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PREFACE

The Organization of Islamic Co-operation (OIC), formerly known as the Organization of the Islamic Conference, was founded in 1969 as a political organization grouping Islamic countries. In 1981, the heads of state of the OIC decided to establish a number of specialized organs to enhance co-operation between the OIC-Member countries in the fields of culture, trade and science and technology. The science and technology role was assigned to the Islamabad-based COMSTECH; the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Co-operation.

In 1984, the heads of state of the OIC approved the launch of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) as an independent autonomous S&T Think Tank of the OIC to be based in Amman, Jordan. Of the issues that the IAS has been concerned with since its launch has been bridging the divide that has historically existed between the science community and the decision-making community in OIC-Member countries. Moreover, as an advocate for science, the IAS has always viewed science and technology – including the history of science – as an enterprise that can contribute to bridging divides between cultures and civilizations.

This publication includes the majority of the papers that were presented at the 20th IAS Conference, which was held in Tehran, Iran, during December 2015, under the patronage of His Excellency the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A conference in which over 50 participants including IAS Fellows and invited speakers from outside Iran, academics, decision-makers, scientists, researchers as well as presidents/representatives of academies of sciences from all over the world, took part.

In his address during the opening session of the conference, Dr Sattari, Vice-President of Iran for Science and Technology Affairs, said what probably sums up the underlying objective of the event:

With the peoples of so many Islamic nations victims of violence and extremism, their leaders had a responsibility to show that another world is possible. Islam advanced knowledge when the world was ignorant, and it can and must do so again. Improving the low level of scientific collaboration between OIC nations was an important step to take in this respect.

At the same time, collaboration could also be a means to achieving solutions to problems that are common to many if not all developing nations, such as water scarcity. Science must be used to overcome local and global challenges.

This proceedings has been divided into seven parts.

Part One includes the statement of IAS President as well as the statement of the Vice-President of Iran for Science and Technology Affairs during the inaugural session of the conference.

Part Two embraces keynote addresses by Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan, Coordinator General, COMSTECH, Pakistan, entitled ‘COMSTECH Revisited: Some Recommendations for S& T in the OIC Countries, 2016-25;’ by Prof. Adnan Badran FIAS, Former Prime Minister of Jordan and IAS Treasurer, who presented a paper entitled ‘Science Education and Research for Innovation in OIC Countries;’ and one by Tan Sri Prof. Omar Abdul Rahman FIAS, Founding President of the Academy of Sciences of Malaysia and former Science Advisor to Malaysia’s Prime Minister, entitled ‘Building Our Sustainable Common future: The Smart Partnership Way.’

Part Three includes the papers presented in the session on the topic of ‘Health for Humanity,’ in which three papers were presented; by Dr Seyed Alireza Marandi, Iran; Prof. Abdallah Daar FIAS, Oman/Canada, and by Prof. Rabia Hussain FIAS, Pakistan, on ‘Emerging Infectious Diseases: The Researchers’ Guide.’

Part Four is dedicated to the Mustafa Prize laureates; Prof. Omar Yaghi, Jordan/USA and Prof. Jackie Ying, Singapore. Both laureates were invited to speak at a special session and present their latest work and research.

Part Five addresses the topic of ‘The African Take on Sustainable Development’ and includes papers by Prof. Mohammad Hassan FIAS on ‘Promoting STI for Sustainability and Economic Transformation in Africa;’ a presentation by Prof. Ousmane Kane; a presentation by Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, and by Prof. Yves Quère, Académie des sciences, France, entitled ‘A Brief Story of La main à la pâte.’

Part Six is entitled ‘An Outlook on Current Research,’ and includes a number of presentations by IAS Fellows and invited speakers.

Part Seven of the book is the ‘appendices’ including the list of participants in the conference, the conference scientific and organising committees, names of IAS Fellows and Council members, as well as other details about the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS).

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IAS would also like to thank the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), COMSTECH, for sponsoring the conference, and Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan and all the IAS Fellows who participated in the event.

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adopted at Tehran, Iran
on
27 December 2015

1. Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) represent primary forces behind the advancement of human civilisation. Productivity gains and achievements of humankind have been derived chiefly from innovation based on scientific discovery and invention, technological and engineering development as well as the utilisation of S&T in all walks of life;
2. A new economic paradigm has emerged worldwide in which the most important factor is the intensive application of knowledge. Comparative advantage is increasingly determined by knowledge and innovation. This centrality makes knowledge a pillar of the wealth and influence of nations in the 21st century;
3. The creation and transfer of scientific knowledge are critical to building and sustaining socio-economic welfare and integration into the global economy. No region or nation can remain a 'user' of new knowledge but is expected to become a 'generator' of new knowledge. Closing the innovation gap is an indispensable role of universities in OIC and developing countries; promoting innovation must become as important as teaching and research;
4. Despite noticeable advances in some emerging economies, the knowledge and economic divides between OIC countries in general and the developed world have widened and are restricting the potential of science and technology to contribute to global development;
5. Against such a backdrop, countries of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC) and other developing countries have to create the paradigm shift to again become a community that values knowledge and proficient in utilizing and advancing S&T to enhance their socioeconomic well-being as well as humanity's;
6. Despite political diversity, regional economic and scientific co-operation at the level of the OIC is essential to build capacities to harness modern science particularly through leveraging well established OIC S&T agencies including COMSTECH, the IDB, the ISESCO, the IAS as well as universities, national research centres and national academies of sciences. Such collaboration should not be at the expense of North-South collaboration in STI. Newly launched initiatives such as the Technology Bank for LDCs and the IPR Bank must also be leveraged as part of this effort;
7. The international development agenda manifested by the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the cross-cutting STI component thereof, the international research agenda on climate science emanating from COP21 as well as other development targets such as water, food, energy and health security remain priority areas for OIC and developing countries and elsewhere;

8. For science, technology and innovation to become effective and transformational, a culture of science appreciation has to be engendered; people's talent and skills need to be enhanced essentially through promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) education at all levels;
9. OIC and developing countries' governments have to act to establish long-term sustainable and balanced mechanisms for the funding of scientific research especially in the context of budgetary constraints;
10. Archetypal as it may sound, governments must improve the governance of science at the national level by building up their STI systems, engaging the science community, adopting and adapting promptly their national STI policies, developing innovative ways to raise Gross Expenditure on R&D to that elusive 1% by involving stakeholders from the private sectors, strengthening networks of centres of excellence, empowering women and young scientists, stimulating policy debates, exchanging knowledge of best practices and lessons learned and by strengthening local institutions;
11. Implementing the above national STI agenda requires the collaboration of all stakeholders. To ensure a greater chance of success, the 'Smart Partnership' principles and practices are proposed to be adopted by interested OIC and developing countries. 'Smart Partnership' can be an appropriate framework to enhance national and international endeavours to promote STI governance;
12. Many developing countries have been striving to achieve a balanced investment in science while respecting the need for both curiosity-driven and demand-driven research. To stimulate transformative science – which is unpredictable and requires openness to new and unforeseen pathways – and aim to promote a paradigm change in technological and social development, funding mechanisms that allow for innovative research should be part of funding schemes;
13. The IAS calls upon OIC and developing countries to smartly distribute national research expenditure to finance curiosity-driven research as well as demand-driven research with its two components; problem-solving at the national level and the development of products and services. Needless to say that the equitable participation of women, young scientists in the practice and application of science is an essential panacea in the success of this process. The 2015 UNESCO Science Report provides updated information on the participation of women in science;
14. The IAS recognises the crucial role of champions of STI; and the presence of a sound, independent scientific advisory system that can improve the quality of science-based decisions on policy-making. The IAS welcomes recent global trends for the more pronounced use of science in policy-making and the efforts to bridge the divides in the roles of scientists and policy makers. Needless to say the launch of national science academies in OIC countries where such entities do not exist is an imperative in this regard;
15. Notwithstanding the magnanimous efforts made by refugee-hosting countries in terms of the provision of shelter, food, water; to ensure the adherence to the universal right to education such governments are urged to provide education for all displaced people residing in their countries with the full support of the UN, the other relevant agencies and the international community.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

General

Under the patronage of His Excellency the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) convened its 20th International Science Conference in Tehran, the capital of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during 26-27 December 2015. The conference addressed the theme of *Science, Technology and Innovation: Building Humanity's Common Future*.

The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr Sorena Sattari, Vice President of Iran for Science and Technology Affairs.

Organized at the Azadi Hotel Tehran, the IAS Conference was an open activity in which over 50 local and international participants representing over 25 countries participated. Among the participants were Fellows of the IAS, local scientists from the various universities, expatriate Iranian scientists as well as representatives of Asian, African and Western academies of sciences.

The 20th IAS Conference was organised by:

- Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS), Amman, Jordan;
- Vice-Presidency for Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran; and
- Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Amman, Jordan.

NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE*

“Few politicians understand the importance of science but Iran does not seem to have this problem.”

Few could have better described Iran's determination to grow its knowledge based economy better than Professor Abdel Salam Majali, Jordan's former Prime Minister as he opened the 20th conference of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences. Economic sanctions, he added, seem to have been the proverbial silver lining as it enabled Iran to set its sight on the things that matter to its economy and its people.

Using science to overcome local and global challenges was very much the theme of the morning's opening address from Dr Sorena Sattari, Iran's Vice-President for Science and Technology Affairs. With the peoples of so many Islamic nations victims of violence and extremism, their leaders had a responsibility to show that another world is possible. “Islam advanced knowledge when the world was ignorant,” he said and it can and must do so again. Improving the low level of scientific collaboration between OIC nations, Dr Sattari added, was an important step to take in this respect.

At the same time, collaboration could also be a means to achieving solutions to problems that are common to many if not all developing nations, such as water scarcity.

*Contributed by Ehsan Masood, a science policy journalist and broadcaster.

Turning to Iran's STI system, Dr Sattari and later Dr Adnan Badran described the country's 20-year road map to knowledge based economic and social development. These have twin elements at its core. One is a massive programme of human resources development, including expanding universities and ramping up the numbers of young people at all levels of university education. The second is a significant programme of state support for knowledge-based enterprises.

Such support includes an innovation venture fund worth \$1 billion, R&D tax credits, a network of science and technology parks and significant rollout of mobile broadband. The objective, according to Dr Sattari, is to give aspiring young Iranians (those at home and those living abroad) the tools with which to build, sustain and grow their high tech companies. These companies he added will eventually become the national and multinational employers of the future.

More efforts at boosting collaboration while nurturing young minds were also the twin themes of Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan's address, as he outlined plans for COMSTECH's next decade. Collaboration for the OIC states according to Dr Khan should not be seen as a luxury as so much of new science is the result of the work of large, interdisciplinary and distributed teams.

He outlined a number of planned projects for member states to consider. These include building and launching small satellites; creating a small network of observatories; establishing additional synchrotron sources in addition to SESAME in Jordan and to map the OIC marine environment.

A hint of caution was sounded by Tan Sri Omar, Malaysia's former chief scientific adviser and by Dr Rabia Hussain, professor emerita in the department of pathology at Aga Khan University in Karachi. The choice of whom to collaborate with, Dr Hussain said, was not necessarily a function of geography, and, in her own case, had been made on the basis of scientific excellence. "I wanted to set up a state of the art immunology lab and went where the top experts were to be found," she said, describing her own experiences of collaborating largely with colleagues from the US, the UK and India.

At the macro-level, Tan Sri Omar warned that the governments of OIC states did not as yet possess either the frameworks or the capacity to collaborate. He recalled the Vision 1441 document which was agreed after much debate in October 2003 and the 10-year plan of action signed in Makkah in 2005. Both of these documents failed to translate into national policies, Tan Sri Omar said, because "they belonged to everyone and hence to no one". There was no ownership of the outcomes and at the same time little or no accountability.

He also cautioned against misplaced confidence in ministries of S&T as agents of change. Often, they are politically too weak to effect change. At the same time they may be resistant if change means a different or perhaps diminished role. What is more effective is a level of oversight at the level of a head of state, or equivalent.

The far-reaching impact of such top-level ownership of STI policy was demonstrated in the first of the afternoon's talks. Dr Seyed Alireza Marandi, president of Iran's Academy of Medical Sciences, explained how a decision of the late Ayatollah Khomeini shortly after the 1979 revolution resulted in the creation of a nationwide primary healthcare system.

Until the revolution, the nation had just 9 medical schools, 3 of which were in Tehran and virtually no facilities for modern healthcare in rural areas. Today, Iran has 80 universities teaching and researching medicine. Faculty numbers have jumped from 3000 to 18,000; and medical students number 40,000 from 6,000 in 1979.

As if to illustrate Tan Sri Omar's point, Dr Marandi explained that these gains were the result of moving responsibility for medical education out of the higher education ministry and into a combined ministry of health and medical education. This had the additional benefit of embedding community healthcare inside the work programmes of universities, when often universities can want to be aloof from local problems and concerns.

Moving from the local to the global Dr Abdallah Daar surveyed the landscape of grand challenges in public health. In the decade since the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

encouraged donors to focus their resources on a smaller number of potentially bigger problems, Dr Daar, an adviser to the foundation, described some of the wins from this approach. They included vaccines for Meningitis and Dengue; and significant reductions in deaths from Measles, TB and HIV/AIDS. What was once seen as a death sentence (HIV) is now a chronic illness, which can be managed, Dr Daar explained.

However, he also warned of looming threats ahead unless action is taken now. These include Ebola for which many of the developing world's large megacities are ill-prepared to handle and mental ill-health, which far too many countries do not recognize as a problem in need of solving.

Professor Majali said that science and scientists have never been more needed than now. They embody what so many of our societies are missing: the values of trust, tolerance and optimism, and they must play their part.

PRESENTATIONS

The first day, Saturday 26 December 2015, started off with the inaugural session that included an address by H E Prof. Abdel Salam Majali, former Prime Minister of Jordan and IAS president, and an address by H E Dr Sorena Sattari, Vice President of Iran for science and Technology Affairs, Iran.

The conference was divided into a number of main sessions: Keynotes, Health for Humanity, Laureates', the African Take on Sustainable Development, and An Outlook on current Research.

The first day included keynotes by Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan, Coordinator General, COMSTECH, Pakistan, entitled *COMSTECH Revisited: Some Recommendations for S&T in the OIC Countries, 2016-25*; a presentation by Prof Adnan Badran FIAS, former Prime Minister of Jordan and Chancellor, University of Petra, entitled *Science Education and Research for Innovation in OIC Countries*; and a presentation by Tan Sri Prof. Omar Abdul Rahman FIAS, Founding President of the Academy of Sciences of Malaysia and former Science Advisor to Malaysia's Prime minister, who spoke about *Building Our Sustainable Common Future: The Smart Partnership Way*.

Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan stressed that Science and Technology will play a critical role in addressing contemporary challenges of development across multiple dimensions including poverty alleviation, better health, preservation of the environment, and ensuring food, water, and energy security, today and in the years to come.

The second session was entitled 'Health for Humanity' and included presentations by Dr Seyed Alireza Marandi, President, Iran Academy of Medical Sciences, Iran, on *The Health Landscape of Iran*; a presentation by Prof. Abdallah Daar FIAS, Professor of Public Health Sciences and Surgery, University of Toronto, Canada, entitled *Pertinent Issues in Global Health*; and a presentation by Prof. Rabia Hussain FIAS, Department of Pathology and Microbiology, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan, on *Emerging Infections Diseases: The Researchers' Guide*.

Prof. Daar, in his presentation, defined global health, equity, social determinants of health, innovations, research funding, and the challenges and opportunities of improving health systems and health care delivery. He used Ebola as an example of how we need to think globally, and pointed out some region-specific threats that cannot be ignored. He also talked about how to create a "Pandemic of Health" and highlighted recent trends in global health education.

The third session was the 'Laureates' session, where the two laureates of the Mustafa Prize (which is a Science and Technology award, granted to top researchers and scientists from OIC member states, biennially held in Tehran), were invited to speak about their research work. The laureates are Prof. Omar Yaghi and Prof. Jackie Ying.

Prof. Omar Yaghi, James and Neeltje Tretter Chair, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA, presented a paper on *Understanding Metal Organic*

Frameworks. Prof. Yaghi's work encompasses the synthesis, structure and properties of inorganic and organic compounds and the design and construction of new crystalline materials. He is widely known for the discovery and for pioneering the development of several extensive classes of new materials: Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs), Covalent Organic Frameworks (COFs), and Zeolitic Imidazolate Frameworks (ZIFs). These materials have the highest surface areas known to date, making them useful in many applications. He has successfully taken the field of reticular chemistry all the way from discovery to applications, and changed the way scientists think about making and using new materials. This field is being widely studied by chemists, physicists, materials scientists and engineers in hundreds of laboratories in academia and industry worldwide.

The second prize laureate, prof. Jackie Ying, Department of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), presented her paper on *Stimuli Responsive Systems for Controlled Drug Delivery*. Prof. Ying's research has made a major impact in the field of nanostructured materials through major breakthrough in the synthesis of nanoparticles, nanocomposites and nanoporous materials. She has created a nano tool box that is successfully applied towards drug delivery, cell and tissue engineering, biosensors and diagnostics, pharmaceuticals synthesis, green chemistry and energy. Remarkably, besides her 340 publications in leading journals, she has over 150 primary patents issued or pending, many of which have been successfully licensed for commercialization.

Sunday 27 December 2015, the second day of the conference, included session four on 'The African Take on Sustainable Development', and included presentations by Prof. Mohammad Hassan FIAS, IAP Co-Chair and President of the Sudan National Academy of Sciences, Sudan, entitled *Promoting STI for Sustainability and Economic Transformation in Africa*; a presentation by Prof. Ousmane Kane, Senegal Academy of Science and Technology, on *International Collaboration in Science: The African Perspective*; a presentation by Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, African Academy of Sciences, Nairobi, Kenya, entitled *Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa: A Snapshot*, while the last presentation of this session was by Prof. Yves Quère, Académie des Sciences, France, entitled *A Brief Story of La main à la pâte*.

In his presentation, Hassan discussed the critical role of STI in promoting sustainable development for social and economic well-being in Africa, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable communities. He also focused on three important and interconnected issues: the global challenges that Africa faces in addressing critical sustainability issues, the new emerging opportunities for accelerated development initiatives in Africa, and the role to be pursued by institutions such as centres of excellence and academies of science to take full advantage of the opportunities to find STI-based solutions to sustainability challenges.

The last session of the conference, included three presentations; a presentation by Prof. Aini Ideris FIAS, Director, Corporate Strategy & Communications Office (CoSComm), Universiti Putra Malaysia, entitled *Swiftlets and their Gold Mine Saliva: Edible Bird-Nest - Towards Competitiveness and Sustainability*; a presentation by Prof. Mohammad Abdollahi FIAS, Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran, on *The Potential of Interdisciplinary Research in Toxicology*. The last presentation of the conference was by Prof. Liaquat Ali, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (BUHS), Bangladesh, entitled *Biomedical Research and Large-Scale Health Care: A Perspective from Bangladesh*.

DECLARATION

At the conclusion of the 20th IAS Conference, the IAS adopted the IAS 2015 Tehran Declaration on Science, Technology and Innovation: Building Humanity's Common Future. The declaration particularly stressed that:

1. Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) represent primary forces behind the advancement of human civilisation. Productivity gains and achievements of humankind

- have been derived chiefly from innovation based on scientific discovery and invention, technological and engineering development as well as the utilisation of S&T in all walks of life;
2. A new economic paradigm has emerged worldwide in which the most important factor is the intensive application of knowledge. Comparative advantage is increasingly determined by knowledge and innovation. This centrality makes knowledge a pillar of the wealth and influence of nations in the 21st century;
 3. The creation and transfer of scientific knowledge are critical to building and sustaining socio-economic welfare and integration into the global economy. No region or nation can remain a 'user' of new knowledge but is expected to become a 'generator' of new knowledge. Closing the innovation gap is an indispensable role of universities in OIC and developing countries; promoting innovation must become as important as teaching and research;
 4. Against such a backdrop, countries of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC) and other developing countries have to create the paradigm shift to again become a community that values knowledge and proficient in utilizing and advancing S&T to enhance their socioeconomic well-being as well as humanity's; Despite political diversity, regional economic and scientific co-operation at the level of the OIC is essential to build capacities to harness modern science particularly through leveraging well established OIC S&T agencies including COMSTECH, the IDB, the ISESCO, the IAS as well as universities, national research centres and national academies of sciences. Such collaboration should not be at the expense of North-South collaboration in STI. Newly launched initiatives such as the Technology Bank for LDCs and the IPR Bank must also be leveraged as part of this effort;
 6. For science, technology and innovation to become effective and transformational, a culture of science appreciation has to be engendered; people's talent and skills need to be enhanced essentially through promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) education at all levels;
 7. OIC and developing countries' governments have to act to establish long-term sustainable and balanced mechanisms for the funding of scientific research especially in the context of budgetary constraints;
 8. Archetypal as it may sound, governments must improve the governance of science at the national level by building up their STI systems, engaging the science community, adopting and adapting promptly their national STI policies, developing innovative ways to raise Gross Expenditure on R&D to that elusive 1% by involving stakeholders from the private sectors, strengthening networks of centres of excellence, empowering women and young scientists, stimulating policy debates, exchanging knowledge of best practices and lessons learned and by strengthening local institutions;
 9. The IAS calls upon OIC and developing countries to smartly distribute national research expenditure to finance curiosity-driven research as well as demand-driven research with its two components; problem-solving at the national level and the development of products and services. Needless to say that the equitable participation of women, young scientists in the practice and application of science is an essential panacea in the success of this process. The 2015 UNESCO Science Report provides updated information on the participation of women in science;
 10. The IAS recognises the crucial role of champions of STI; and the presence of a sound, independent scientific advisory system that can improve the quality of science-based decisions on policy-making. The IAS welcomes recent global trends for the more pronounced use of science in policy-making and the efforts to bridge the divides in the roles of scientists and policy makers. Needless to say the launch of national science academies in OIC countries where such entities do not exist is an imperative in this regard; and

11. Notwithstanding the magnanimous efforts made by refugee-hosting countries in terms of the provision of shelter, food, water; to ensure the adherence to the universal right to education such governments are urged to provide education for all displaced people residing in their countries with the full support of the UN, the other relevant agencies and the international community.

As part of the follow-up action to the conference, the Academy will circulate the IAS 2015 Tehran Declaration to concerned individuals and relevant agencies throughout OIC and developing countries, so that measures are taken to put into action the ideas proposed at the conference. The IAS will also publish the complete proceedings of the conference online.

**Address of
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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله المصطفى وعلى اله

**Excellencies
Ladies and gentlemen
Dear friends**



- Here in the city of Tehran, at the foot of the Elburz Mountains, we meet to venerate our great prophet, al-Mustafa (PBUH), and honour in his name scientists from far and wide – scientists who have excelled and achieved unique scientific feats;
- In our continuing quest to deepen and broaden the bonds and relations between OIC countries, we assemble here today. I wish to extend appreciation to Iran and its leadership; the leadership that envisioned and instituted the Mustafa Prize and initiated hosting this gathering;
- In a multidisciplinary fashion, typical of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, and indeed typical of the great polymaths of our Islamic civilisation, allow me to discuss some ideas germane to our state of the world today: to humanity, and talk about the current turmoil in which we live;
- Let me start with a few words of wisdom for the benefit of the young among us and quote Omar Khayyam عمر الخيام who said that; “When I want to understand what is happening today or try to decide what will happen tomorrow, I look back;”
- Indeed, we in the Islamic world often look back, look back to our glorious past; we see human beings belonging to our great civilisation excelling in all fields, without due regard to their race, colour, creed, faith or indeed religious school of thought;
- Here, let me reiterate the words of Dr Ali Shariati علي شريعتي who said that ‘the enlightened soul is a person who is self-conscious of his **human condition** in his time and historical and social setting, and whose awareness inevitably and necessarily gives him a sense of social responsibility;’
- Our meeting today is a manifestation of our social responsibility towards ourselves, towards our countries, towards our religion and towards humanity;
- Today, violence on the world stage has reached unprecedented heights. We wake up every day expecting some act of violence, some act of terror! Sadly also, there always seems to be some connexion to our great faith, to Islam. Islam which states that: ‘If anyone slays a soul unjustly or for no overarching reason, it would be as if he slew the whole people.’

مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

- The question thus rises as to why Islam has become associated with terror? Or indeed, why have Muslims (not Islam) become associated with terrorism?
- A UN panel, on March 17, 2005, described terrorism as any act ‘intended to cause death or serious bodily harm to civilians or non-combatants with the purpose of intimidating a population or compelling a government or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act;’
- International human rights law lays down the obligations of states to promote and protect human rights and freedoms of individuals or groups. So, how do we bridge the divide? How do we balance counter-terrorism and human rights?
- Let me note here that the Constitution of India addresses this issue. It allows a citizen to seek the punishment of anyone who shows the citizen disrespect "on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever." The laws specifically forbid anyone from outraging someone's "religious feelings." Can we develop this notion, the notion of not crossing the line!
- In the twenty-first century we are living in the so-called ‘globalized world.’ Surely, we must build solidarity for a global civilization to live the spirit of Islam; which is for the whole world. This can help us to overcome the ignorance and prejudices which exist towards ‘the other;’
- Counter-terrorism cannot only be carried out by force; it needs ideas and it needs dialogue. Afterall, aren’t we Muslims the sons of the civilization of the ‘word.’ Aren’t we the Ummah of (اقرأ); and our prophet was sent as ‘mercy to all the worlds.’

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

- Talking of ideas and dialogue in the context of the Middle East, I say that we should all realize that we are destined to be neighbours forever. Why don’t we put our differences aside and work together to achieve socioeconomic development for all our countries? Let us all try to seek peace for our peoples, promote harmony and good neighborly relations. In the words of Bishop Desmond Tutu, “Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Or in the words of Gibran Khalil Gibran, “Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution;”
- Similarly, His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan, in a recent speech before the European Parliament, said that, “Humanity must arm itself with ideas, with justice and with economic and social inclusion;”

Ladies and gentlemen
Dear friends

- The murder by *Daesh* (داعش) of Jordan’s pilot outraged all Jordanians, and horrified the world. Jordan’s response has been swift and determined. At the same time, the danger of extremism must be seen for what it is: global. The threat is not only in Syria and Iraq. It has struck Libya, Yemen, Sinai, Mali, Nigeria, the Horn of Africa, Asia, the Americas and Australia. Europe too has suffered despicable attacks the latest of which struck in Paris very recently;
- Today, we are fighting a war against an expansionist ideology that feeds on hate; committing murder masked by religion to justify evil actions that no religion tolerates;

- Here, I invite young people to lead the way; they must be inspired by values that reject violence, create peace and build inclusive societies. Let me suggest three areas of importance for us to think about;
- **The first** key to global harmony is an international system that gives all people the respect they deserve. People ask me all the time: what about the mother of all quandaries or problems? Why is there no peace in the Middle East? Why doesn't the world defend Palestinian rights?
- Time after time, the peace process has stalled; more Israeli settlement building, more hopelessness for the occupied Palestinians and more bloodshed;
- This failure sends a dangerous message. It erodes trust and threatens world peace and has given the extremists a powerful rallying cry. They exploit the injustices and the lingering conflict, to build legitimacy and recruit foreign fighters across the world;
- **The second** is meaningful interfaith outreach, engaging peoples where they live. A dialogue of respect of all societies. Attacking and excluding others, insulting other peoples and their faiths and convictions is no way forward;
- The world must stop the global rise of Islamophobia. This poison is based on false ideas and plays into the hands of the extremists;
- Muslims have to illuminate what it really means to be a Muslim. Islam demands respect and caring for others. The Prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him, said: "None of you has faith until you love for your neighbour what you love for yourself;" Thirteen centuries before the Geneva Conventions, Muslim soldiers were ordered not to slay a child, a woman or an old person, not to destroy a tree, not to harm a priest, not to destroy a church;
- Muslims have a critical role in global understanding. Islam, like all faiths, commands mercy, peace and tolerance. It upholds the equal human dignity of every person — men and women, neighbours and strangers;
- **The third** quandary is economic: radicalisation thrives on economic insecurity and exclusion. To create stakeholders in a peaceful world, people need opportunities to fulfil their potential and build good lives. Helping them is a powerful message of respect;
- Speaking of economic hardship; Jordan – despite its meagre resources - has given shelter to 1.5 million Syrian refugees, which is 20 per cent of the population, over the past few years. This is more than the equivalent of China hosting the entire population of Indonesia of 250 million; Jordan is now the world's third-largest refugee host;

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

- Science and Technology is a tool of socioeconomic advancement. For science to blossom, it needs to be nourished and supported. This is not the case in the majority of OIC countries according to the latest UNESCO Science Report published on 10 November 2015.

- Moreover, we have to build the human capital which is active in science. Indeed, the critical mass of researchers is not there in many countries. Furthermore, most OIC countries hardly export any high technology products;
- The Report shows that less than 25 OIC countries have a national academy of sciences or play host to a supranational academy. This is an astounding fact, as academies of sciences, as strong advocates of science and impartial advisory bodies, have been at the vanguard of the scientific enterprise in many countries. They are also part of the S&T landscape in economically emerging economies such as Iran, Brazil, China, India, Malaysia and Mexico;
- Speaking of Iran, the country has always insisted on the civil nature of its nuclear programme and its compliance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Civil nuclear science is a source of pride, in much the same way that Iranians are proud of their prowess in nanotechnology, stem cell technology and satellite technology;
- They say that every cloud has a silver lining. Indirectly, international sanctions on Iran have accelerated the shift to a knowledge economy and have helped to reconcile R&D with problem-solving and public-centered research. Moreover, it has galvanized innovation; and that can only be viewed as an outstanding success;
- Back at the OIC level, we cannot help but notice that OIC countries face an uphill challenge in terms adopting science-based development policies to raise their socioeconomic level. More importantly perhaps, we are not using science to combat our immediate health, water and energy problems;
- Let me provide a time-line for some of the difficulties that we have faced and have had to overcome in our history;
- For over a millennium, the Islamic world was a dominant global player in the domain of science and technology;
- The remarkable advancement made by the Islamic world in science ushered in the renaissance in Europe, yet during the 17th and 18th centuries, the Islamic world was dormant in terms of generating knowledge. Our patenting culture was non-existent and the decline of the culture of science contributed to our decline in science and technology;
- Suffice to say, a major factor that has contributed to the turmoil in our part of the world has manifested itself in the inability of economies to develop the appropriate value chain and create jobs required to meet the increasing number of graduates. That was further compounded by the inability of economies to achieve sustainable economic growth. In both domains, science and technology could have and can help;

Fellow Scientists

Dear Friends

- There is a problem when it comes to the relationship between scientists and technologists – on the one hand- and politicians, on the other;
- Few politicians understand the possibilities of science. Iran does not seem to have this problem though because His Excellency President Rouhani is a distinguished scholar in his own right, and thus exposed to the trials and tribulations of a scientist's career. Also, the fact that Iran has a Vice-

President responsible for Science and Technology in the person of Dr Sattari is a clear demonstration of the political will of the country to leverage science for prosperity and development;

- It is also true that the majority of scientists do not understand the restrictions of political office or have a clear idea of the political processes. Both camps recognize the importance of each other but there is no natural dialogue between the two because they come from different educational backgrounds;
- Some scientists are good communicators and could be considered as role models for others. Indeed many academics from Iran have excelled in not only projecting themselves internationally and have achieved very high status, but have also succeeded in building bridges between our civilisation and the West;
- Bridging the gap by creating better communications between the science and non-science worlds, between the scientific and the political communities, should be a priority;

Dear friends

- Where do we go from here? There is no denying that today, there is a feeling of hopelessness. However, optimism can best be described as a light in darkness which widens the horizon. The need to acquire other's trust is essential. In order for trust to exist between individuals, optimism must become part of their lives;
- We have to develop a culture of tolerance. We must utilize the tools at our disposal including science and technology to address our human needs, to realize a better future for our children and our grandchildren. Here, I would like to recall Almighty saying,

{يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ} المجادلة الآية: ١١

- This verse tells us that Allah will raise in ranks those of you who believe and those who have been given knowledge. This is the motto that we should adopt for real development for all. To all of you I say, let us keep dreaming of peace and socioeconomic advancement, peace for all; let us all aim for peace and let us all work for peace.

Thank you.

COMSTECH REVISITED: SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR S&T IN THE OIC COUNTRIES, 2016-25

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Science and technology will play a critical role in addressing contemporary challenges of development across multiple dimensions including poverty alleviation, better health, preservation of the environment, and ensuring food, water, and energy security, today and in the years to come. This is the great game in the 21st Century and Muslims must take active part in this venture.

The salient features of the recommendations and basic priorities for S&T will be presented. Science is disruptive, and this must be recognised if we wish to attempt to build a scientific culture, which is generally missing in most OIC countries. The recommendations include, among other, upgrade of research infrastructure, big science multi-country initiatives, and venture funds for high technology start-ups, by OIC Member States. Other features include paying more attention to basic sciences, while attempting to build a knowledge and competitive economy, exchange of scientific workers, and implementation mechanisms these with timelines and costs.



PRESENTATION

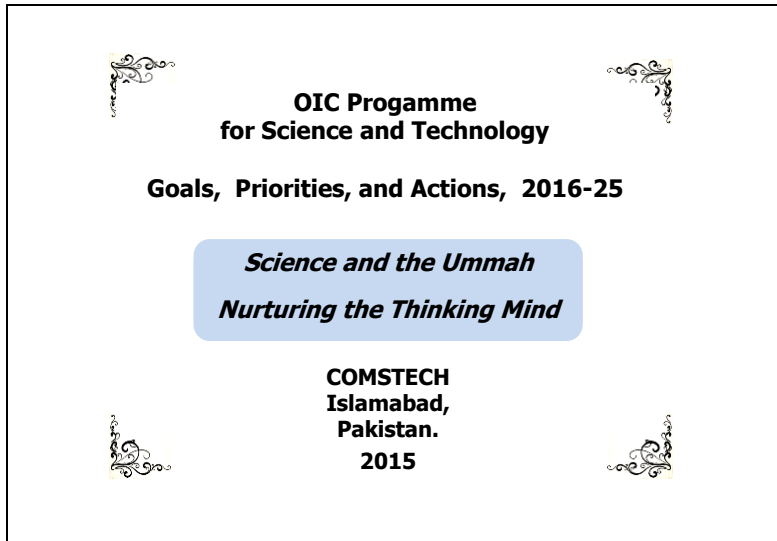


Figure 1. OIC Programme for Science and Technology.



Figure 2. Mandate of COMSTECH.

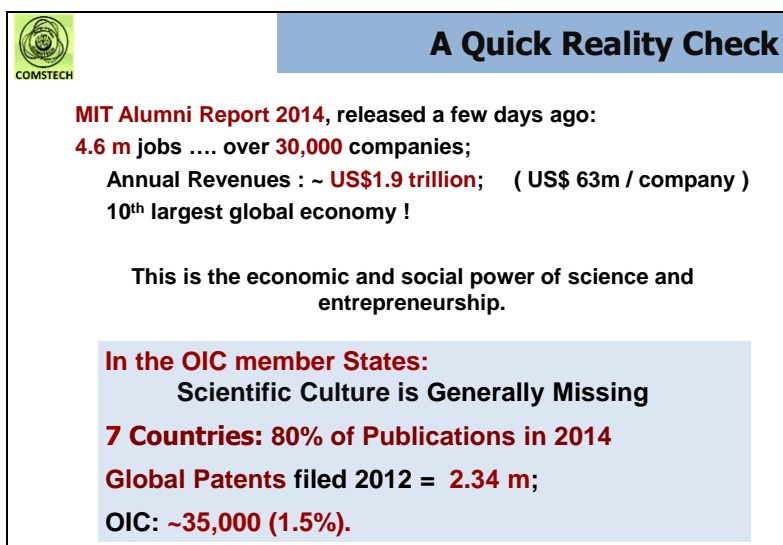



Figure 3. A Quick Reality Check.



Figure 4. Some Major COMSTECH Programmes.



COMSTECH

Comstech Investment In Research

Category	Research Grants	No of Countries
Res. Financing Within OIC	630	38
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directly OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With TWAS ▪ With IFS ▪ With WHO-EMRO ▪ With ISESCO ▪ Inter Islamic Networks ▪ IWAS 	COMSTECH Financial Assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Conferences /Thematic Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 183 in Islamabad in Last 20 Years ▪ 475 participants, 32 countries ➢ Travel Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Several hundred 	
Over US\$ 14 million spent		

Figure 5. COMSTECH Investment in Research.


COMSTECH Activities (<i>continued</i>)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMSTECH Directory of Active Scientists in OIC Member States and their Recent Scientific Publications up to 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massive Publication: Internationally Abstracted Information from Thousands of Scientific Journals Arranged According to Fields and Sub - Fields Offering Library Search Facility.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide Acceptability : Active Role In Creating Joint Programs & Collaborations Among the OIC Scientific Community.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Volumes Completed (21,997 pages)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.comstech.org with electronic search facility.
UPDATE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY	

Figure 6. COMSTECH Activities.

COMSTECH Inter-Islamic Networks		
#	Network / Location	Status
1	Water Resources Dev.& Management (INWRDAM), Amman, Jordan	Active
2	Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET), Karachi, Pakistan	Active
3	Oceanography (INOC), Izmir, Turkey	Active
4	Tropical Medicine (INTROM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Active
5	Information Technology ; (INIT), Islamabad, Pakistan	Active
6	Biosaline Agriculture (INBA); Dubai, UAE	Active
7	Virtual Universities (CINVU); Tehran, Iran	Active
8	Science and Technology Parks (INSTP); Rasht, Iran	Active
9	Nano-Technology (INN); Tehran, Iran	Active
10	Environment (INE); Khartoum, Sudan	Suspended
11	Veterinary Science Research (INVSR); Khartoum, Sudan	Suspended
12	Renewable Energy Sources (INRES); Niamey, Niger	Suspended
13	Genetic Engineering & Suspended by Executive Committee at Present led	

Figure 7. COMSTECH Inter-Islamic Networks.

Pakistan's Space Programme & ISNET:	
info@isnet.org.pk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Annual Seminars & Workshops • 27 Training Courses on RS & GIS • 6 Advanced Technology Training Courses • 2 Trainers Graduated from ITC, Netherlands under ISNET Train the Trainer (TTT) Programme launched in 2011 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Countries • 350 Research Papers Presented • 275 Scientists And Researchers Underwent Training • 1300 Professionals Attended The Seminars & Workshops 	

Figure 8. Pakistan's Space Programme & ISNET.

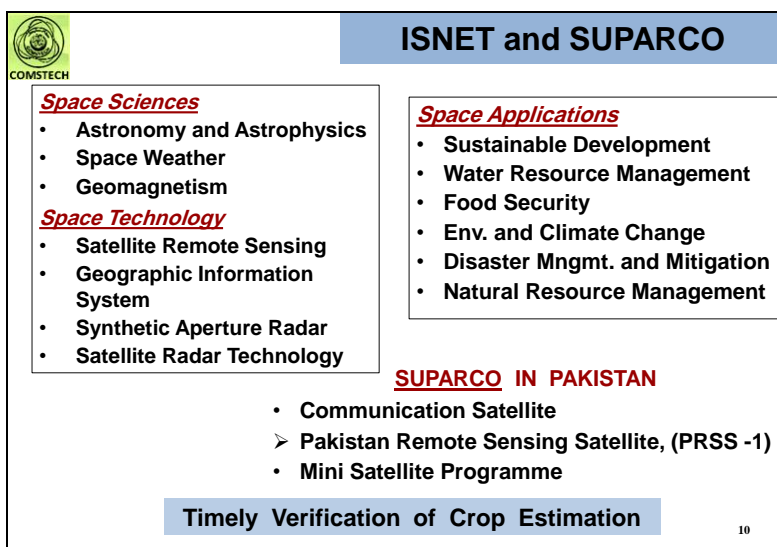


Figure 9. ISNET and SUPARCO.

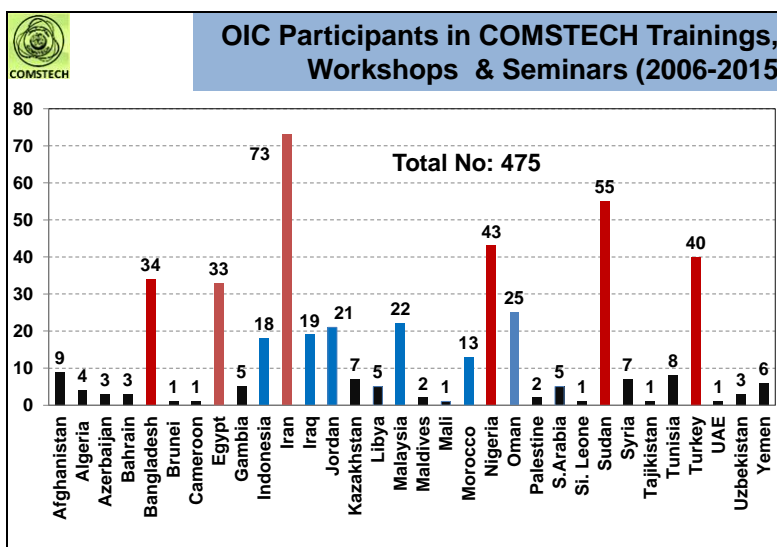


Figure 10. OIC Participants in COMSTech Trainings, Workshops & Seminars (2006-2015).

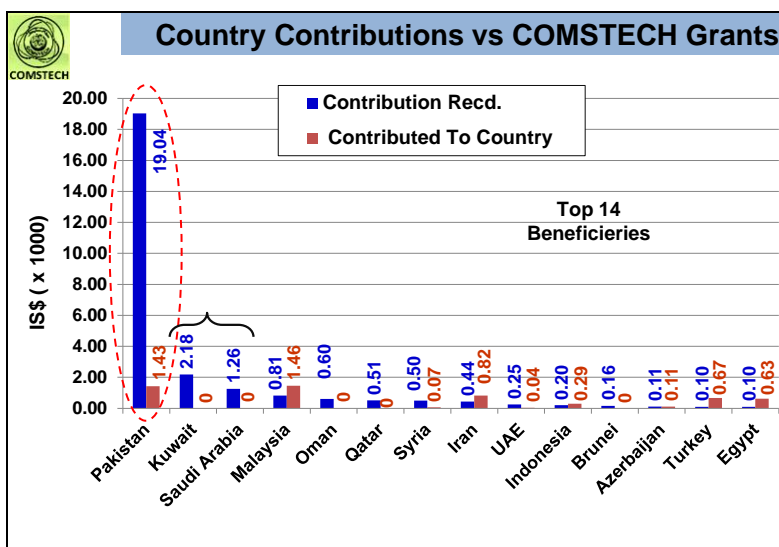


Figure 11. Country Contributions vs COMSTech Grants.

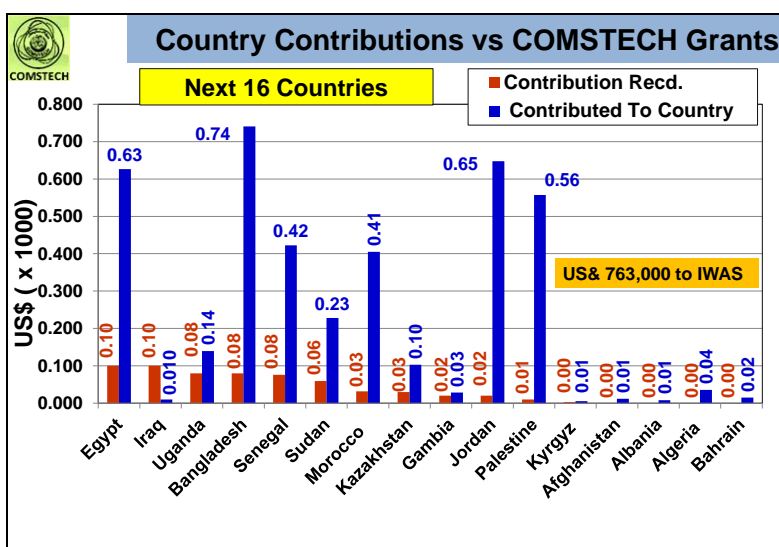


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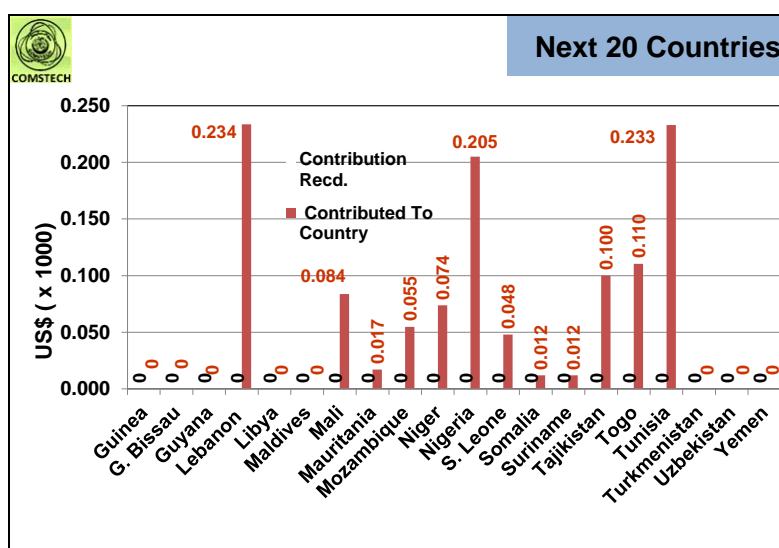


Figure 13. Next 20 Countries.

**Consulted Eminent Scientists / Technologists
for Preparation of the Action Plan, 2016-25**

1. **Consulted** 157 scientists and engineers from 20 countries
2. **Basic Theme** : S&T for Development: *Playing 'Catch-up'*
3. **BREAK OUT** of the 'Low Skills/Low Output/Low Productivity' Trap
 - a. R&D in Emerging Sciences: Basic Sciences 'Big' Science.
 - b. Capacity Building : Better Monitoring and Evaluation
 - c. Energy, Water, and Food Security
 - d. Health and SDGs
 - e. Managing Meta-Data / IT, and Cyber Security

GOAL for 2025: 50 Universities Among Top 500

Figure 14. Consulted Eminent Scientists/ Technologists For Preparation of the Action Plan, 2016-25.


	➤ Basic Priorities and Goals, 2016 – 2025	
	1	Nurturing the 'Thinking Mind' ; Build a Scientific Culture.
	2	Making People Employable; Education and Skills.
	3	Ensuring Healthy Lives
	4	Security of Water, Food and Agriculture; Gene Banks
	➤ Infrastructure and Research: (~US\$ 1100 m)	
	1	Infrastructure / HR Development / Research Grants
	2	➤ Ibn Al Haitham Award Mobility of Scientists ➤ Lindau Nobel Laureates Council; 1st 11 being sent June 2016
	3	Training of Technicians in Research Labs and Industry
	4	Energy: Efficiencies, Nuclear ; Ren. Energy, Storage Systems (RE)
	5	Big Data , Cyber Security and the Digital Economy
	6	Improved Laboratory Equipment / Aids
	➤ Venture Cap./ Angel Funds for Hi-Tech SMEs: US\$ 160m	

Figure 15. Basic Priorities and Goals, 2016-2025.


	'Joint' Big Science Programmes	
	1	Space, Astronomy, Accelerators and Synchrotrons
	2	Mapping of : Marine Environment of OIC States (10 m Sq Km) and Minerals Directory of OIC States
	3	High Performance Computer Facilities
	4	The Challenge of Climate Change
	5	Consortiums: • Communications and Industrial Equipment • Equipment for Energy and Power • Joint Manuf. of Teaching Aids & Laboratory Equipment
	6	Training of Managers for Large Scientific Projects
	7	Urbanisation and Planning of Megacities
	8	Harmonising Trade Laws, Industrial Standards, and IP Laws

Figure 16. 'Joint' Big Science Programmes.

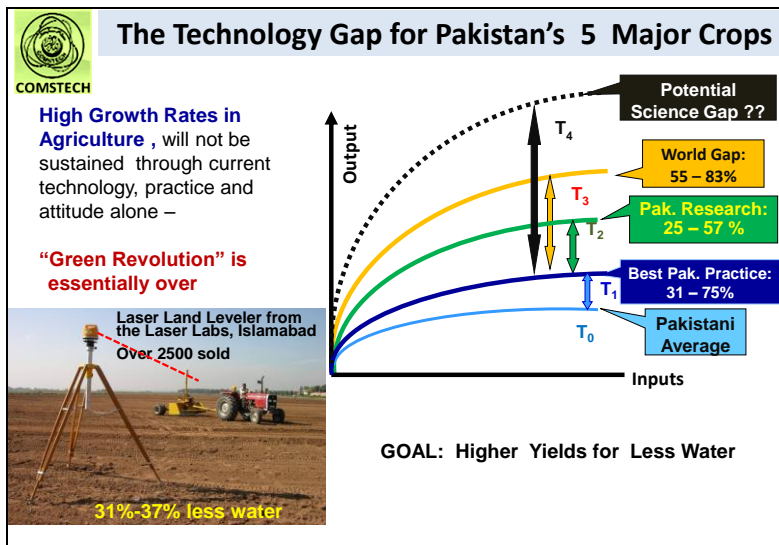


Figure 17. The Technology Gap for Pakistan's 5 Major Crops.

