

In The Name of Allah
The Merciful and the Beneficent

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The Mustafa Prize Week held 9-12 Nov.,2019 pivoting on Mustafa Award Ceremony alongside with the Science & Technology Exchange Program (STEP) and EISA Summit likewise, was jointly organized by Mustafa^(pbuh) Science & Technology Foundation (MSTF) with the pivotal accompaniment of Tehran University of Medical Science, Sharif University of Technology, Imam Sadiq(a.s) University, Al Zahra University, and IRIB University and cooperation of Isfahan University, Urmia University, Amir Kabir University of Technology, Tehran University, Ayandegan Research Institute, Institute of Communication and Information Technology, Materials and Energy Research Institute, Institute of Genetics and Biotechnology, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Pardis Techno Park and Azadi Innovation Factory on the basis of the insights on strategies of sharing capacities and capabilities of the Islamic World in Science and Technology to overview humanity's challenge.

The Mustafa Prize Week was participated by 89 delegates representing 40 countries, many students and graduate researchers including faculty members participated in this event. The program included panel, round table discussions, workshops, keynote speeches and invited talks focusing on the following topics:

- a- Science collaboration in Islamic World
- b- Science communication
- c- Financing for Science and Technology
- d- Water-Energy & Environment Nexus
- e- Health, People & Environment
- f- Women in Science & Technology

Based on the extensive discussions during these sessions and presentations by delegates on the state of R&D in their respective institutions, the following

observations and recommendations are offered in order to further enhance S&T collaborations among Islamic countries and beyond likewise:

1. The creation of financing hub to be an enabling platform for S&T collaborations and give access to best practices among Muslim Societies.
2. Welcoming innovative solutions and new technologies to overcome career barriers for a woman in STI spheres and establishing a platform to pool expertise and resources together to empower and mentor women in STI.
3. Calling upon Islamic World to cultivate a research ecosystem based on Islamic culture and ethics.
4. Making high visibility to female scientists by means of increasing their presence in the nomination pool for Mustafa prize (preferably at least one female nominee in each pool).
5. Including junior/young scientist to the upcoming step event (either via invitation or through registration).
6. Inviting more multidisciplinary scholar to upcoming STEP events (including humanities, sociology, etc.)
7. Introducing and sharing lab information and developing a lab network database
8. Developing science promotion infrastructures, including science museums, by employing specialized experts in the field of science communication.
9. Expanding direct communication among scientists, society and civil society for problem-solving and scientific planning based on the needs of the Muslim worlds.