World Science Day for Peace and Development

Theme: Harnessing Science for Shared Prosperity: Empowering Islamic Nations, LDCs, and Displaced Scholars

Organized by:

COMSTECH – OIC Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS)

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Islamabad

Date: Monday, 10 November 2025 **Format:** Hybrid (Islamabad & Online)

Background:

Each year, the World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the vital role of science in promoting sustainable development and strengthening the foundations of peace. The 2025 theme, "Harnessing Science for Shared Prosperity," resonates deeply with the shared goals of OIC member states, the scientific community, and international partners working to ensure that scientific progress benefits all societies- especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and displaced scholars affected by conflict and instability.

In this context, the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), in collaboration with COMSTECH and the Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS), proposes to organize a hybrid webinar bringing together national and international scholars, policymakers, and institutional representatives to discuss how scientific collaboration can foster peace, inclusivity, and prosperity.

Objective:

To explore how scientific cooperation, knowledge-sharing, and innovation can serve as powerful tools for peace, development, and resilience- particularly within the Islamic world, the LDCs, and among displaced or marginalized scholars.

Expected Outcomes:

- Strengthen partnerships between academic and scientific organizations in OIC countries.
- Identify joint mechanisms to support displaced scholars and early-career researchers.
- Promote science diplomacy and cross-border collaboration for peace and development.
- Develop a roadmap for inclusive scientific growth and shared prosperity.

Program Overview

10:00-11:30 am (90-Minute Session)

Segment	Duration	Details
Welcome & Opening Remarks	10 min	Introduces the event and partner organizations.
Address by Vice Chancellor, FUUAST	15 min	"The Role of Universities in Advancing Science for Peace and Development."
Address by Representative, COMSTECH	15 min	"Scientific Cooperation in the Islamic World: Opportunities for LDCs and Displaced Scholars."
Address by Representative, PAS	15 min	"Strengthening Scientific Capacity for Inclusive Growth in the OIC Region."
International Guest Speaker – Kazan Federal University, Russia	10 min	"Bridging Eurasian Scientific Networks for Shared Prosperity."
International Guest Speaker – University of Warmia and Mazury, Poland	10 min	"Science without Borders: Fostering Academic Solidarity Across Continents."
Scholarly Reflections & Open Discussion	10 min	Selected scholars share comments or brief interventions.
Closing Remarks & Way Forward	5 min	Moderator summarizes outcomes and next steps.