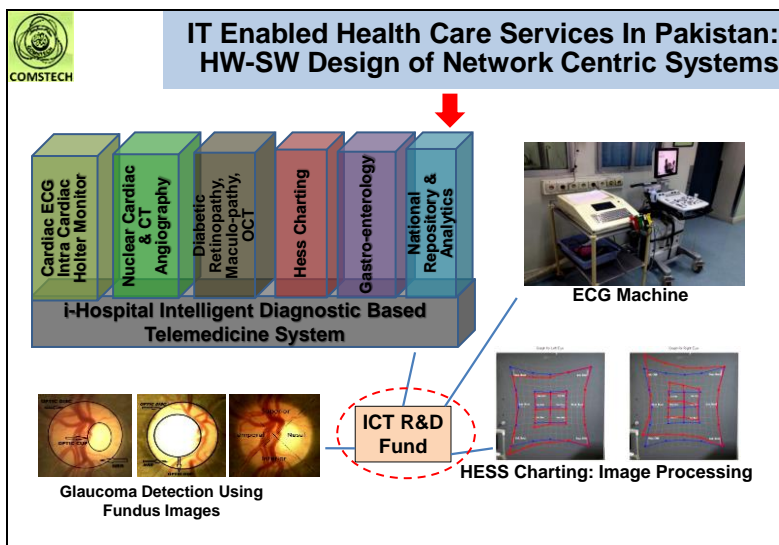










Figure 18. IT Enabled Health Care Services in Pakistan.



Lasers and Photonics

- **Optical Components** design & fabrication,
- **Radiation hardened** Thin Film Coatings,
- **Clean Rooms** Facilities (Class 1000 / 100 / 10)
- **SMT** Facilities
- **Environmental Chambers**

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Figure 19. Lasers and Photonics.



COMPLETE LASER SYTEMS





Lab. Laser Systems

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- Spectroscopy
- Tokamaks / Plasmas
- Single Freq. Lasers
- Bose Einstein Condensates
- Bio-photonics






Detector Position Monitoring System for CMS at CERN's LHC:
40 Laser Systems; designed and manufactured in Pakistan

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Figure 20. Complete Laser Systems.

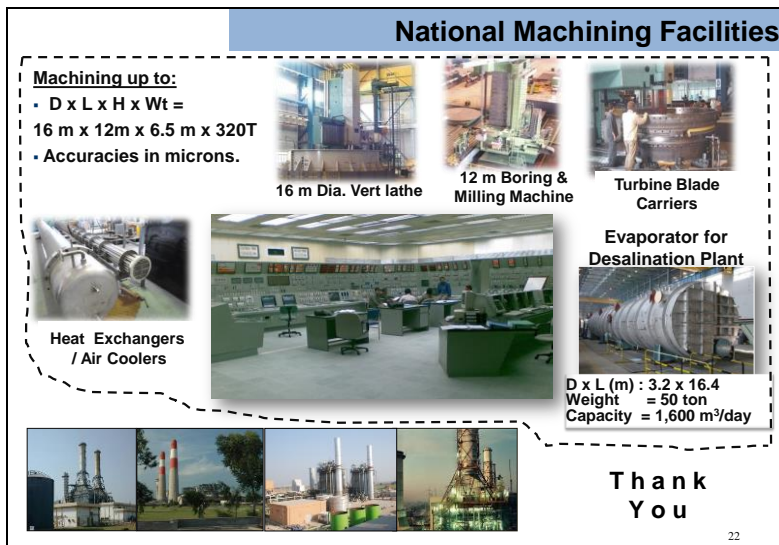


Figure 21. National Machining Facilities.

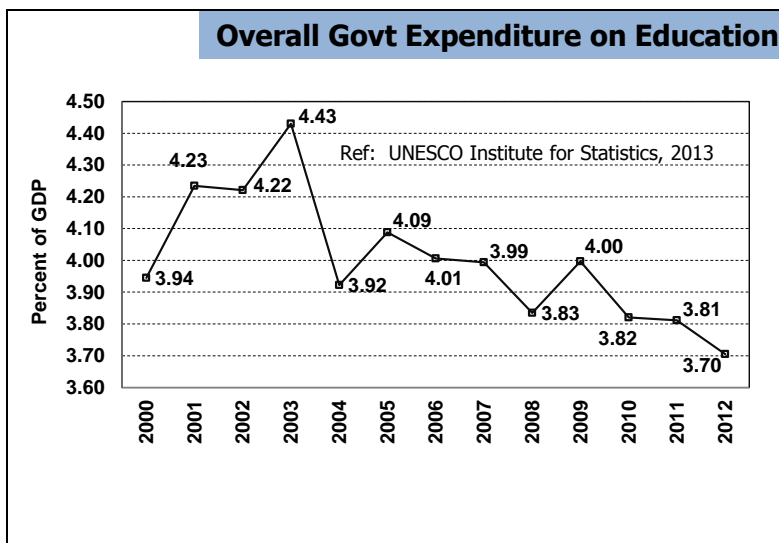


Figure 22. Overall Government Expenditure on Education.

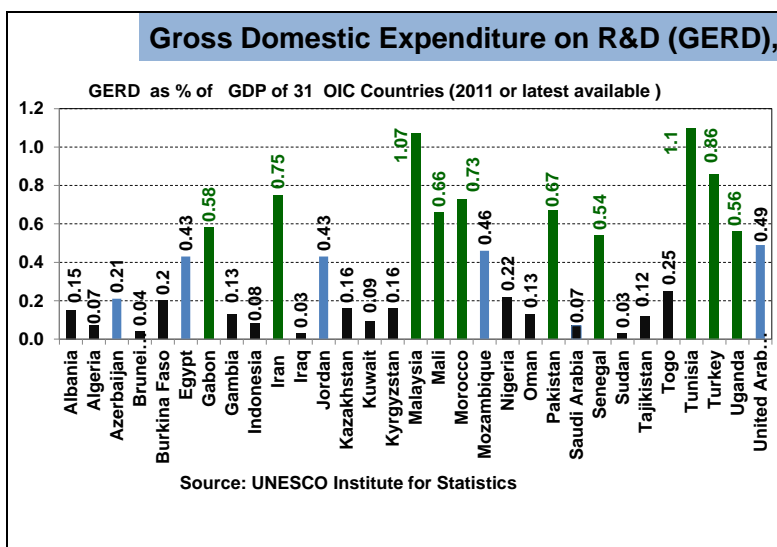


Figure 23. Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (GERD).

Science Education and Research for Innovation in OIC Countries

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ABSTRACT

Science Education, technology and innovation, throughout basic education is a prerequisite for sound higher education and R&D for development. Therefore, literacy in science and skills in mathematics are essential for achieving science education for all. Countries who have achieved the goals of *Education for All* since its inception 1990 should move to a new era of **science education for all**, so as to have the knowledge society and knowledge economy abreast of vast scientific and technological advances, understanding nature of science, concepts, principles, theories and interacting with universe: using problem-solving, analysis, critical thinking and logics which will lead to innovations, discovery and decision making of friendly use of environmental and human resources.



Science, technology and society (STS) is not only learning to live together, but also interacting and learning to live with nature.

Looking at OIC countries, there are success stories where literacy rate in some countries like *Iran, Malaysia* and *Turkey* and in the Arab states such as *Lebanon, Tunisia, Jordan* and *United Arab Emirates* have reached 98% comparable to developed countries, but the gap in quality of education is apparent.

Iran has 92 universities, 512 on-line branches and 56 R&D institutes with 3.7 million students; one million of them in medical and 31% of them in engineering considered to be one of the highest rates in the world. There is no doubt that some of OIC countries have shown progress in science and converting technology into innovations, which resulted in creation of wealth, prosperity and enhancing sustainable development, but there is an urgent need for other countries to catch up, to invest in science and technology and upgrade their human resources in capacity building and unleashing the human brain potentials for discovery, innovation and entrepreneurship, to raise their capita-income and overcome unemployment and poverty.

PRESENTATION

For Science Education, technology and Innovation, basic education is prerequisite for a sound higher education and R&D for development, it should achieve the goals of Education for All:

GOAL 1: Early childhood care & education

Improving comprehensive early childhood care & education.

GOAL 2: Universal primary education

Ensuring that by 2015 all children, have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality.

GOAL 3: Youth & Adult skills

Learning needs of all young people and adults are met, appropriate learning and life skills programs.

GOAL 4: Adult literacy

Improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women.

GOAL 5: Gender equality

Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education.

GOAL 6: Quality of Education

Improving all aspects of the quality of education and ensuring excellence.

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Figure 1.

For fostering science education, one has to analyze:

- Lack of interest by the young.
- Lack of qualified teachers.
- Gap between modern science and current science education and educators.

We need to:

- Start at early childhood for motivating pupils to inquiry and discovery and develop critical thinking, logics, problem-solving through interactive-blended learning using math and science.
- Deep reforms in math and science education using multimedia to promote innovations and entrepreneurship
- Change the classroom into interactive facilitation of development of skills through group participation for solving the buzz and working for practical solutions.
- Promote free thinking to develop the minds to new horizon of learning at the pre-university level (K – 12)
- Bridge the gap between scientists and science educators.

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Figure 2.

We've got to realize that:

- Science and technology skills are truly the catalyst for change and development.
- Capacity building in S&T is the future for economic, social and quality of life.
- Science and technology literacy is imperative.
- Science education should fulfill personal, societal, academic and career needs.
- Science for all "continuously abreast of vast scientific and technological advances".
- Understanding nature of science, concepts, principles, theories and interacting with universe: using problem-solving, analyses, critical thinking, logics, and making decisions. This will lead to exciting views of nature and universe leading to innovations and discovery.

Figure 3.

Four pillars of literacy in science:

- Nature of science: **to be**
- Knowledge & skills of science: **to know**
- Science through doing technology: **to do**.
- Science, technology and society (STS): **to live and interact together**.

Leads to:

- Prosperity.
- Creation of wealth.
- Appreciation of nature and universe.
- Joy of life-long education and enlightenment.
- Creating culture of scientific-method toward participatory democracy.
- Enhancing sustainable development and friendly-environmental-use.
- Empowerment of women in a modern world.

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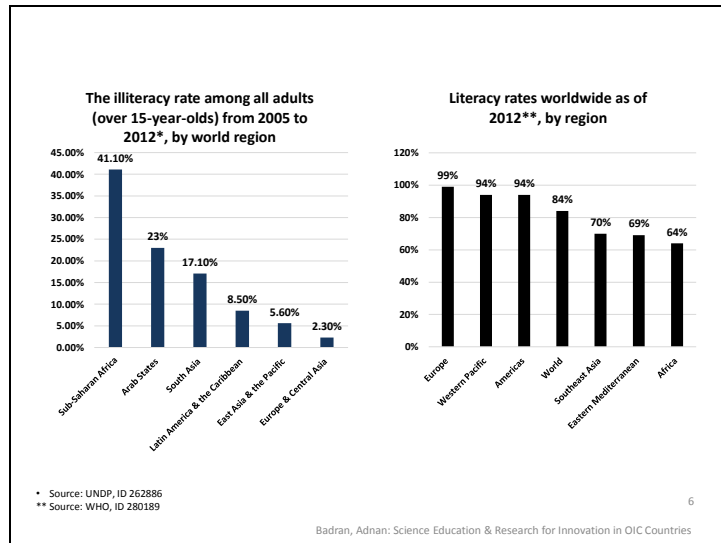


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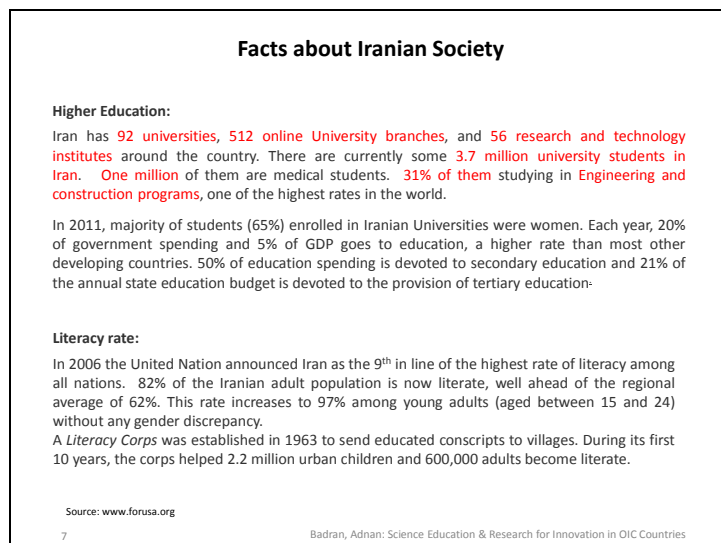


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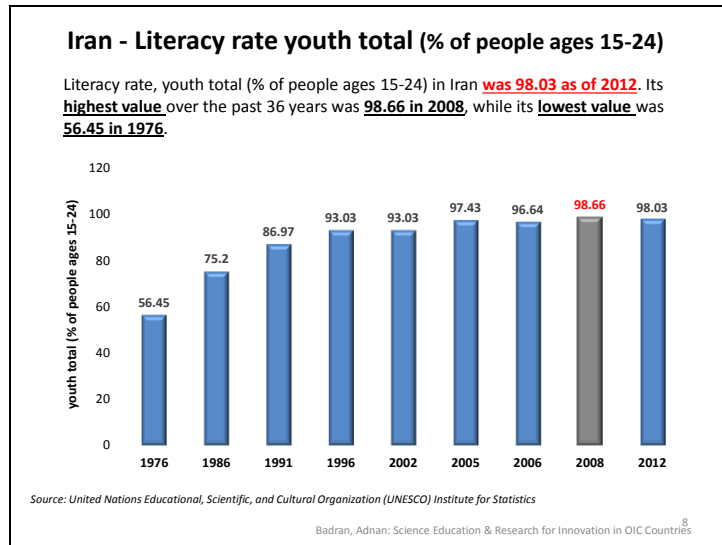


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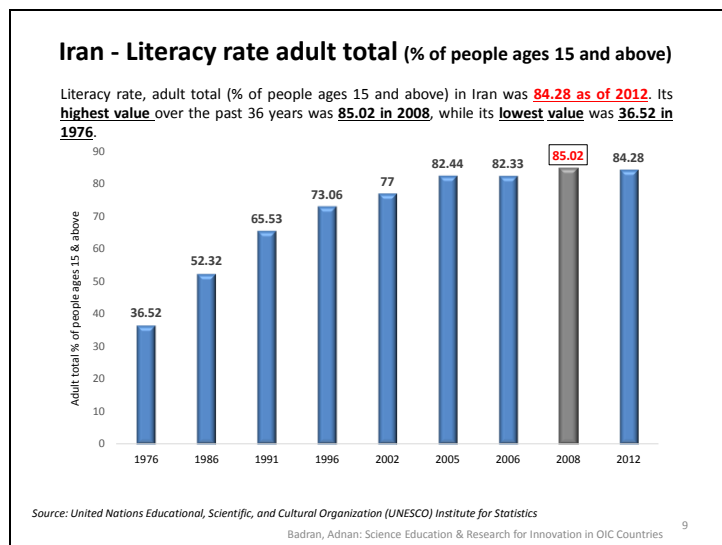


Figure 8.

Status of science education in the Arab region:

I. Access to science education:

- Hi level of illiteracy, females in particular in Morocco, Egypt and Yemen (40%).
- Arab region is not catching up with new frontiers of science and technology.
- Consumer-based turn-key technology: created by others.

II. Quality of science education:

- Statistics show there is an increase in students enrollment in basic, general and tertiary education, but a huge decline in quality.
- Outdated curricula and pedagogy dominated by religious dogmatic memorization curricula.
- Emphasis on theoretical science dictation neglecting hands-on practice.
- Outdated teachers, disseminators rather than facilitators, low salary failing to attract good teachers, lack of training and updating skills of teachers i.e. continuing education.
- Lack of funds to improve science education.

Figure 9.

Status of science education in the Arab region: *continue*

III. Science education reforms:

Some countries are making reforms by their own experts as Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon. Others are adapting UNESCO and ALECSO framework. Gulf States have adapted science education reforms developed in the West and some have contracted experts from abroad to reform their science education.

1. Science quality curricula:

- at present, theoretically focus and less experimental and practical.
- at present, less focus on investigation, problem-solving and thinking skills.
- at present, absence of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- at present, myth and superstition.
- at present, facts without applying knowledge on solving-problems.
- at present, lack of inquiry with no emphasis on local environmental problems associated with science and technology.

Figure 10.

Status of science education in the Arab region: *continue*

2. Achievement of students in math and science:

- World indicator on quality of science education is the achievement of pre-college students in math and science.
- Trends in International math and science study (TIMSS) developed by the international association for the evaluation of educational achievement (IEA), show the Arab states lag behind. Only Jordan achieved International average while Bahrain, Palestine, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Lebanon scored lower rank of international average. (2003), Jordan fell behind at later years.

3. Quality of Science teachers:

- Lack by teachers to use reflection and problem solving.
- Teachers are conserving the status-quo rather than becoming agents of creativity.
- Overloading students with information and memorization rather than structuring knowledge to develop skills.

Figure 11.

Status of science education in the Arab region: *continue*

4. Improve quality of science education:

- Updating teachers: in-service and out-service training and continuing education in skills and pedagogy.
- Computer literacy.
- Follow-up and assessment.
- Hand-books and teacher guides, training of teachers on e-learning, interactive blended learning.
- Hands-on to create innovators and inventors.

From results of TIMSS in countries like Singapore, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, England, Ireland and Finland, it is useful to derive lessons for reforms and improvement of science education in the Arab states.

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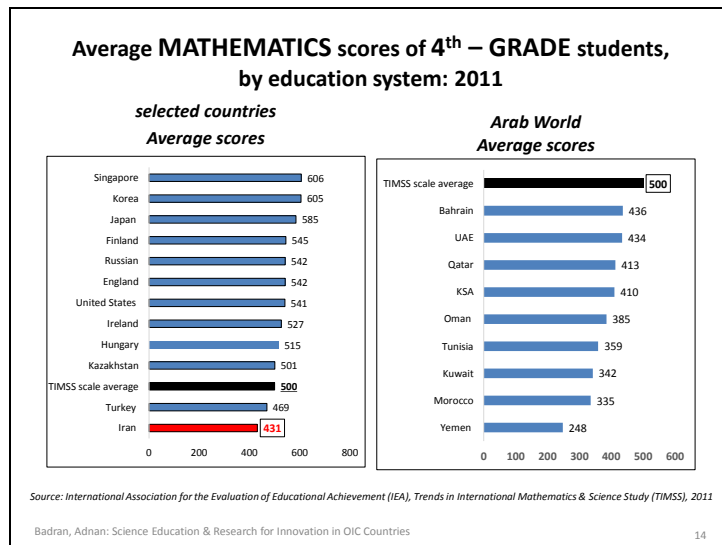


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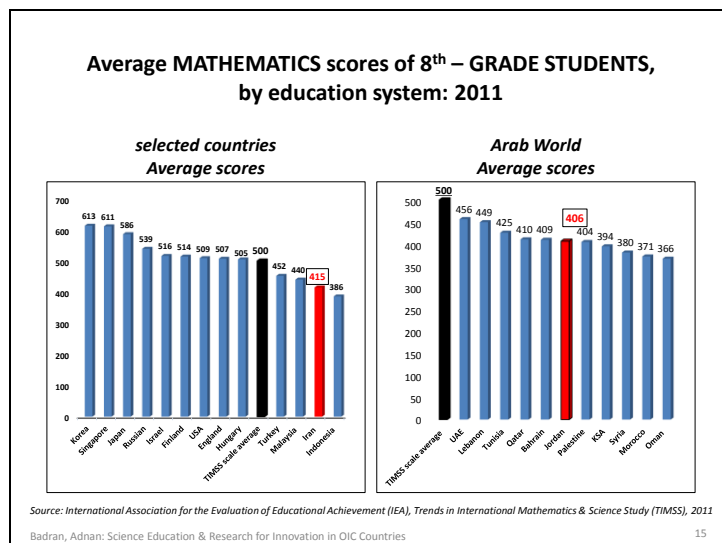


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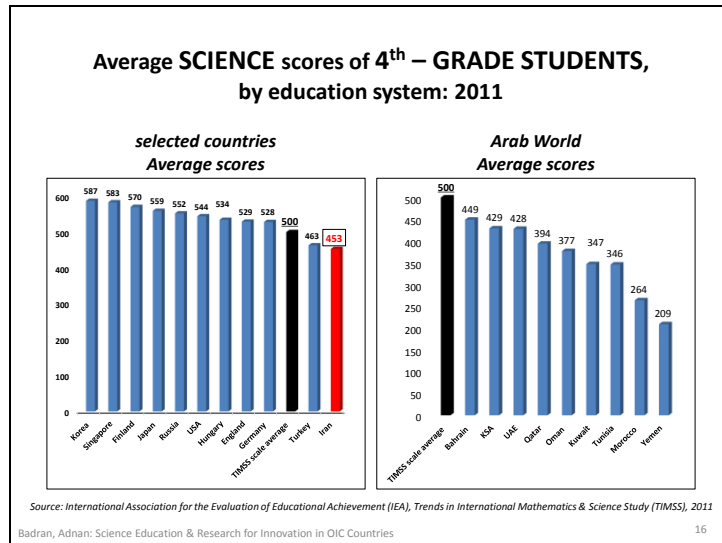


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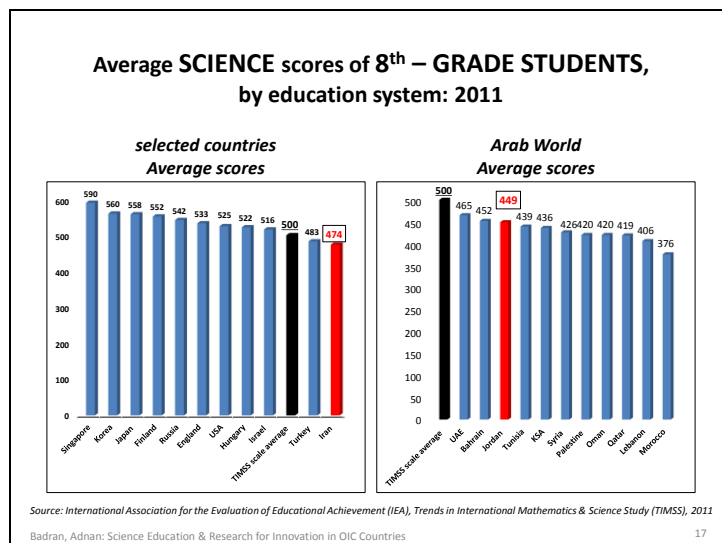


Figure 16.

SCIENCE Indicators

To reflect on the quality and delivery of science education, science indicators show clearly that development of economic, social and quality of life linked strongly with capacity building in science & technology.



Figure 17.

SCIENCE Indicators

- I. Expenditure indicator.
- II. Researchers indicator.
- III. Scientific publications indicator.
- IV. Technology indicator.
- V. Innovations indicator.
- VI. Patents indicator.



Figure 18.



