ethical issues in science and technology, share experiences and good practices, and explore avenues for regional and South-South cooperation.

The session will bring together policymakers, researchers, universities, scientific and medical institutions, UNESCO Chairs and Centres, ethicists, early-career researchers, development partners and other stakeholders from across the COMSATS and ECO regions.

Read more: <https://ecosf.org/invitation-to-webinar-unesco-initiatives-on-bioethics-and-human-rights/>