I. Expenditure Indicator

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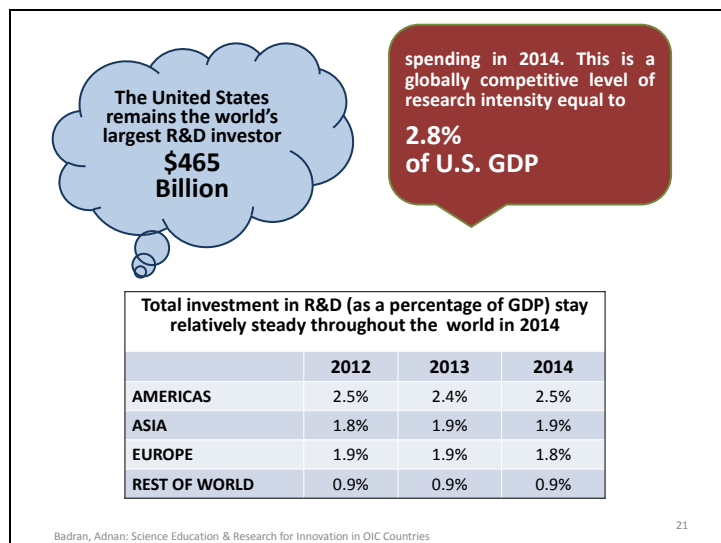


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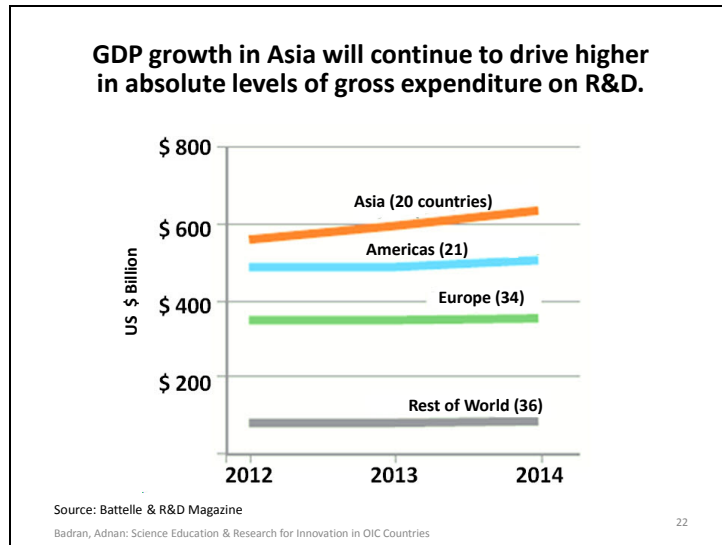


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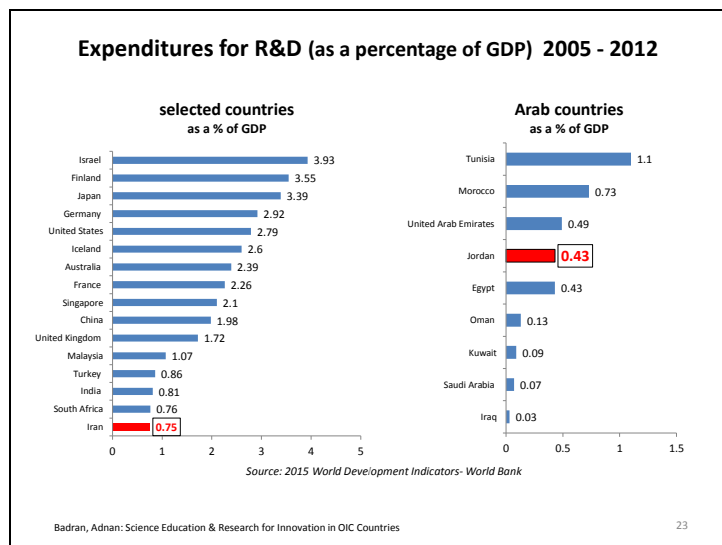


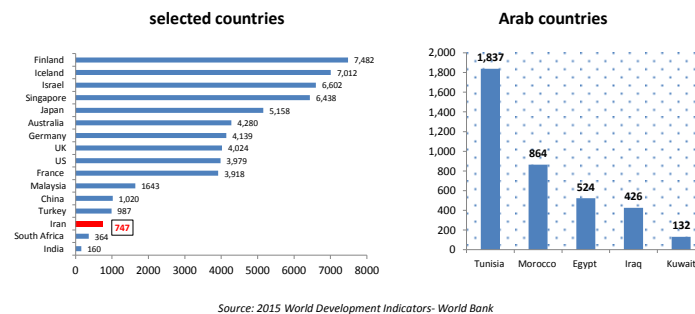
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II. Researchers Indicator

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Researchers (full-time equivalent per million people (2005-2012))



Source: 2015 World Development Indicators- World Bank

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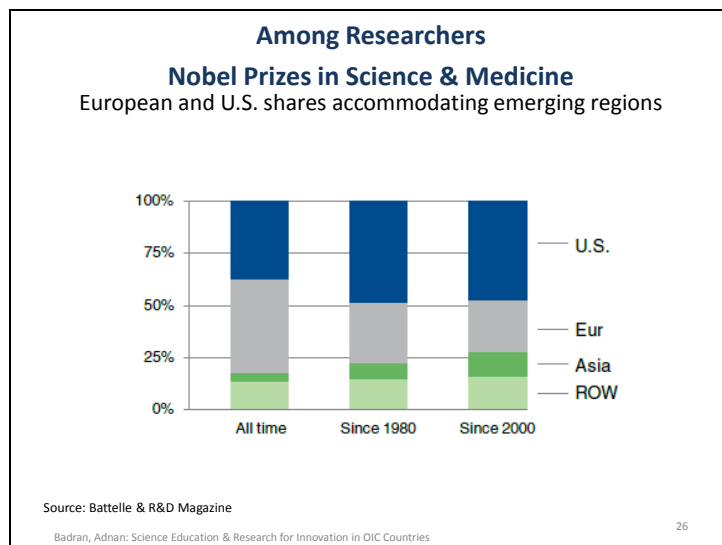


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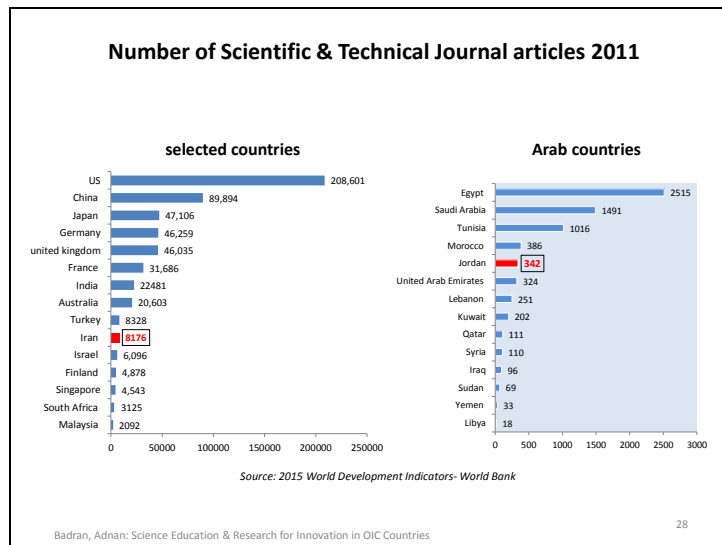


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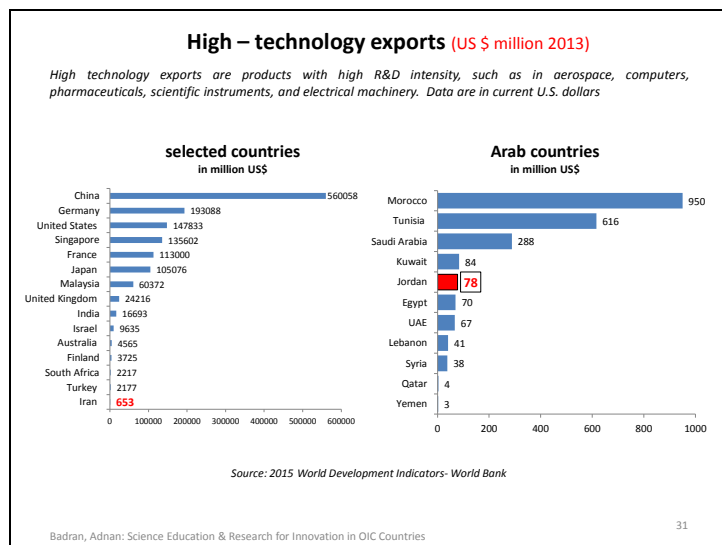


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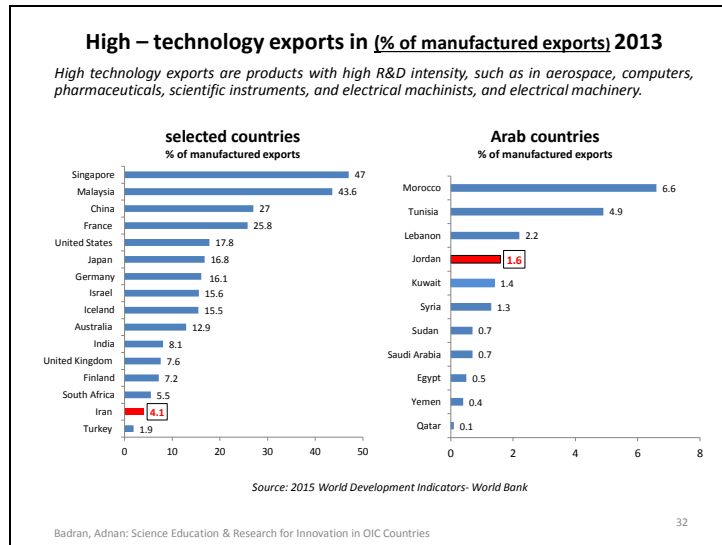


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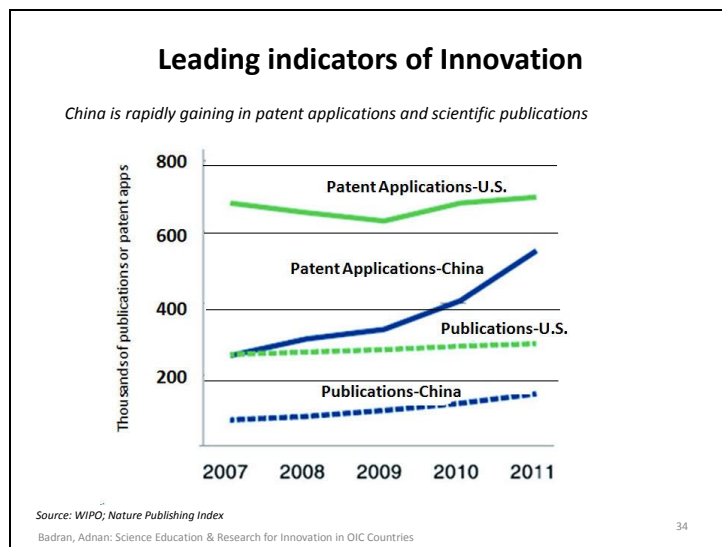


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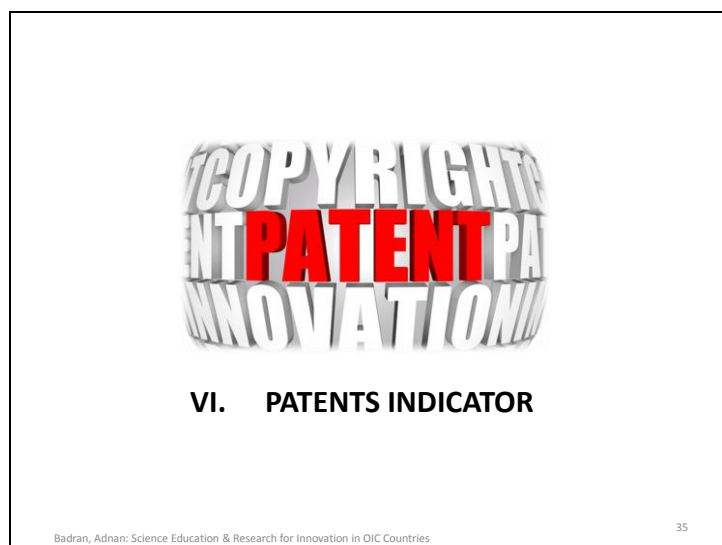


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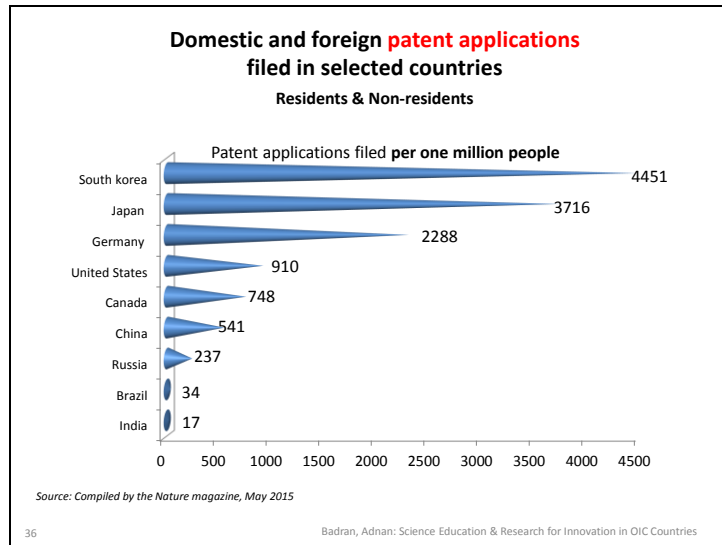


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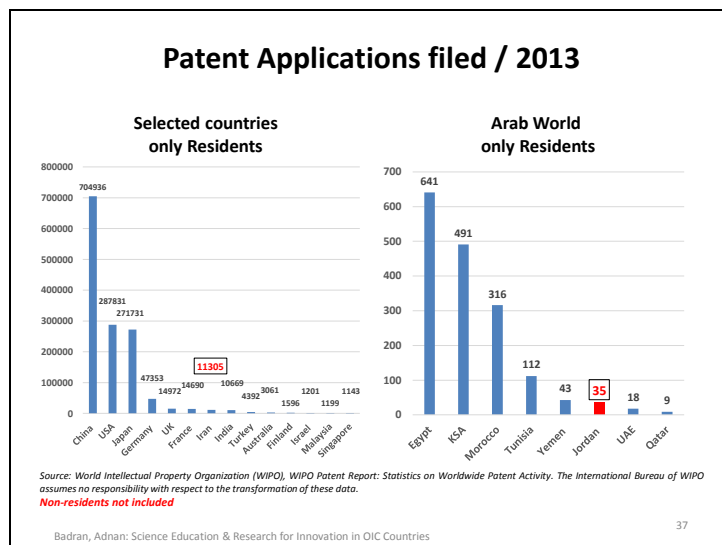


Figure 36.

Building Our Sustainable Common Future: The Smart Partnership Way

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ABSTRACT

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Figure 1. Abstract.



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The Future is Bleak



- ❑ Disasters of Natural Origin
- ❑ Disasters of Human Origin (political turmoil, armed conflicts, terrorism, global warming?)
- ❑ Disparity between the Top and the Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP or the Bottom Billions)
(Health, nutrition, education, shelter, employment etc)

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Figure 2. The Future is Bleak.





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One World, One Destiny


Earth is the only home we have
Dealing with the disparity may
reduce/eliminate the disasters of
human origin



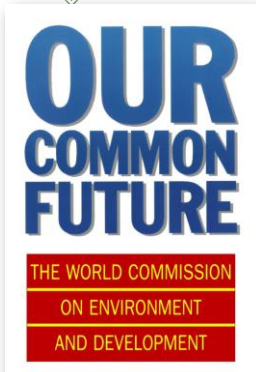



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Figure 3. One World, One Destiny.





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The Bruntland Report 1987 – Our Common Future

(Strategy for achieving sustainable development by 2000: Population, Food Security, Loss of Genetic Resources; Energy, Industry & Human Settlement)

- Equitable Sharing to ensure a Sustainable Common Future
- Resolving the 'Unmet Needs' of the BoP
- State of Technology and Social Organisation- the Environment's ability to meet present and future needs

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Figure 4. the Bruntland Report.



Figure 5. UN Millennium Development Goals 2000-2015.



Figure 6. UN Sustainable Development Goals – UN Agenda 2030.



Figure 7. Foundation and Pillars for the UN Development Goals.



Figure 8. Translating the STI Pillar into a National STI Agenda and Research Priorities.



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The Four Critical Technologies of the STI Pillar at National Level

- ❖ Basic Needs
- ❖ Quality of Life,
- ❖ Wealth Creation & Industrial Competitiveness
- ❖ Good Governance


Key Prerequisite -
Efficient STI Governance: STI Policy and Management System



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Figure 9. The Four Critical Technologies of the STI Pillar at National Level.



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STATUS OF S&T IN OIC COUNTRIES – SOME INDICATORS

- ❑ R&D spending as % of GDP
 - OIC Average: 0.81%
 - World Average: 2.2%
 - EU Average: 1.87%
 - Malaysia (2011): 1.07%
- ❑ Researchers, Scientists and Engineers in R&D
 - OIC: 457/million
 - World: 1549/million
- ❑ Patent Filing – 2010: OIC less than 1.7% of World Total
(estimate: 1.98 million)

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Figure 10. Status of S&T in OIC Countries-Some Indicators.

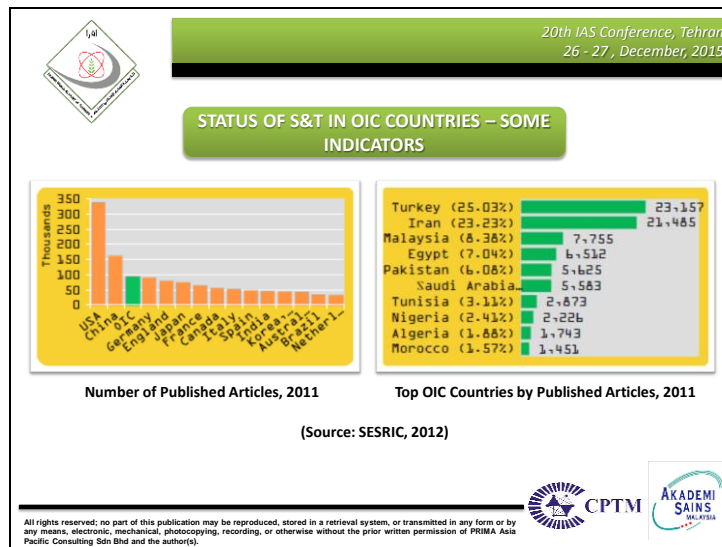


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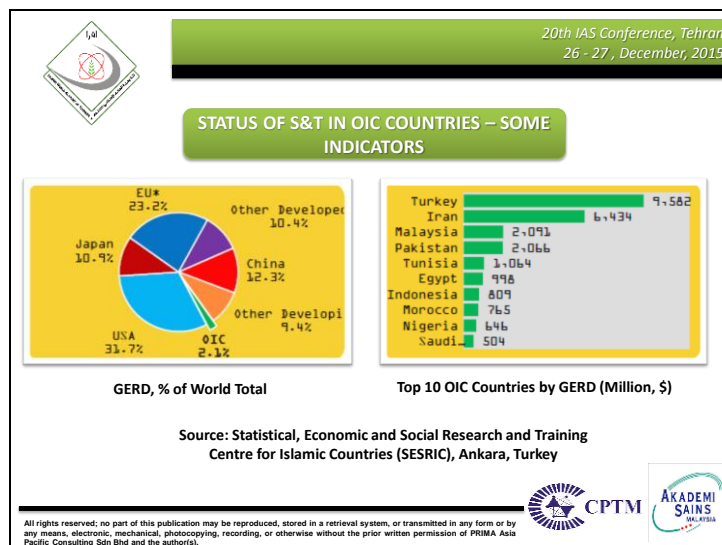


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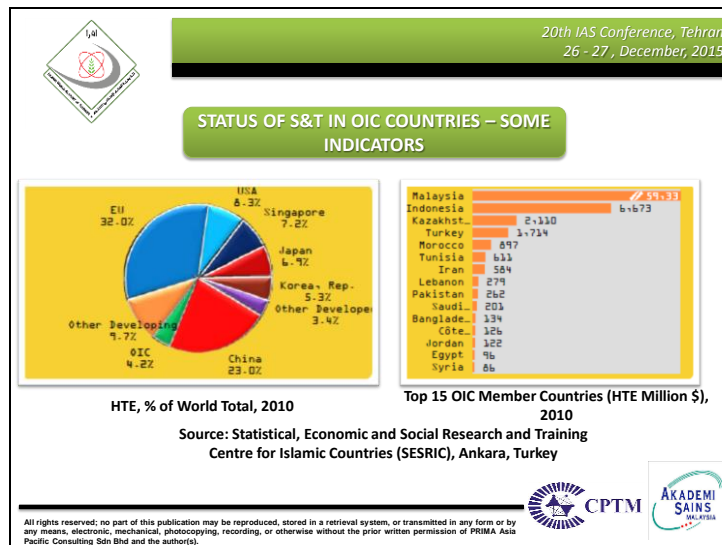


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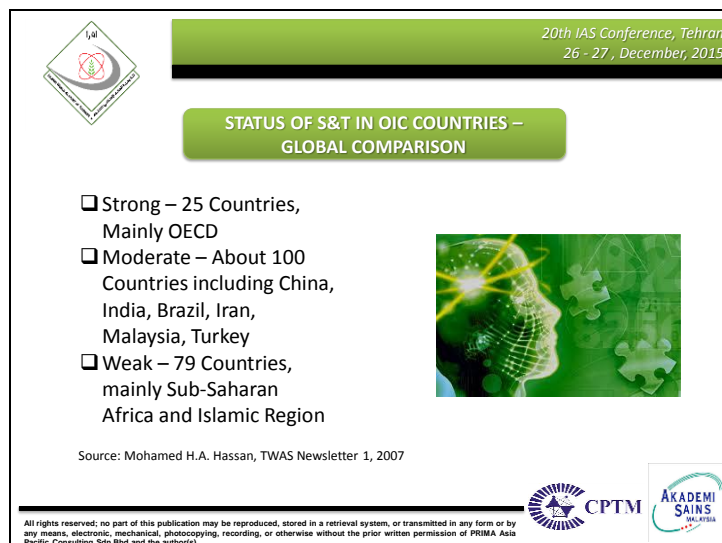


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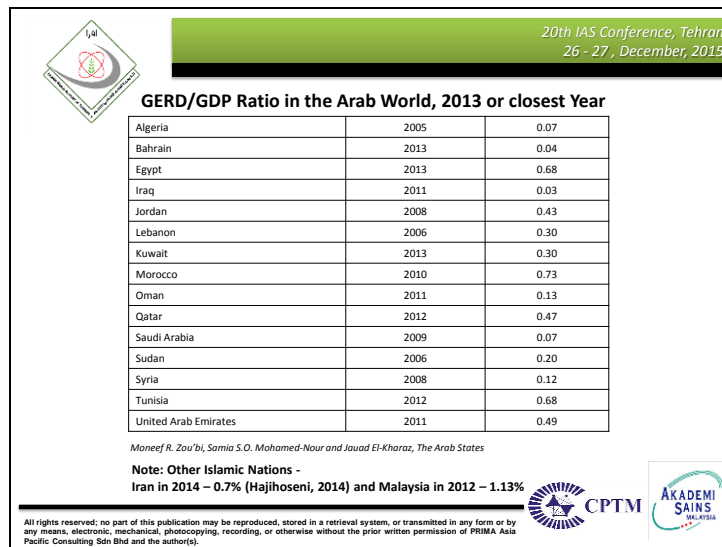


Figure 15. GERD/GDP Ratio in the Arab World, 2013 or closest year.

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OIC VISION 1441 ON S&T

□ OIC Conference on S&T, 7-10 October 2003,
Kuala Lumpur

Vision 1441

'OIC member states are committed to become a community that values knowledge and is competent and is competent in utilising and advancing S&T to enhance the socio-economic well being of the Ummah'



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Figure 16. OIC Vision 1441 on S&T.

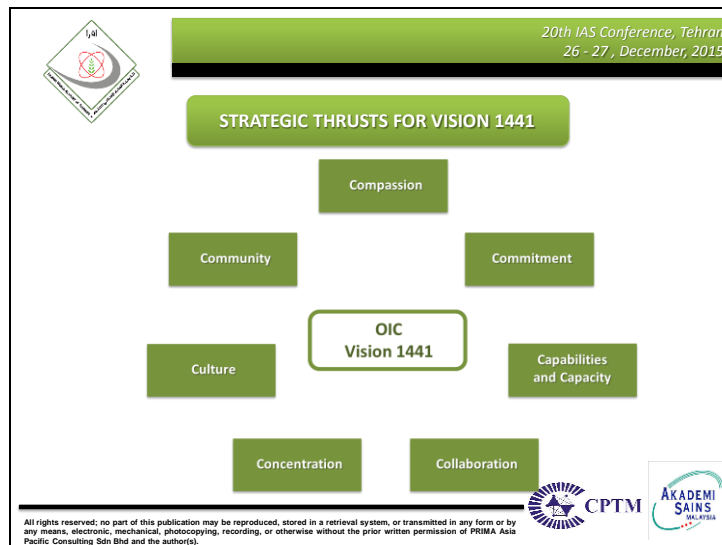


Figure 17. Strategic Thrusts for Vision 1441.

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MAKKAH, DECEMBER 2005**

Item 2: Development, Socio-economic and Scientific Issues
Sub item V: Higher Education, Science and Technology

- ☐ Calls for priority to be given to S&T, promotion of creativity, innovation and R&D, investment in technology capacity building in advanced technologies including nuclear technology for peaceful uses
- ☐ OIC Ten-Year Plan of Action

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Figure 18. Status of S&T in OIC Countries-The Makkah Declaration OIC Summit.

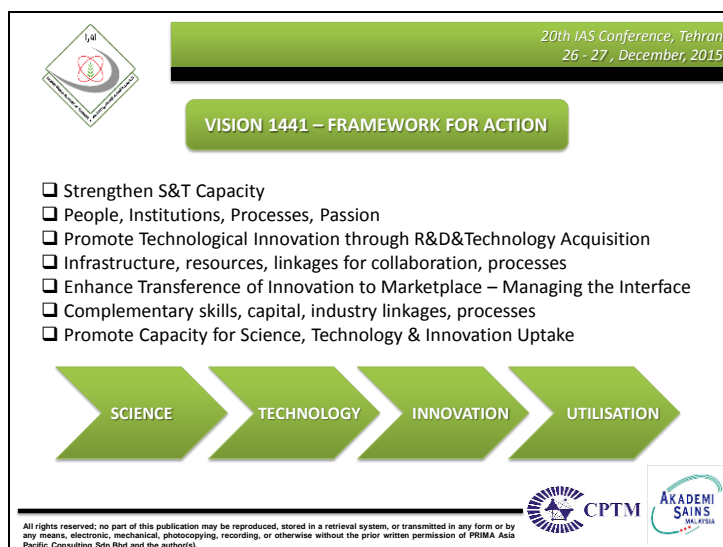


Figure 19. Vision 1441-Framework for Action.



Figure 20. Vision 1441 belongs to everyone, hence no one.

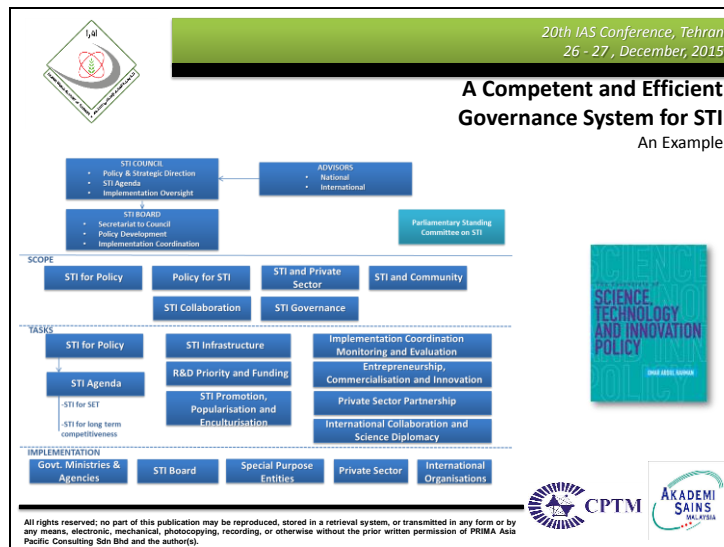


Figure 21. A competent and Efficient Governance System for STI.



Figure 22. Check List for STI Capacity.



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Achieving the Targets of Our Sustainable Common Future


- STI Capacity; STI Governance System
- International Partnership and Collaboration
- Capacity for Meaningful Partnering



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Figure 23. Achieving the Targets of Our Sustainable Common future.



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SMART PARTNERSHIP

- ❖ Universal Values Applied in Modern Context
- ❖ Win-Win Outcomes; Prosper Thy Neighbour
- ❖ Synergy of Commonalities
- ❖ Recognition of Differences

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Figure 24. Smart partnership.

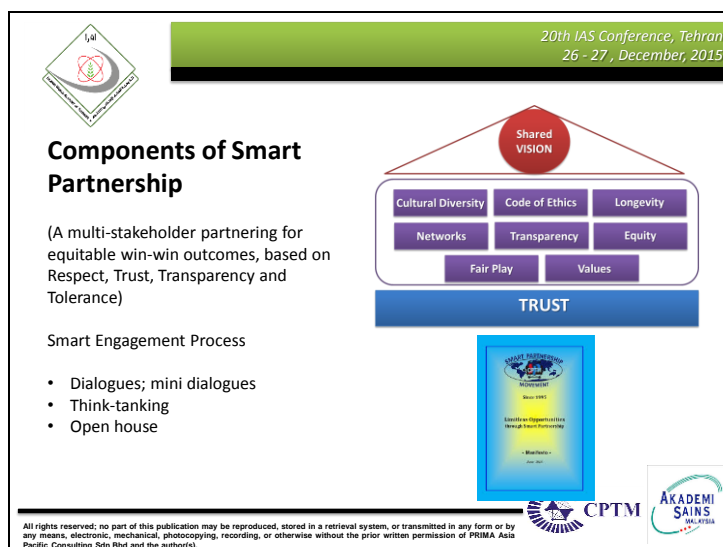



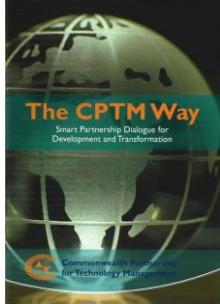
Figure 25. Components of Smart Partnership.



Figure 26. Smart Partnership (SP) in Practice - 1.



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SMART PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE - 2

SP for Business at National and International Levels

- Wealth creation with equitable benefits to all partners
- Business with Social Conscience : Profits, People, Planet

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Figure 27. Smart Partnership in Practice - 2.



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SMART PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE - 3

SP in Regional and International Arena

- Business Globalisation, Trade Liberalisation
- Sustainable Development
- Science Diplomacy - Cross- border issues
- POLITICAL DISPUTES, ARMED CONFLICTS, TERRORISM



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Figure 28. Smart Partnership in Practice – 3.

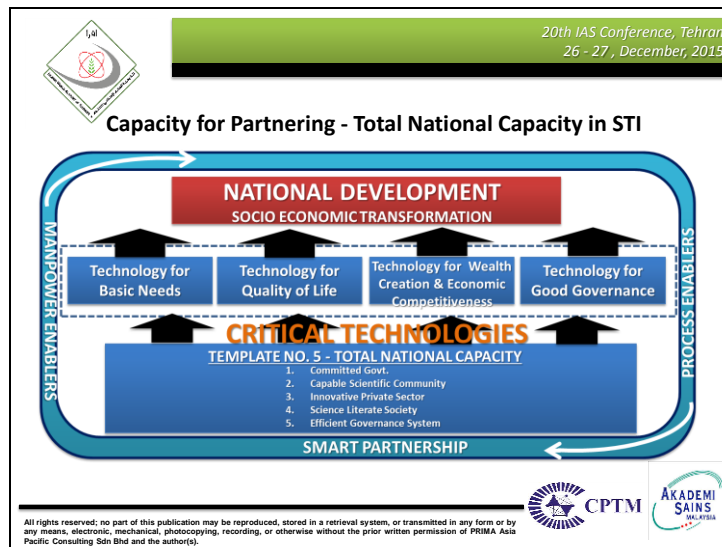


Figure 29. Capacity for Partnering – total National Capacity in STI.

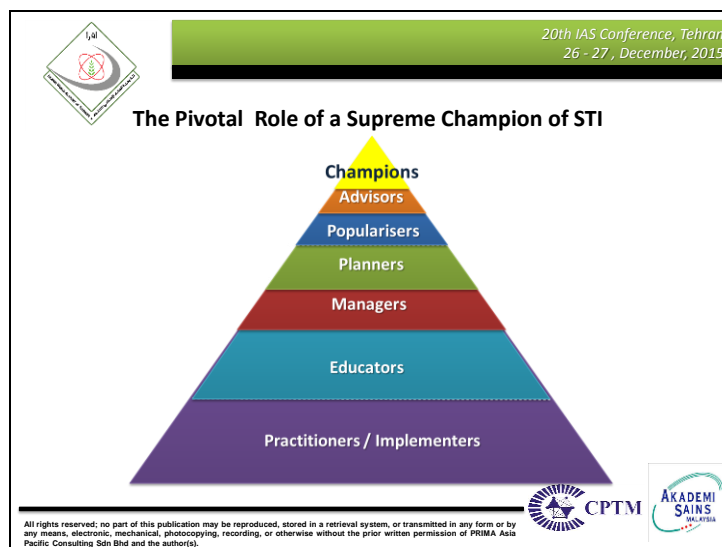




Figure 30. The Pivotal Role of a Supreme Champion of STI.





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CONCLUSIONS - Achieving a Sustainable Common Future

- Satisfying the unmet needs of the BoP
- Prioritizing the STI requirement to meet the needs
- Total National Capacity for International Collaboration
- Smart Partnership, the robust framework of Collaboration
- A Supreme National Champion of STI to make it happen



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Figure 31. Conclusions – Achieving a Sustainable Common Future.

The Health Landscape of Iran

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ABSTRACT

Prior to the Islamic Revolution, there was hardly a health care system in Iran. Preventive health care was very limited, and a fairly decent curative care could only be found in Tehran and to a lesser extent, in a few large cities where a great majority of the 12-14 thousand Iranian physicians were practicing. Those people living in smaller towns and large villages had to seek the advice of expatriate physicians speaking a different language. Poor people in general and residents of over 65/000 villages had virtually no access to medical care. When the Islamic Revolution materialized, people rightfully began to expect social justice and health equity, and the Ministry of Health in response started to establish a primary health care system throughout the country, however the main problem was inadequate health human power. As the Ministry of Higher Education was unable to increase the number of students, in 1985, the Parliament passed a law taking away all health-related schools from the Ministry of Higher Education and integrated them into the Ministry of Health, forming the Ministry of Health and Medical Education. Almost simultaneously at least one university of medical sciences and health services was established in each province. Since then the chancellors of the universities are not only responsible for health-related education and research, but also for the health care of the entire province.



As a result of the integration, not only Iran became self-sufficient in health human power, but research has also become more public health oriented and medical education more community oriented. The integration has also led to an improvement in the health situation throughout the country, particularly in the villages, remote areas and less developed provinces.

Now all villages and towns with less than 20/000 population have access to family practice physicians, through the primary health care system and the plan is to do the same for all cities in order to move closer to the Universal Health Coverage. Effort is also being made to decrease the out of pocket expenses from 52% to 30%. The Ministry of Health reports that currently it is down to 40.4%.

Now everyone's duty is to implement the Health General Policies endorsed by the Supreme Leader.

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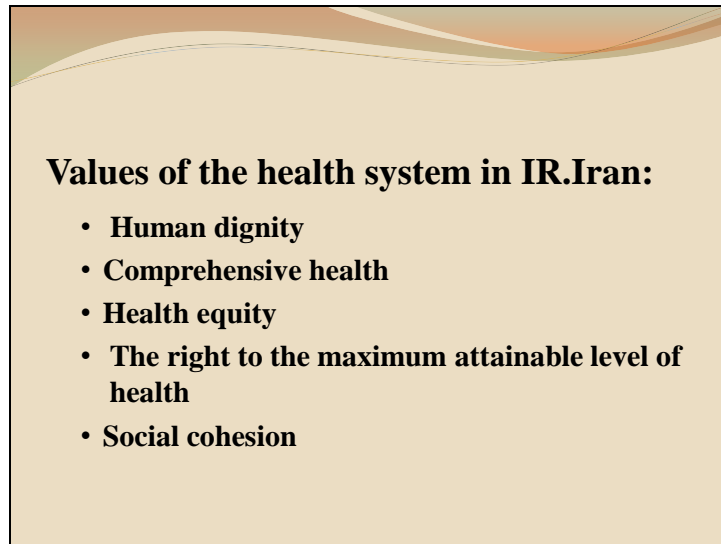


Figure 1. Values of the Health System in Iran.

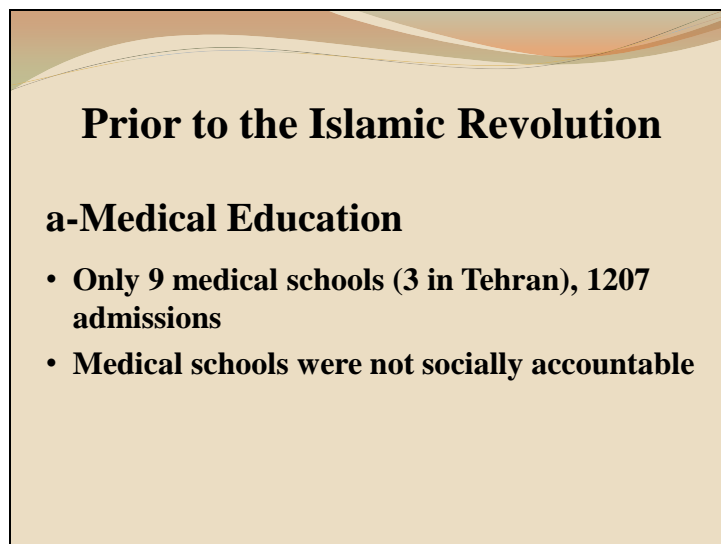


Figure 2. Prior to the Islamic Revolution.

b- The Health Care System

- **No national health care system**
- **Proper hospital care only in a few major cities**
- **12-14/000 Iranian physicians and around 3000 expatriates**

Figure 3.

- **Physicians to population ratio: $\frac{1}{2800}$**
- **Specialists scarce in some provinces**
- **65/000 villages with practically no public health provider**

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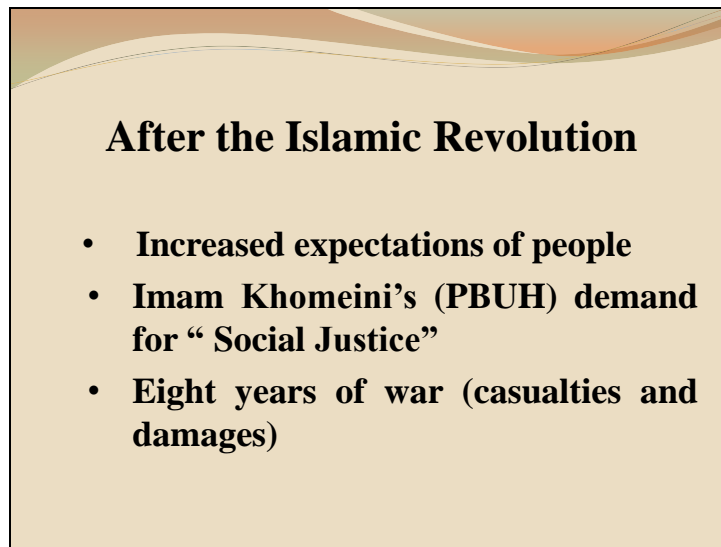


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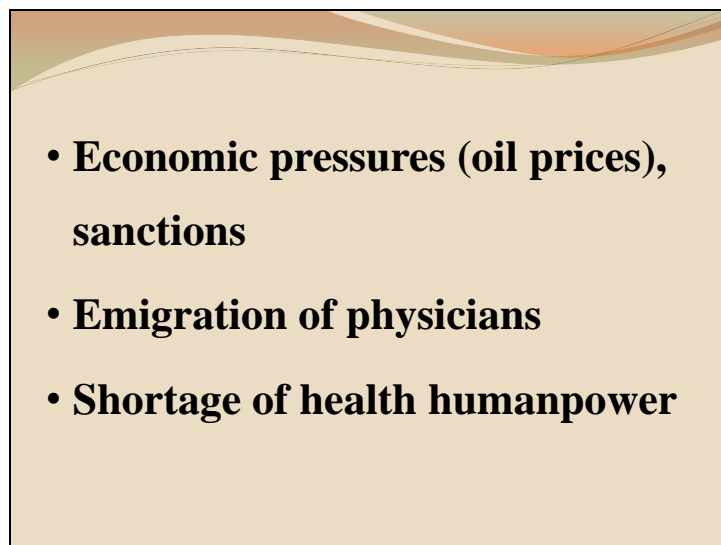


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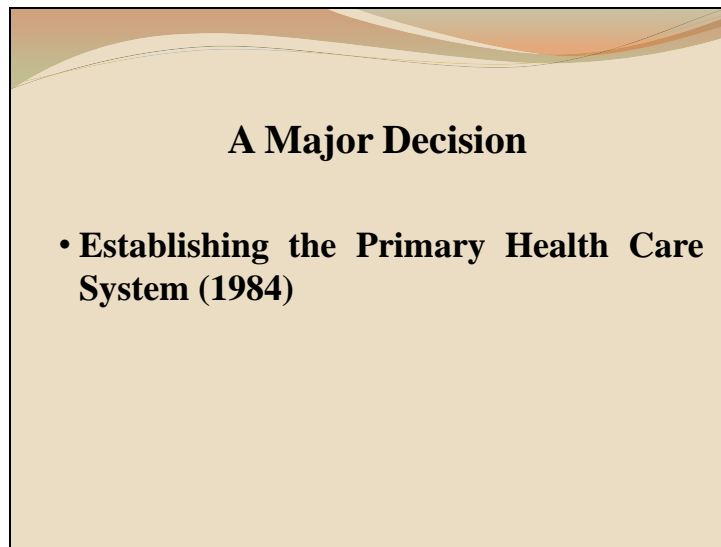


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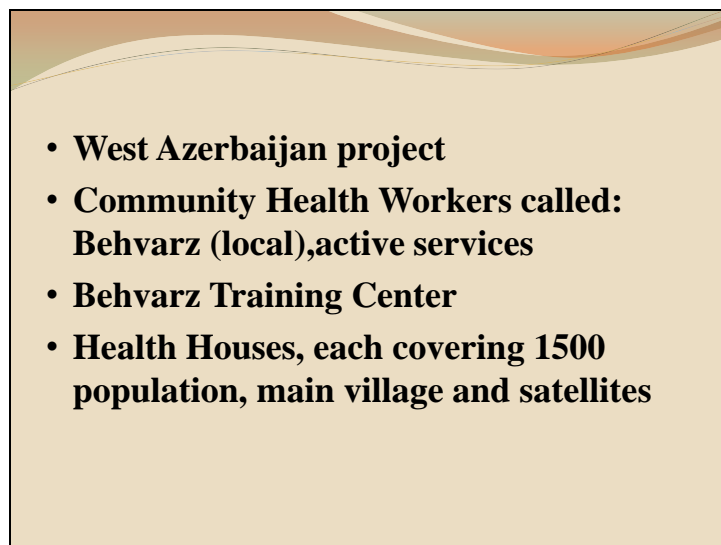


Figure 8.

Rural Health Centers

- **Staffed by physicians and variety of health technicians**
- **Each Covering 5 health houses (total population of 7500)**
- **Functions: supervision , information, referrals**

Figure 9. Rural Health Centers.

Urban Health Centers

- **Covering 12500 population**
- **Non-active services**
- **Health posts (offering preventive health care)**
- **Health volunteers**

Figure 10. Urban Health Centers.

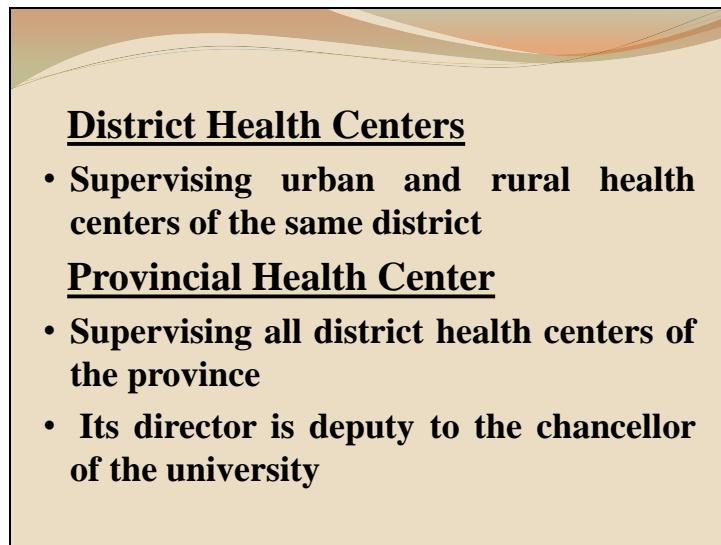


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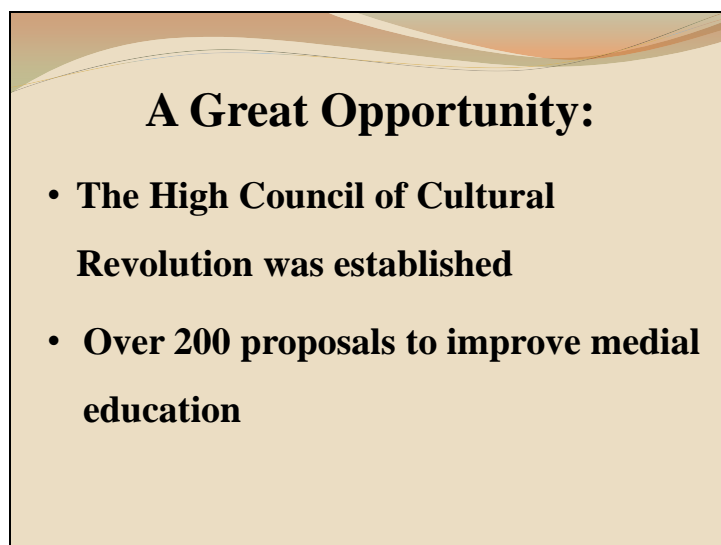


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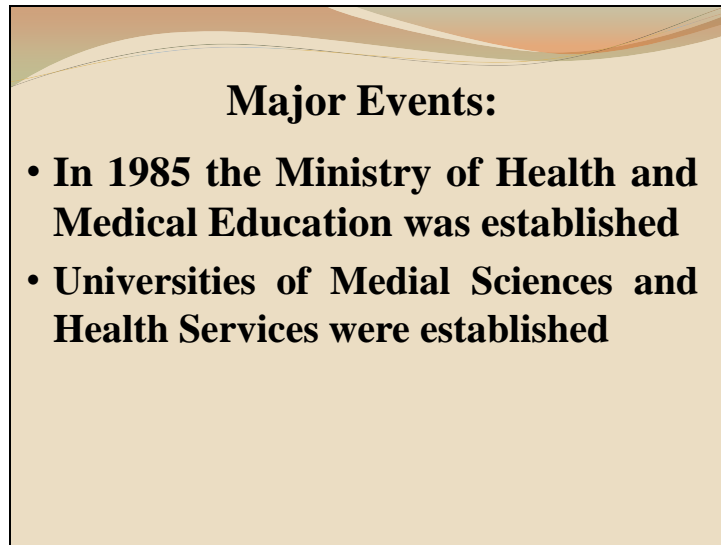


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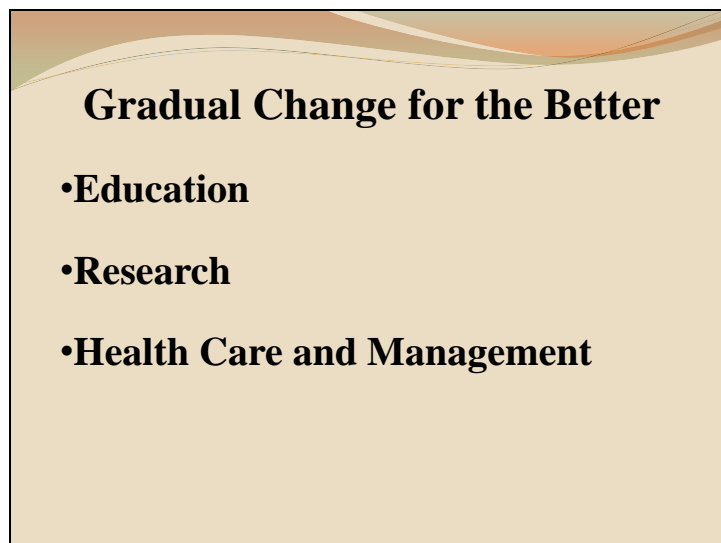


Figure 14. Gradual Change for the Better.

	1979	1985	2000	2008	2015
Schools of Medicine	9	28	35	72	80
Teaching hospital beds	9558	10759	72089		53,902
Academicians	2908	3153	8396	12'500	17,863
Female academicians (%)	26	33	36	41	37.7
Admitted students (annually)	6343	9038	17'036	19'800	40,112
Residency programs graduates (annually)	420	510	1332	1760	2,656
Fellowship programs graduates (annually)	0	2	106	320	543
PhD programs graduates (annually)	2	21	51	250	575
Number of research centers	3	5	100	200	627

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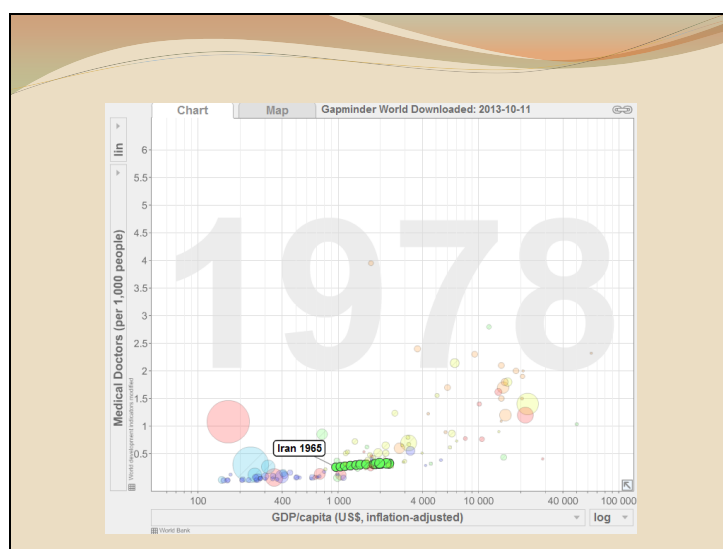


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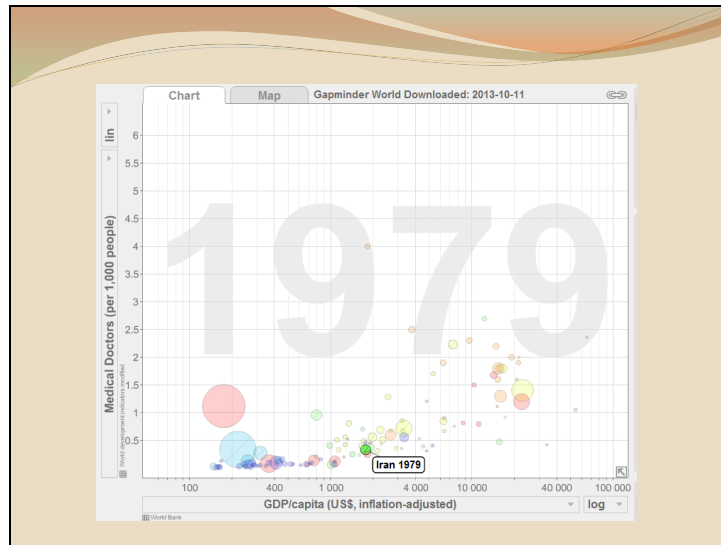


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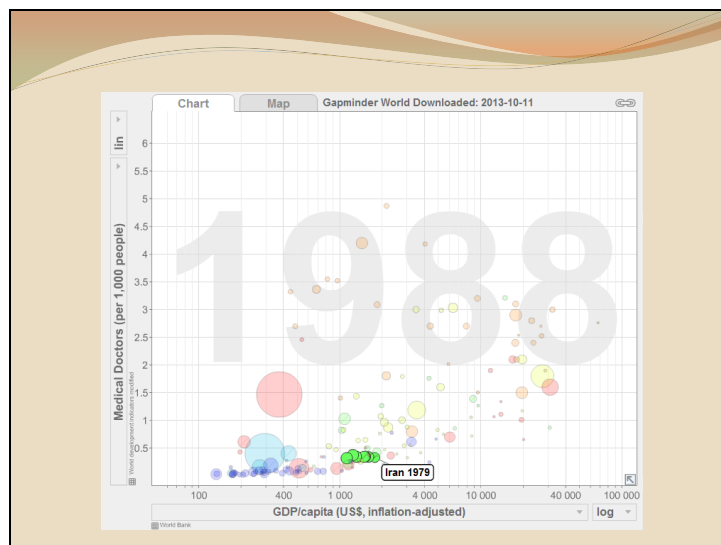


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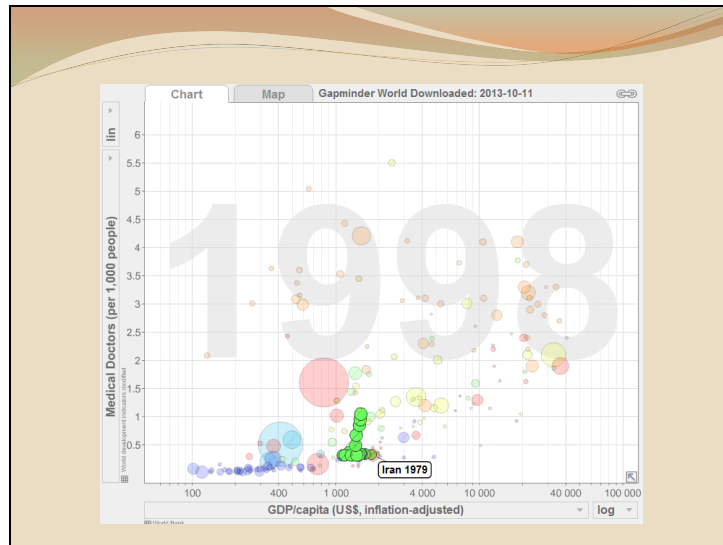


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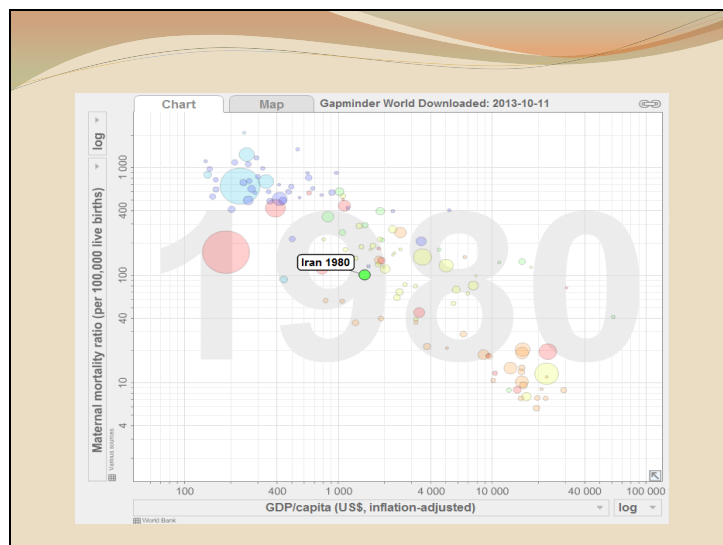


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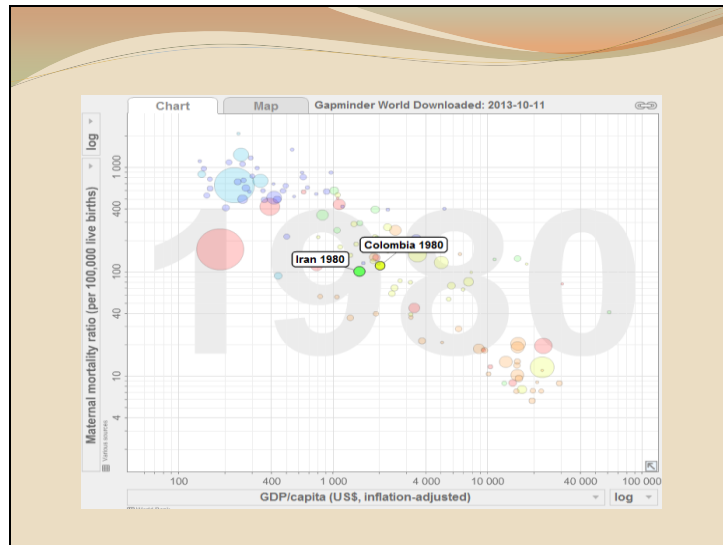


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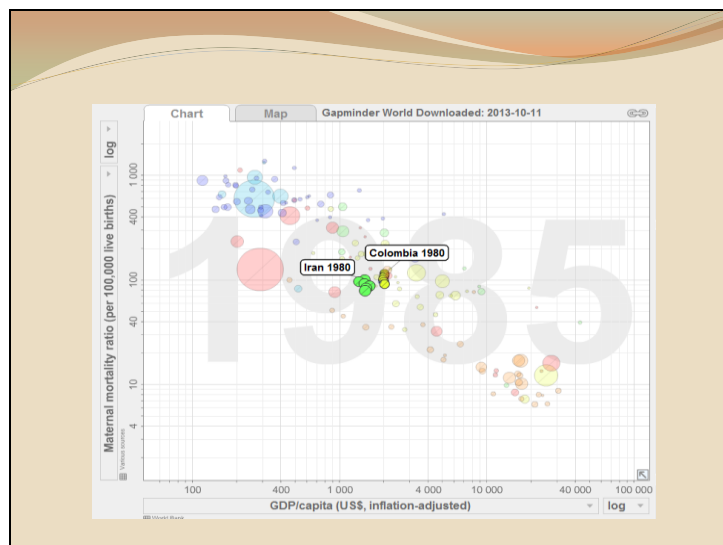


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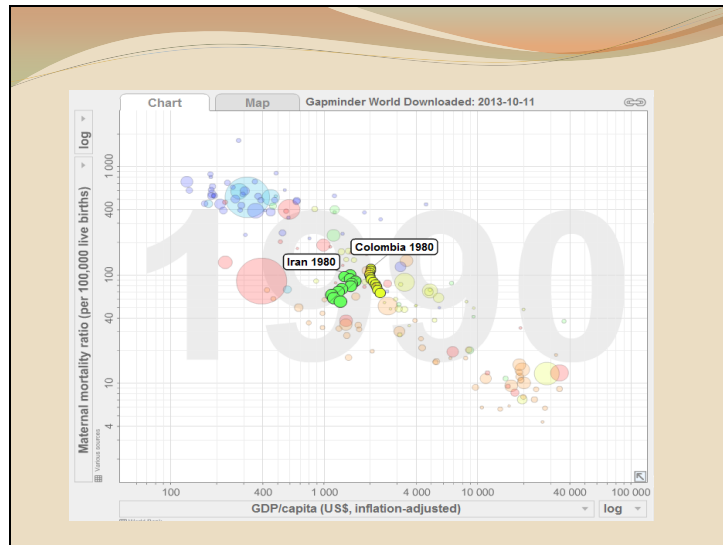


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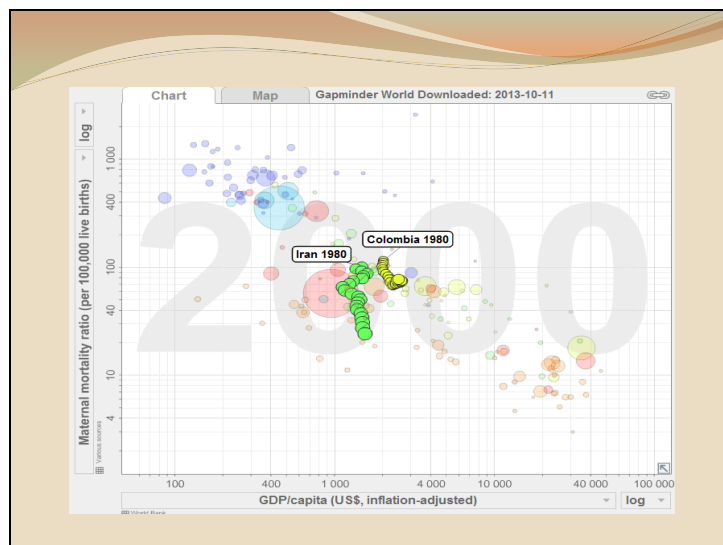


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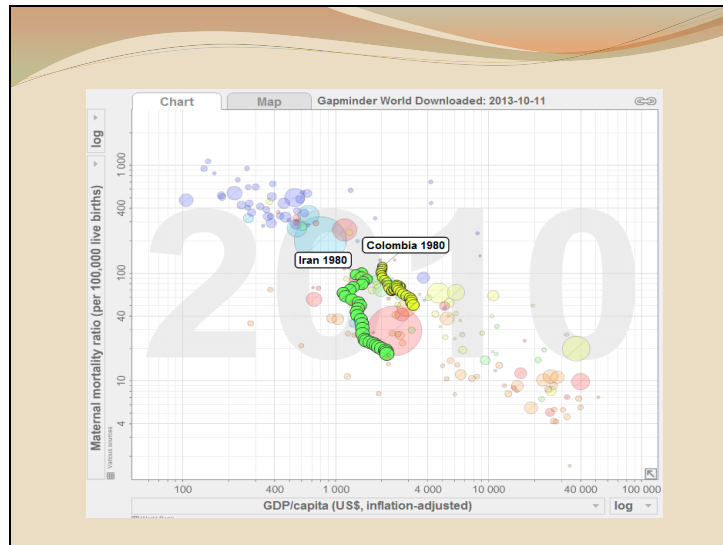


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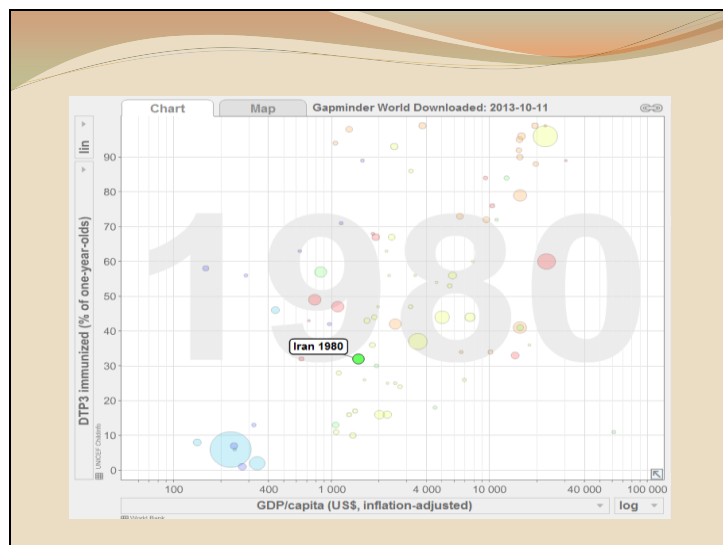


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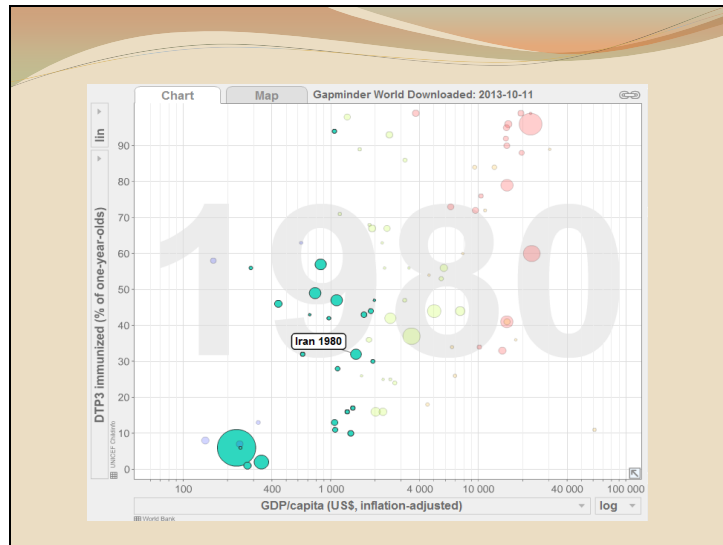


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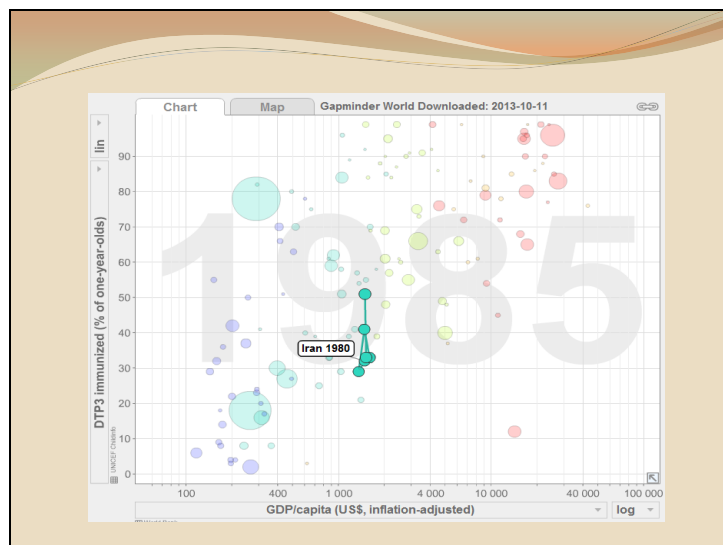


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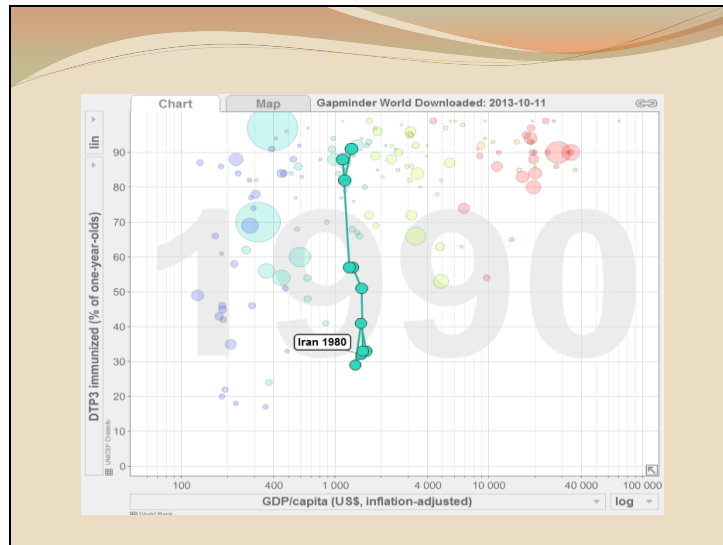


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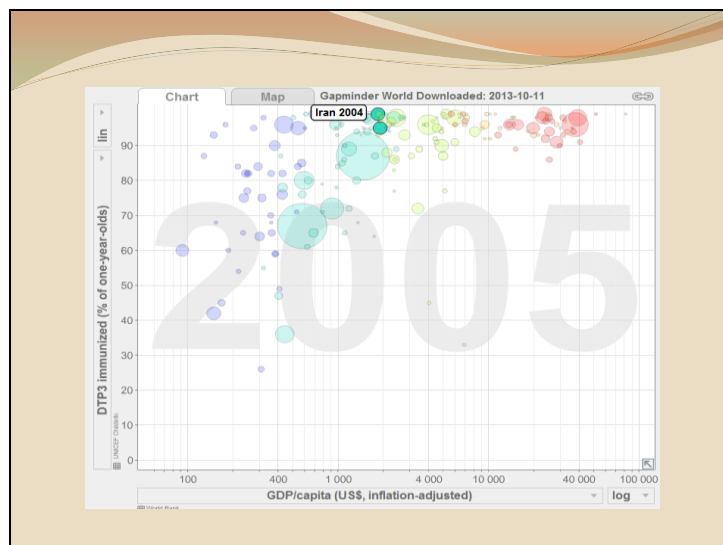


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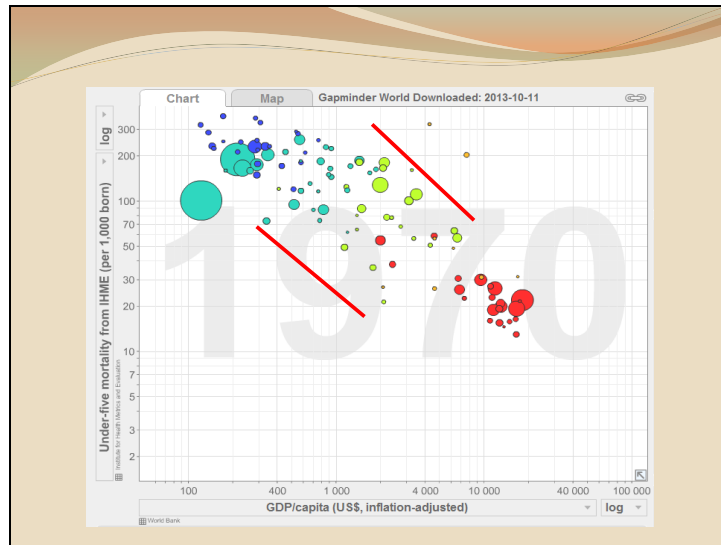


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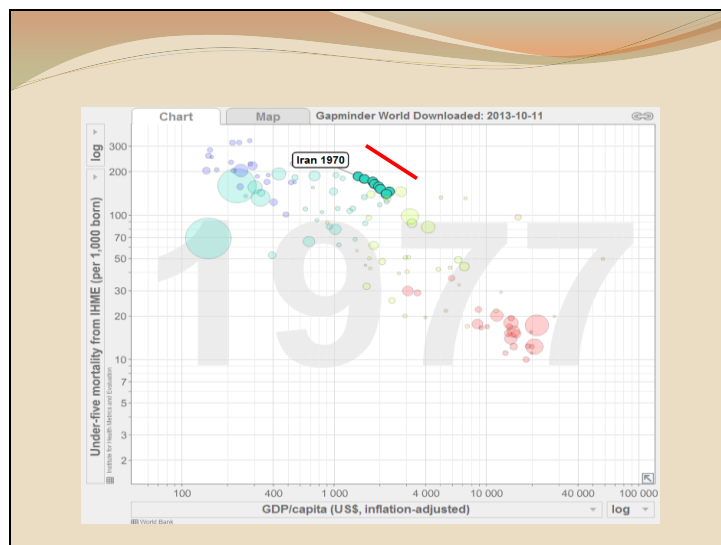


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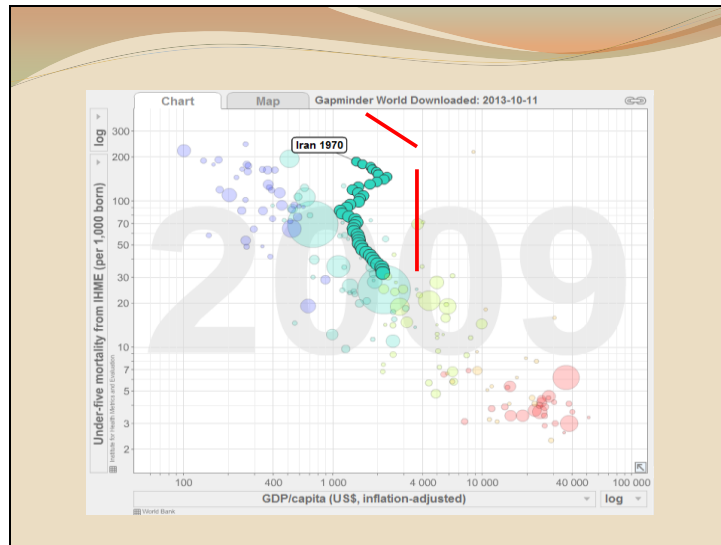


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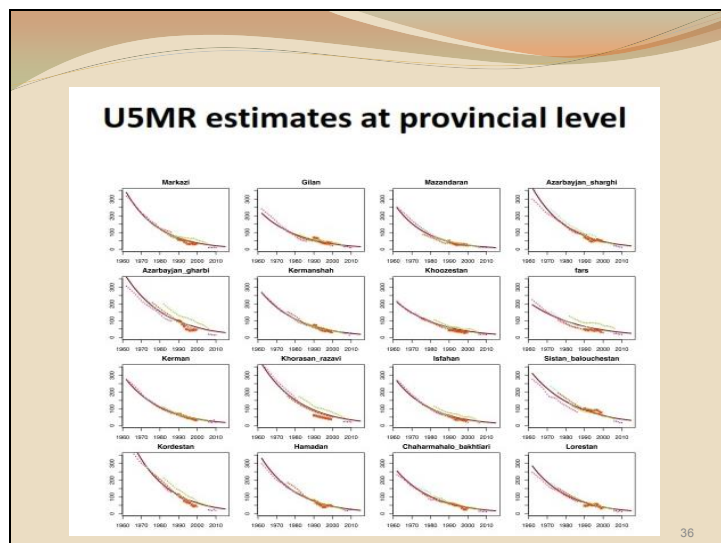


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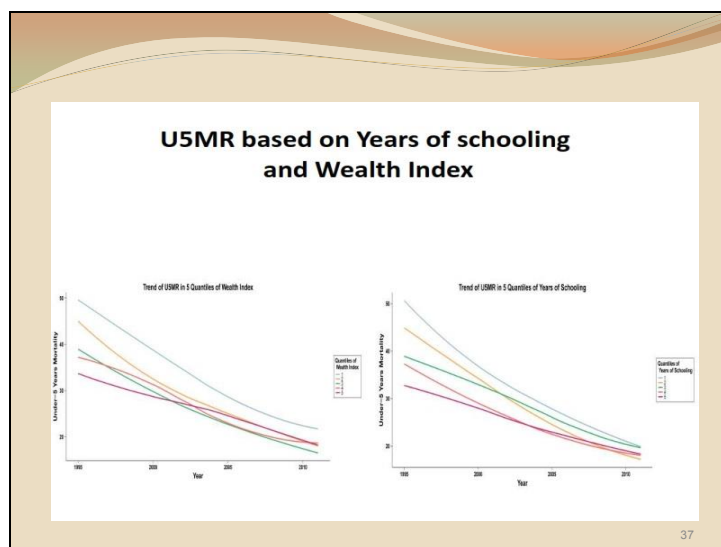


Figure 35. U5MR based on years of schooling and Wealth Index.

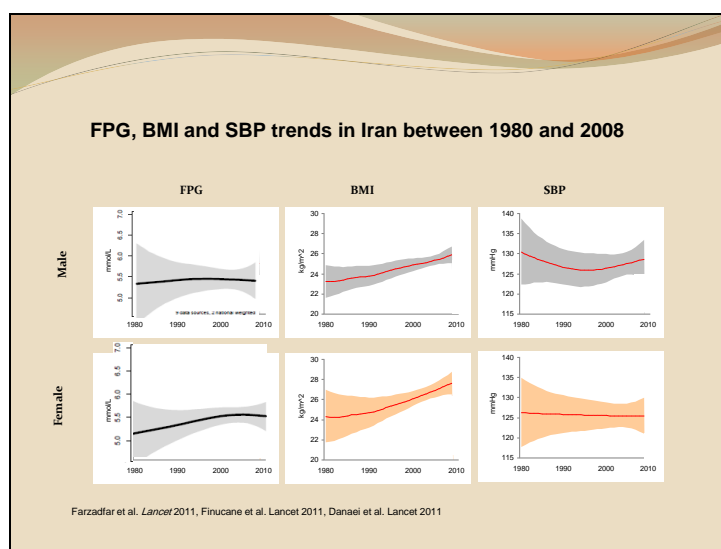


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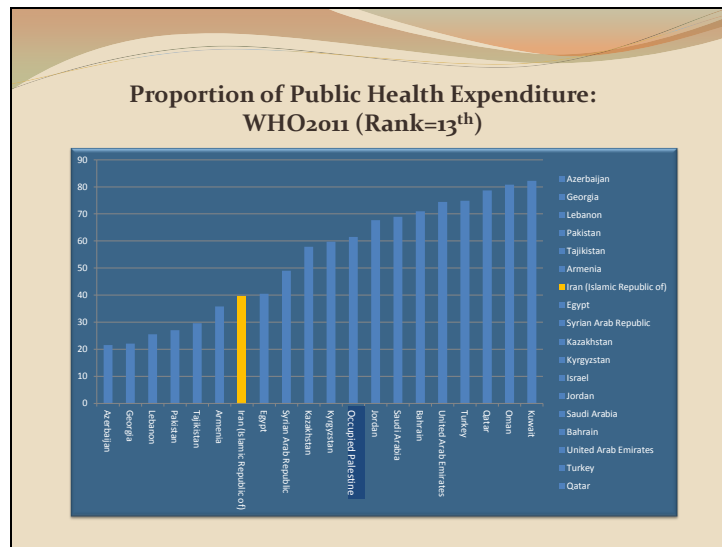


Figure 37. Proportion of Public Health Expenditure.

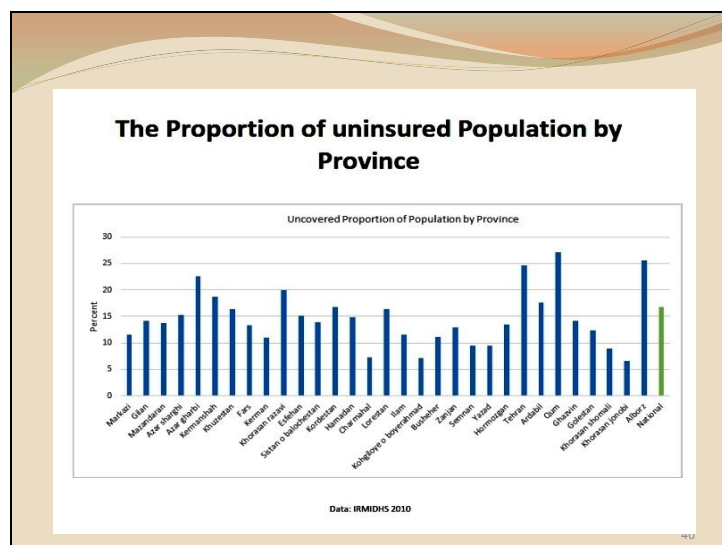


Figure 38. The Proportion of uninsured Population by Province.

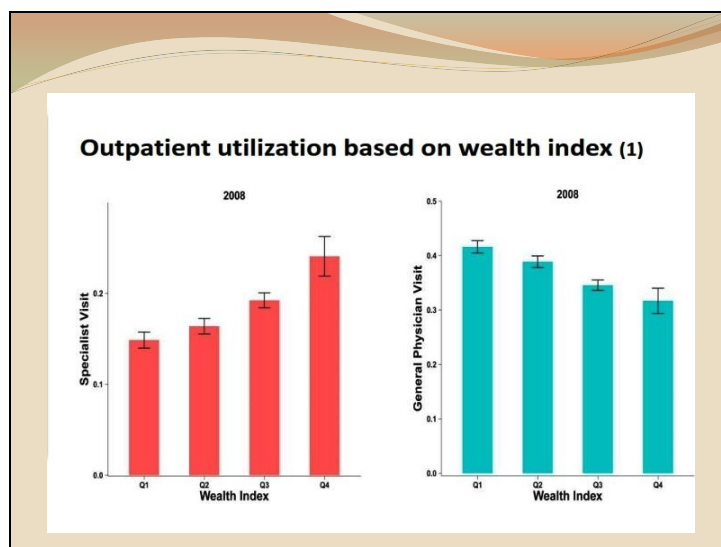


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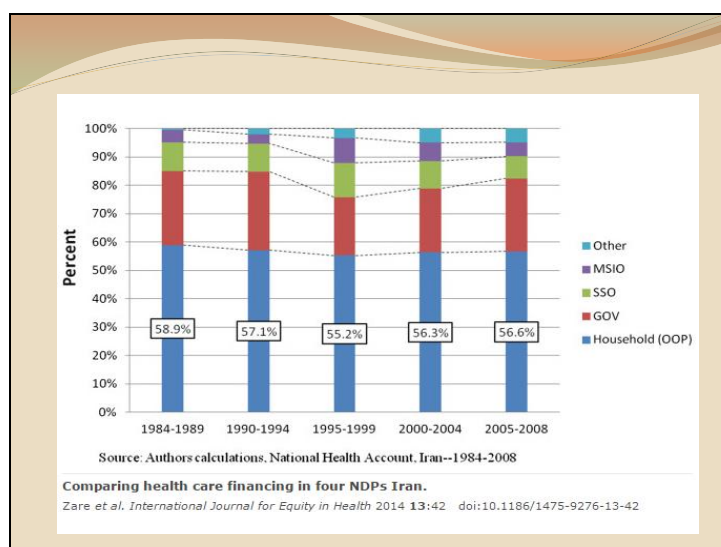


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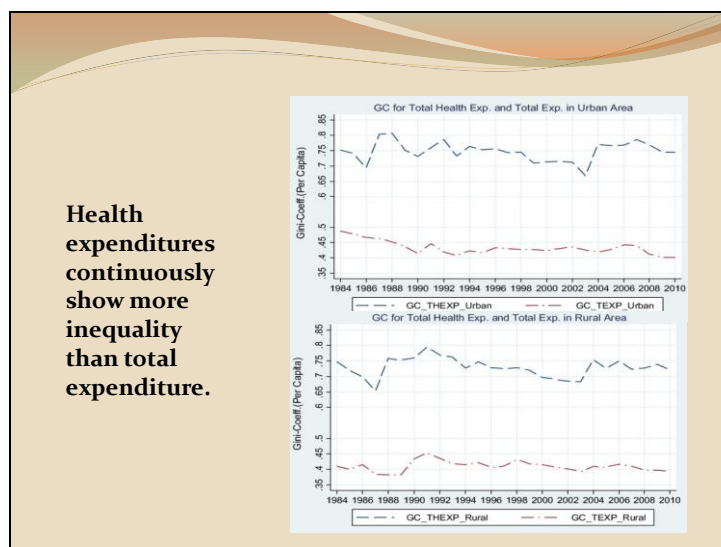


Figure 41. Health expenditures continuously show more inequality than total expenditure.

	1977	1984	2000	2008	2015
Mortality					
Neonatal		51	29	19	9.5
Under-five	174	60	36	22	16
Maternal	255 (1976)	140	37	27	23 (2013)
Life expectancy (Years)					
Female)	57	71	73.4	74.2	76.5 (2013)
Male	57	67.7	70.7	71.1	72.17 (2013)
Access to rural PHC (%)		20	90	95	
Access to safe drinking water (%)		71	95	98	96 (2012)
Immunization coverage		20	95	99	99 (2012)

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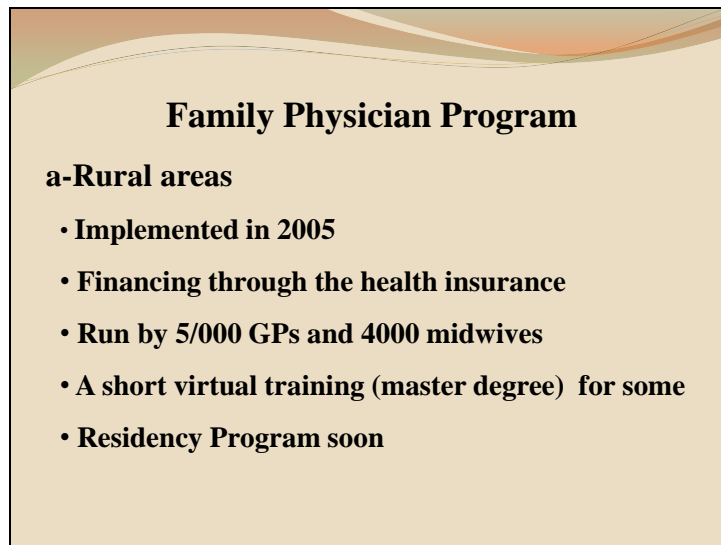


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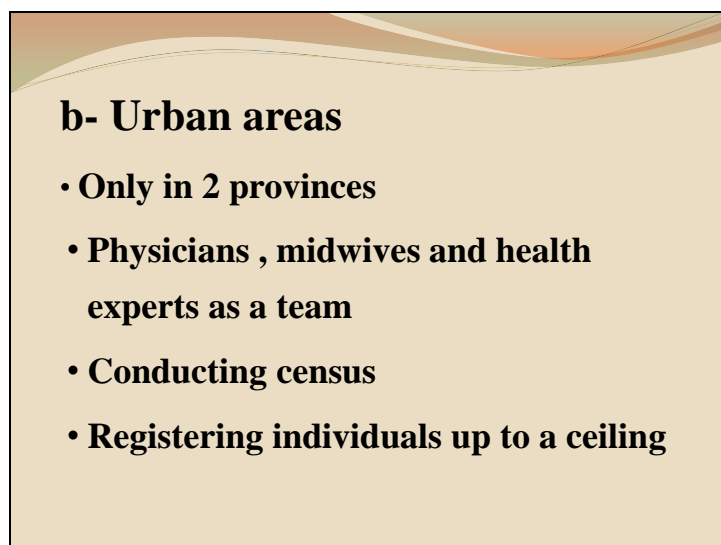


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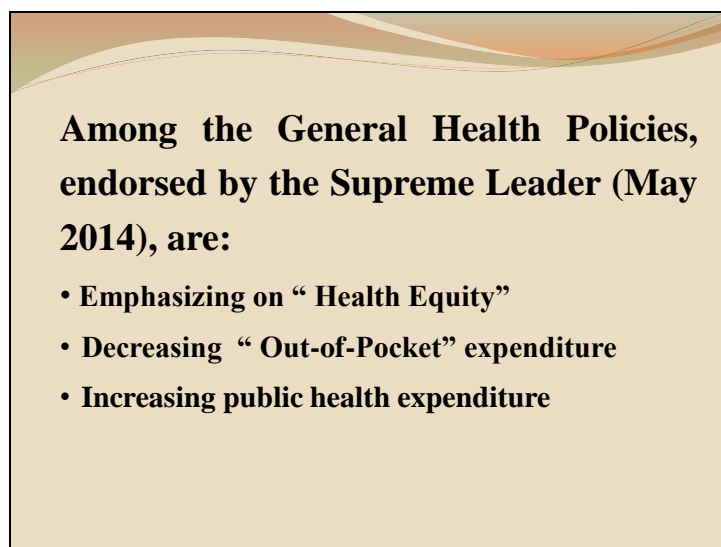


Figure 45. General Health Policies endorsed by the Supreme Leader.

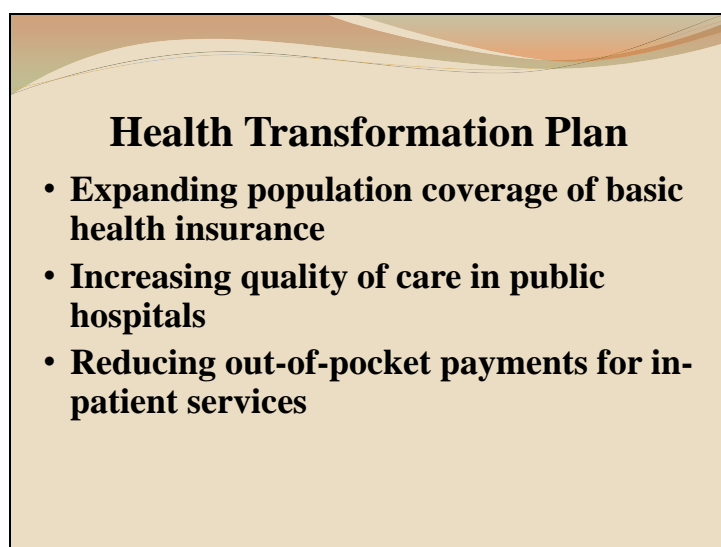


Figure 46. Health Transformation Plan.



Health Transformation plan (cont.)

- **Improving quality of primary health care**
- **Expanding primary health care to slum areas**
- **Updating relative value units of clinical services and tariffs**

Figure 47. Health Transformation Plan (cont.).



The Way Forward:

**Implementing the General Health Policies
endorsed by the Supreme Leader**

**The summary of those policies are as
follows:**

Figure 48. The Way Forward.


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- **Provision of comprehensive, integrated, preventive, promotive and curative health services based on humanitarian / Islamic principle, and its institutionalization in the country.**
 - **Materialization of a multifaceted approach towards healthy individuals in all policies, rules and regulations.**

Figure 49.


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- **Promotion of mental health and healthy/Islamic lifestyles throughout the country.**
 - **Attainment of self-sufficiency in production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biological as well as medical supplies and equipments, according to the international standards and based on Genetic Scheme.**

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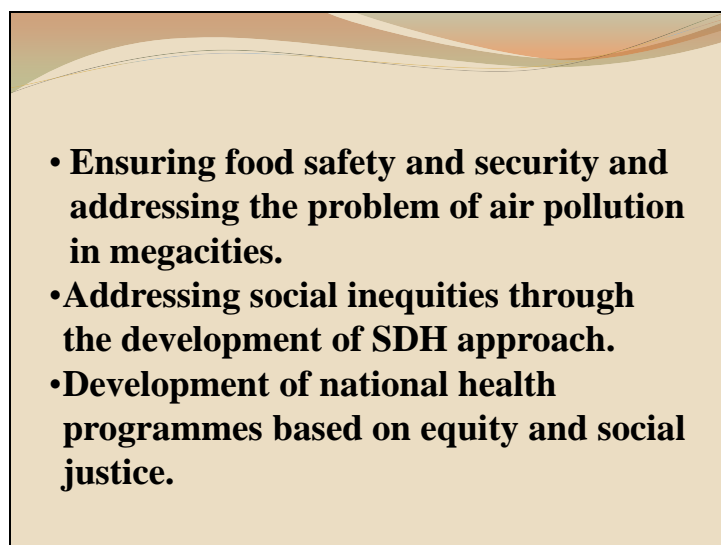


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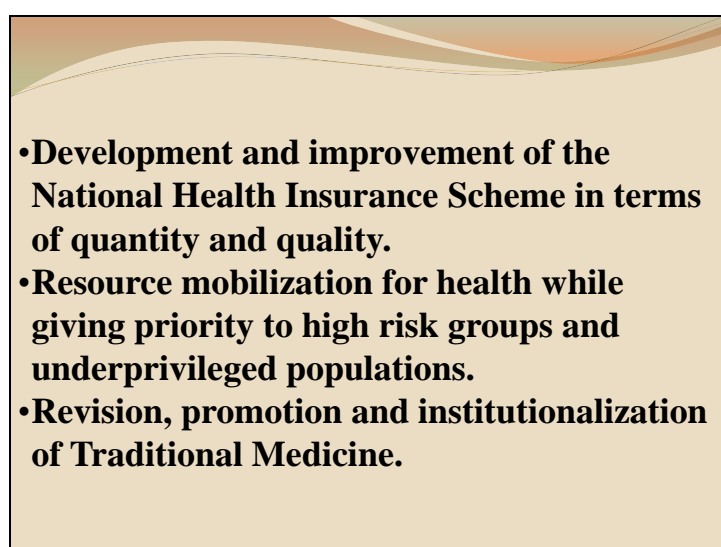


Figure 52.


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- **Development of Community – oriented / Community – based Medical Education based on the actual needs of the populations.**
 - **Evolution of strategic Medical Education, aimed at attaining scientific authority in science, art and medicine in the Region.**

Figure 53.

Pertinent Issues in Global Health

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ABSTRACT

The area known as “global health,” whose contours have not yet been solidly defined, has become an important part of international discourse. I will start by defining global health, focusing to some extent on those areas that have intersected with my own work directly or indirectly. I will highlight successes and point out the many areas where we have yet to make progress. I will talk about equity, social determinants of health, innovations, research funding, and the challenges and opportunities of improving health systems and health care delivery. I will use Ebola as an example of how we need to think globally, and point out some region-specific threats that cannot be ignored. I will also talk about how to create a “Pandemic of Health” and highlight recent trends in global health education.



PRESENTATION

Inequities in Global Health



- Every second of every day, four women around the world give birth. And every minute, one of those women dies
- In Sweden, the risk of a woman dying during pregnancy and childbirth is 1 in 17,400; in Afghanistan, it is 1 in 8.
- Addressing such inequities is a big part of global health

Figure 1. Inequities in Global Health.

Worldwide, more than 13 million births each year face serious complications, and every day about 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth (about 300,000 annually).

A Few of the Many Global Alliances/Partnerships/Initiatives for Global Health

- Global Fund against HIV, TB and Malaria
- Global Alliance for chronic diseases
- Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves
- Global Alliance for vaccines and immunizations (GAVI)
- Against cancer in LMICs

Figure 2. A Few of the Many Global Alliances/ Partnerships/Initiatives for Global Health.



Figure 3. Sustainable Development Goals: Agenda 2030.



Figure 4. Definition of Global Health.



Figure 5. Another Definition of Global Health.

Global health is the health of populations in a global context. "the area of study, research and practice that places a priority on **improving health and achieving equity in health for all**. Problems that transcend national borders or have a global political and economic impact are often emphasized.

Global health is not to be confused with international health which is defined as the branch of public health focusing on developing nations and foreign aid efforts by industrialized countries.



Figure 6. My Engagements that are Relevant to Global Health.

3 Key Prioritization Studies that Led to Major Funding for Global Health Research and Innovation

Grand Challenges in Global Health

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Figure 7. Three Key Prioritization Studies that Led to Major Funding for Global Health Research and Innovation.

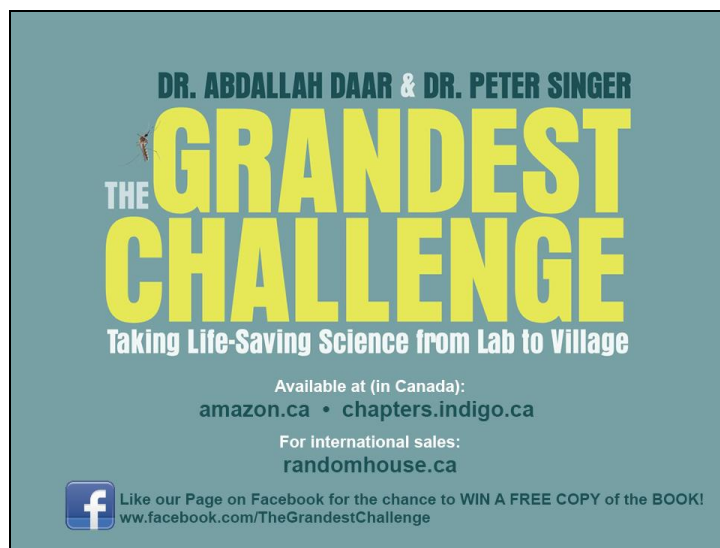


Figure 8. The Grandest Challenge.

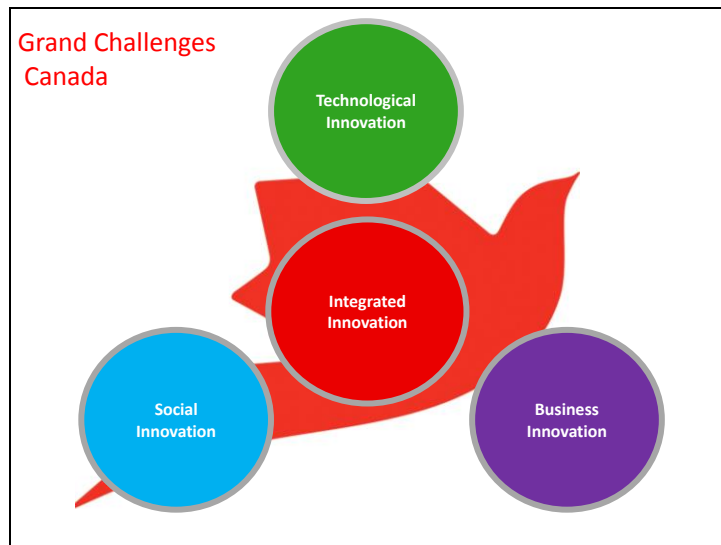


Figure 9. Grand Challenges Canada.

Infectious Diseases

- Meningitis nearly eliminated in Africa due to specific vaccine developed very rapidly and cheaply
- Dengue vaccine coming on stream now
- Malaria, TB, HIV: progress
- (Neglected Tropical Diseases)
- Measles mortality decreased by 60% from 1999–2005.

Figure 10. Infectious Diseases.

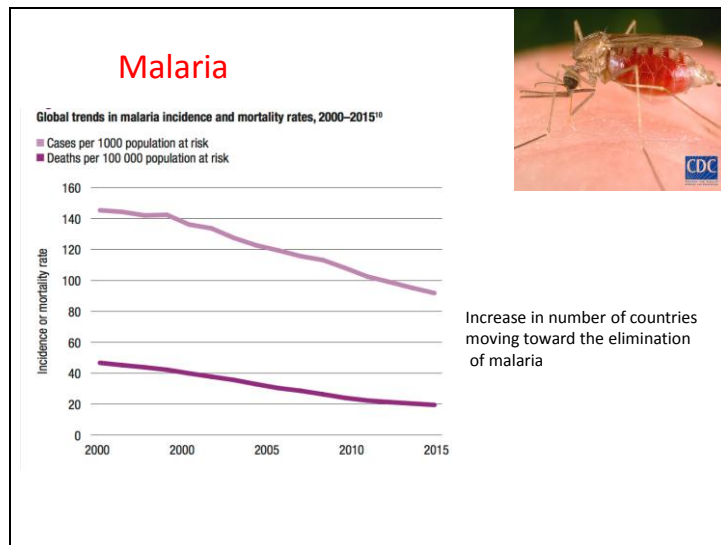


Figure 11. Malaria.

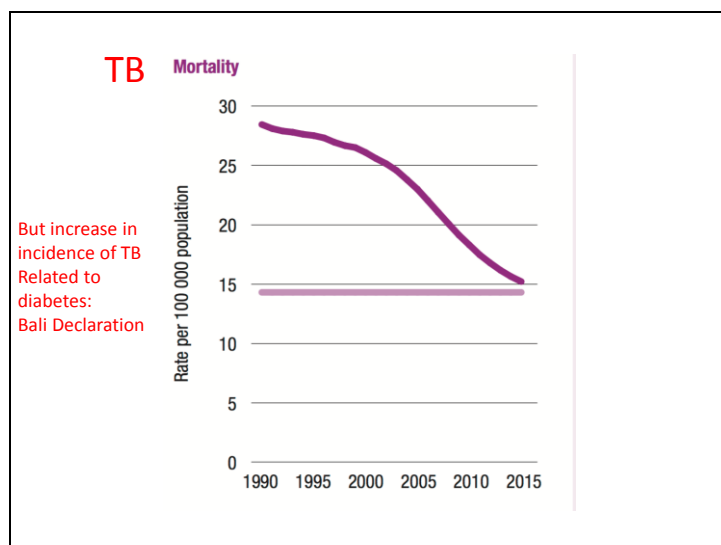


Figure 12. TB.

Bali Declaration <http://www.worlddiabetesfoundation.org/news/bali-declaration-calls-action-against-tb-diabetes-co-epidemic>

Flat line is target to be achieved.

http://www.who.int/gho/publications/mdgs-sdgs/MDGs-SDGs2015_chapter5.pdf

SDG Target 3.3 is focused on the major infectious diseases and includes HIV/AIDS (1.2 million deaths), TB (1.1 million deaths) and malaria (438 000 deaths). Encouraged by the major achievements of the MDG era, ambitious new global targets have been set for HIV, TB and malaria in the World Health Assembly and by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordination Board. The SDG target also goes beyond the MDGs in broadening the scope of attention to specifically include ending neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), and combating waterborne diseases, viral hepatitis and other communicable diseases.

Globally, the number of deaths due to infectious diseases, including parasitic diseases and respiratory infections, fell from 12.1 million in 2000 to 9.5 million in 2012. The percentage of all deaths due to infectious diseases decreased from 23% to 17%. In the African Region, and to a lesser extent the South-East Asia Region and the Eastern Mediterranean Region, infectious diseases are still a leading cause of death. The three regions account for 81% of all deaths and 89% of all YLL due to infectious and parasitic diseases in the world.

MDG Target 6 has been met for the major infectious diseases. Incidence (new HIV infections and new cases of malaria and TB) has declined: compared to 2000, the number of people newly infected with HIV was 35% lower; the malaria incidence rate among the population at risk was 37% lower and the TB incidence rate was 18% lower.

Major increases in the coverage of key interventions have been recorded for all three diseases. In 2014, 14.9 million people living with HIV were receiving ART, up from 690 000 in 2000. Coverage of (new) malaria interventions also increased rapidly. For instance, in sub-Saharan Africa an estimated 68% of children under five were sleeping under an ITN in 2015, compared to less than 2% in 2000. TB case detection rates increased from 38% to 63%, while maintaining high levels of treatment success (85% or higher) since 2007.

MDG progress has been made because of increased political commitment, strong global partnerships, drastic increases in funding, scaling up of new and existing interventions and better monitoring and use of data.

Infectious disease outbreaks remain a concern to all countries, imposing a significant burden on economies and public health. Several respiratory infectious disease outbreaks have occurred since 2000, including the 2003 severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) epidemic and the 2009 A (H1N1) influenza virus epidemic. Cholera is endemic in many countries and the Haiti outbreak of 2010–2011 provided a vivid reminder of its potential to spread. Most recently, the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in West Africa resulted in over 28 000 cases and more than 11 295 deaths (as of 23 September 2015), causing considerable concern across the globe.

The spread of infectious diseases is affected by multiple socioeconomic, environmental and ecological factors as well as rapidly increasing antimicrobial resistance. The SDGs provide a new platform for an integrated approach across the economic, social and environmental pillars of development, which should be used to address all infectious diseases.

http://www.who.int/gho/publications/mdgs-sdgs/MDGs-SDGs2015_chapter5_snapshot_tuberculosis.pdf

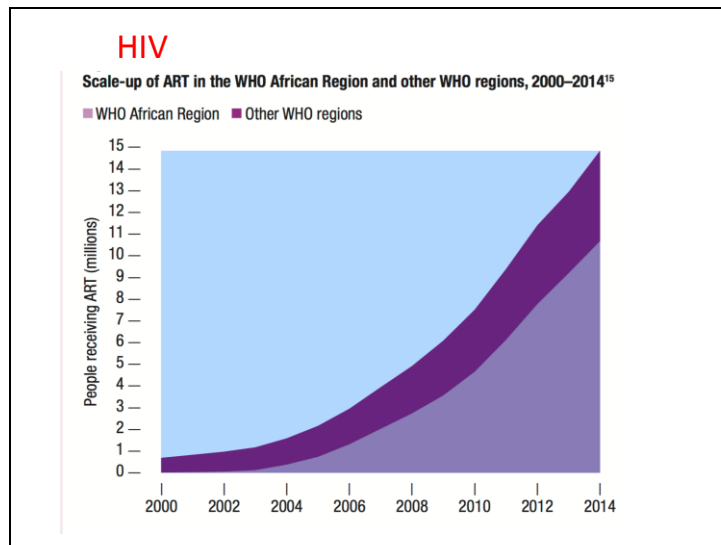


Figure 13. HIV.

Ebola and Other Potential Pandemics

- Lessons from West Africa: **we are not prepared**; disaster preparedness. What would happen if Ebola hit Karachi or Cairo??
- Need rapid response mechanisms
- Better governance
- Resources

Figure 14. Ebola and Other Potential Pandemics.

Bill Gates warns over risk of pandemic precipice "Bill Gates says there could be one benefit from the Ebola epidemic that has killed more than 11,000 people in West Africa since 2014. 'It may serve as a wake-up call,' says the Microsoft founder. 'We must prepare for future epidemics of diseases that may spread more effectively than Ebola'..." (Ward, 11/8).

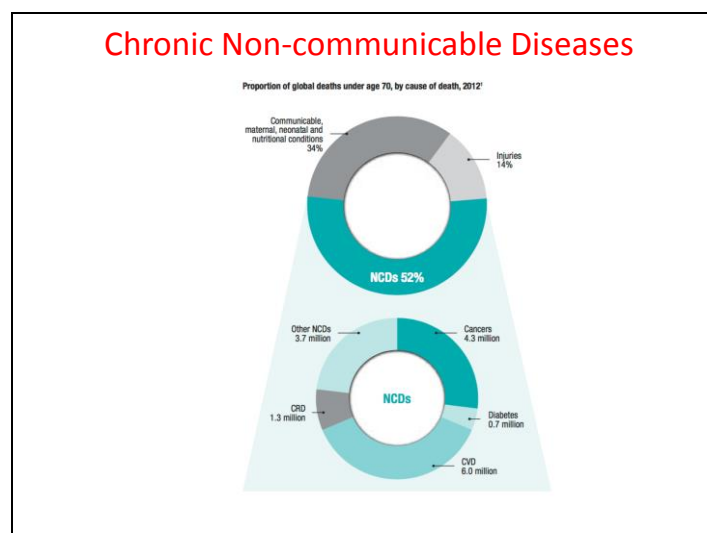


Figure 15. Chronic Non-communicable Diseases.

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NCDs are included as a specific SDG target (reducing premature mortality from NCDs by one third) and are part of several other health targets.

In 2012, an estimated 52% of all deaths under age 70 was due to NCDs, and two thirds of those deaths were caused by cardiovascular diseases (CVD), cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory disease (CRD).

Premature mortality rates due to NCDs declined globally by 15% between 2000 and 2012. A major factor is the decrease in CVD mortality, driven by population-level blood pressure improvements, declines in tobacco use and advances in medical treatment. Declines have been greater in high-income countries than in the low- and middle-income countries.

Achieving the SDG target for NCDs will require major interventions to deal with a context characterized by ageing populations, rapid unplanned urbanization and globalization of markets that promote inactivity and unhealthy diets, and will focus on the development and implementation of strong national plans that emphasize prevention and treatment access for all (half of all countries had neither a national plan nor budget in 2013).

The UN Political Declaration on NCDs adopted at the UN General Assembly in 2011 and the UN Outcome Document on NCDs adopted at the UN General Assembly in 2014 include a roadmap of commitments made by governments. The WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013–2020 endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2013 sets priorities and provides strategic guidance on how countries can implement the roadmap of commitments. The Global Action Plan includes voluntary targets that focus on risk factors such as tobacco use, high blood pressure, high salt intake, obesity and physical inactivity, as well as targets on access to essential NCD medicines and technologies, and drug therapy and counselling.

The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), ratified by 180 Parties – representing 90% of the global population – is the first public health treaty negotiated under the auspices of WHO. SDG target 3.a commits governments to strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC in all countries. The prevalence of tobacco smoking among people age 15 years and older has declined globally from 27% in 2000 to 21% in 2013, though not in all regions. Effective country implementation of multisectoral control measures such as raising taxes on tobacco and banning smoking in public places are major success factors.

SDG Target 3.9 aims to reduce deaths and illnesses related to hazardous chemicals, as well as air, water and soil pollution and contamination. About 7 million NCD deaths are attributed

to indoor and outdoor air pollution. Global awareness of the need for multisectoral action is exemplified by the inclusion of air quality in three other goals and a recent World Health Assembly resolution on addressing the health impacts of air pollution.

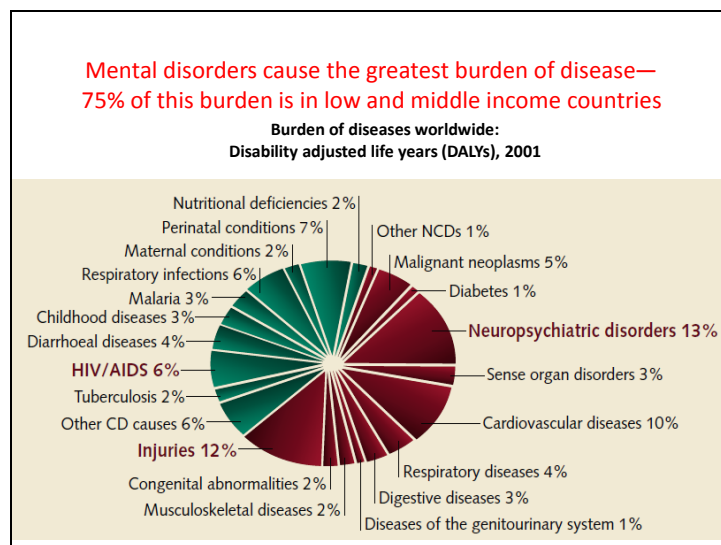


Figure 16. Mental disorders cause the greatest burden of disease.

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Unlike the MDGs, the SDGs include mental health and substance use disorders that, together with neurological and developmental disorders, are responsible for over 10% of the global disease burden.

SDG Target 3.4 calls for the promotion of mental health and well-being. Depression and suicide take a major toll on the health of the population. Nearly one in 10 people in the world suffer from a mental disorder. An estimated 804 000 deaths due to suicide occurred worldwide in 2012. Treatment coverage for mental disorders is very poor in many countries and significant scale-up will be required. Evidence-based guidelines for the management of depression and suicide are available, and the WHO Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020 calls for a 20% increase in service coverage for severe mental disorders.

Dementia has become a major global health issue because it affects many people and their families (it is estimated that over 46 million people are living with dementia in 2015, a number expected to reach almost 75 million by 2030) and imposes major financial costs on societies (globally US\$ 604 billion in 2010). Momentum is gathering with regard to the need to understand the causes of dementia and to develop appropriate prevention strategies and treatments. A broad public health approach is needed to improve the care and quality of life of people with dementia and family caregivers, articulated in a stand-alone dementia policy or plan, or integrated into existing health, mental health or old-age policies and plans.

SDG Target 3.5 calls for strengthening the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol. Almost 2% of the global burden of disease is estimated to be associated with alcohol and other substance use disorders. Alcohol use is one of the major risks for NCDs and a target of reducing harmful use by 10% over the next 15 years has been set. The WHO global strategy on reducing the harmful use of alcohol calls for national policies to strengthen the public health response to harmful use and build capacity for prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and associated health conditions.

In 2013, some 27 million people worldwide suffered from drug use disorders; almost 50% injected drugs, and an estimated 1.65 million were living with HIV. Since 2006, the number

of people using illicit drugs has increased by 38 million, reaching 246 million in 2013. The number of problem users has remained fairly constant at 27 million since 2008. Treatment coverage for drug use disorders continues to be low. A special session of the UN General Assembly will be held in 2016 to address the world drug problem.

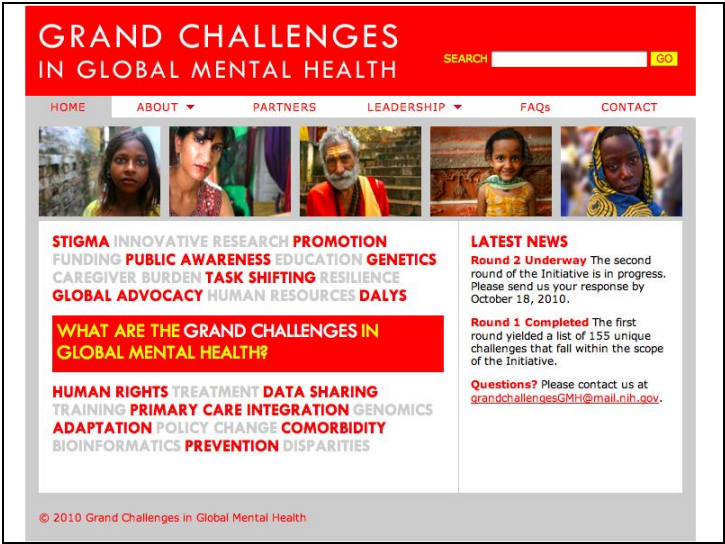


Figure 17. Grand Challenges.

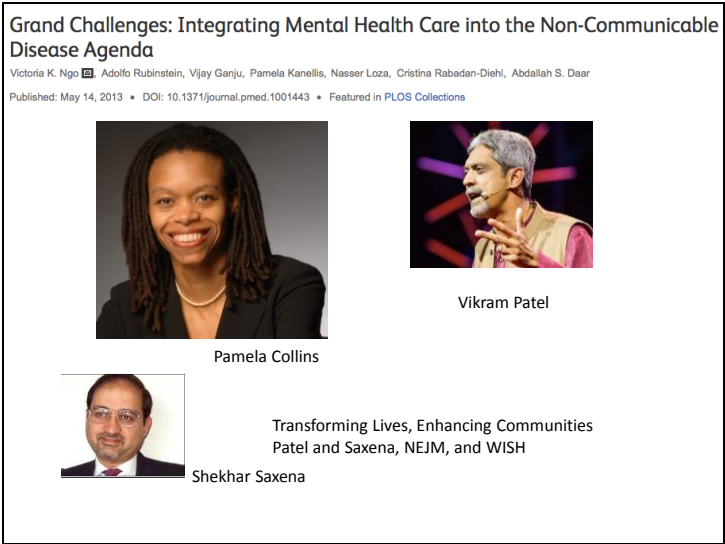


Figure 18. Grand Challenges: Integrating Mental Health Care into the Non-Communicable Disease Agenda.

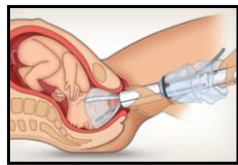
Declaration On Mental Health In Africa: Moving To Implementation (Daar et al 2014, *Global Health Action*)

Includes:

- Develop a National Mental Health Strategy and Plan
- Financing parity between mental and physical health alike
- Integrate into health system; focus on primary health care
- Resources for task-sharing
- Care that is evidence-based and culturally appropriate
- Be person-centred and holistic, providing psychological and social care as well as improving access to biomedical services
- MH & violence, especially against women and children
- Links between mental health and other health and development priorities like HIV/AIDS and MNCH

Figure 19. Declaration on Mental Health in Africa: Moving to Implementation.

MNCH: Two Examples of Saving Lives at Birth Projects
(Grand Challenges Canada)



The ODON Device: Low cost instrument for assisted delivery; Developed by a car mechanic in Argentina; clinical trials ongoing; being manufactured by Becton Dickinson



Imams as MNCH Champions

*dRPC,
Nigeria*

Figure 20. MNCH: Two Examples of Saving Lives at Birth Projects.

Climate Change And Health

- “Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century.”
- “Tackling climate change could be the greatest global health opportunity of the 21st century.”
- Climate change is the defining challenge of our generation. Health professionals must mobilise now to address this challenge and protect the health and wellbeing of future generations. Lancet commission on health and climate change
- Co-benefits of actions on climate change and public health
- Drought (food security), displacement of people, poverty increase, civil strife, increased infections, reduced resilience, pollution, floods (destroyed housing, people displaced, poverty, destroyed health and other infrastructure)

Figure 21. Climate Change and Health.

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Watts N, Adger WN, Agnolucci P, et al. Health and climate change: policy responses to protect public health. *Lancet* 2015; published online June 23. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(15\)60854-62](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(15)60854-62).

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Major Improvements in Global Health



- 47% reduction in maternal mortality in last 20 years
- % of underweight children dropped from 28% in 1990 to 17% in 2013.
- New HIV infections declined by 38% between 2001 and 2013
- In 2010, the world met the MDGs target on access to safe drinking-water; but more needs to be done to achieve the **sanitation** target

Figure 22.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs290/en/>

<http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/media/news/2015/path-towards-SDGs/en/>

Trends In Global Health

- Universal Health Coverage
- Task sharing: many tasks can be performed by health workers other than doctors
- Biological research approach to mental illness
- One health e.g. Vietnam
- Focus on **MNCH**, Saving Lives at Birth, Saving Brains
- Major research and innovation funding e.g. Gates, **Grand Challenges Canada (GCC)**, NIH
- Need a new type of health professional for the 21st century

Figure 23. Trends in Global Health.

Universal health coverage (UHC) is defined as ensuring that all people can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship. UHC is prominent in the SDG declaration and has a specific target under the health goal. It is the only target that underpins, and is key to the achievement of, all the others.

During the MDG era, much progress was made in the coverage of key interventions for maternal and child health and against infectious diseases. Coverage gaps between the rich and the poor for these interventions were reduced in many countries. Per capita government expenditure on health went up by about 40% in real terms between 2000 and 2013, and out-of-pocket spending decreased slightly from 35% to 31% of total health spending.

UHC http://www.who.int/gho/publications/mdgs-sdgs/MDGs-SDGs2015_chapter3.pdf

Country actions supported by global agencies and partnerships and the scaling-up of innovative interventions for diagnosis (e.g. rapid tests for malaria and HIV), prevention (e.g. vaccines) and treatment (e.g. ART and ACTs) have contributed to improved service provision and performance.

Major health system weaknesses remain. Many countries lack sound health financing, leading to high out-of-pocket payments and financial catastrophe or impoverishment for families, and have major inadequacies in health workforce and infrastructure (especially in the rural areas), medical products (poor access, inappropriate use and reports on substandard, spurious, falsified, falsely labelled and counterfeit (SSFFC) medicines entering the supply chain), service quality and information and accountability. Weak health systems also leave major gaps in the national, regional and global defences against outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as Ebola virus disease and influenza epidemics.

While the MDG focus on specific diseases and health issues encouraged a tendency to reinforce programme silos set up to deliver selected interventions, all countries now face a much broader spectrum of health challenges, including the rapid rise of NCDs, the challenges of injuries and health security. Strong health systems are required to sustain and expand the unfinished MDG agenda, make major progress toward UHC and ensure resilience against epidemic diseases and disasters.

The SDG targets include a comprehensive set of health targets that address the unfinished and expanded MDG agenda, as well as major challenges related to NCDs, injuries and environmental issues. The target on UHC underpins all other targets and provides an opportunity to refocus efforts on a more sustainable approach through system-wide reform, based on the principles of efficiency and health service integration and people-centred care. The SDGs also fundamentally call for intersectoral action, acknowledging that attainment of health goals is dependent not only on actions within the health sector, but also on economic, social, cultural and environmental factors. Making progress towards UHC depends to a considerable extent on the broader policy context within which health systems operate and on levels and differentials in socioeconomic development.

Some Major Challenges

- Climate Change: 100 million people will be pushed into poverty by 2030; will increase strife
- Reduce neonatal deaths
- Antibiotic resistance
- Diabetes epidemic
- Aging populations
- Dementia
- Refugees e.g. Syrians displaced, health in camps
- Injuries and violence
- Water and sanitation
- Urban Health

Figure 24. Some Major Challenges.

Some Major Opportunities

- Eradicate polio
- UNAIDS plans to end AIDS by 2030
- Eradicate measles
- Eradicate malaria? via Gene editing e.g. of malaria carrying mosquitoes plus gene drive; new vaccines
- Proper use of **big data**

Figure 25. Some Major Opportunities.

What diminishes you
diminishes me.

The life of every child,
every human, has equal value

Figure 26.

Emerging Infectious Diseases: The Researcher's Guide

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1 ABSTRACT

A clinical researcher trained in a developed resource rich country returning to a developing resource strapped country to establish a meaningful research program relevant to the needs of the country has to face major challenges in order to compete in science with the developed world for international publications and research grants. The lack of political will and competing priorities for funding are some of the major challenges for development of Science and Technology as seen by budgetary allocations for research, health and education in the developing worlds. This transplantation therefore often fails to succeed and is the main reason for a lack of development of a critical core of scientist in the developing world.



In this presentation I will discuss some of the key elements that led to the development of a successful research program in Immunology of infectious diseases with a focus on leprosy and tuberculosis. This program developed a State-of-Art Immunology Laboratory. National and International collaborations were developed with The Marie Adelaide Leprosy Control Program in Pakistan, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Case Western Reserve University and Stanford University to mention a few. The funding support was provided by The Aga Khan University in the form of Seed Grant, World Health organization which provided Institutional grant to the Principal Investigator, Rockefeller Foundation, Wellcome Trust and many others. In addition to publishing > 200 papers, training was provided for PhD students, FCPS students, Postdoctoral Fellows and mentored junior faculty at The Aga Khan University. Several are now holding key academic position which is really the hallmark of this research program as success of any program lies in its continuity. I will highlight some of key research findings in this presentation.

2 INTRODUCTION

I would like to thank The Islamic World Academy of Sciences and the organizers of symposium and in particular Dr Zoubi for inviting me to give this presentation at the Symposium held in Tehran, Iran in December 2015. Although the topic given to me was a researcher's guide for emerging infectious disease my research program deals with neglected and reemerging infectious diseases which include parasitic and mycobacterial infections. I pondered over the title and decided that challenges for becoming an infectious disease group leader in a developing country may provide some guidance to budding scientist aspiring to become research leaders in their own countries. The characteristic brain drain from East to West has several reasons of which the biggest challenge is a lack of understanding as to what research contributions will add to the country's needs and this is particularly for fundamental sciences. This has resulted in absence of scientific nurseries for developing a critical core of scientist. Furthermore, the political turmoil and violence in several developing countries can make even a brave heart tremble. As one of my Egyptian friend once commented when he heard that I was returning to Pakistan from National Institutes of Health in US, after spending 18 years abroad, that he had also contemplated returning to Egypt but discovered that for

every successful model there were a hundred failed models and he was not willing to take that risk. It was only when I came back I realized what he was talking about. So an additional purpose for this presentation is to bring awareness for developing countries aspiring to advance in Science and Technology as to the support required for promoting research program leaders and research programs. I would like to share with you the key elements which allow a group leader to develop a successful infectious diseases research program in a developing country. I have divided the requirements and challenges into 3 phases; 1) Prerequisite Training 2) Becoming an independent investigator 3) Indigenous support in a developing country Institute to develop a research Program.

3 REQUIREMENTS AND CHALLENGES

3.1 Pre-requisite Training

Initial training is a key element in motivating a budding scientist to aspire towards a research career. University Professors usually provide role models who inspire students to pursue science. My graduate training started in Karachi University with a Master's thesis in Immunology. At that time due the vision of Professor Anwar, Head of Department of Microbiology, several Faculty members holding a Master's Degree, were sent abroad for postgraduate training who returned from the west bringing with them the excitement of new frontiers opening up in biology. This excitement was catching and provided the motivation to follow in their footsteps for no other reason than to become part of this new frontier. The current situation with respect to the government universities in Pakistan in general, although there are exceptions, are wrought with political influences and the process of recruitment of faculty and promotion is no exception. Length of stay rather than merit is more important for promotion. Teaching has greater priority than research with no clear-cut balance between teaching, research and administrative activities. This is, in addition to poor compensation and working conditions because of meager fund allocations that lead to the best brains opting for better prospects in the West. Private Universities are filling in this niche but the expenses are prohibitive and not within reach of the common man. So unless there is enabling environment in the government universities development of Science and Technology will remain a dream in these countries.

From Karachi University, I went to The University of Western Ontario, Canada, for a PhD in Immunology of parasitic diseases and then to Naval Medical Center as a Research Associate on a National Research Council Grant. I was recruited to The Clinical Allergy Section at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) as junior faculty. At all these institutes I was humbled by the breadth and dimension of research and it was the environment that nurtured the passion for science and research. The culture of research and thinking in these environments was the single most important element in my training and development as a research investigator. I call these Institutions my science nurseries. In these research nurseries I learnt about critical thinking, the power of new tools and methodology and more important how to use these tools to address cutting edge research questions. My focus of research was on regulation and modulation of allergic responses and it first centered around purification and properties of parasite allergens (*Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Shistosoma mansoni*) and assessing potency of parasite allergens in experimental model (1, 2, 3) which then extended into clinical setting to study pollen allergens and their potency (4,5). At this point in time it became obvious to me that parasites are much more potent inducers of IgE antibodies than the common allergens from plants and insects, but surprisingly parasites infections do not result in the harmful effects that you see in atopic allergy.

3.2. The evolution of an independent Investigator

Unraveling mechanisms, which govern induction, modulation and regulation of IgE antibody is of utmost importance to clinical allergists. Parasites are the most inducers of IgE antibodies

which when cross-linked by specific antigens on the mast cells, results in release of both preformed and newly synthesized allergic mediators. In parasite infections there are ample parasite specific IgE antibodies, circulating antigen which should result in anaphylactic shock but most patients show little or no allergic reactivity. It would therefore seem that parasites must have evolved a natural mechanism to block anaphylactic responses for their own survival as parasites usually live within the host for several months to years. We therefore, felt that parasites were probably the best model to study modulation of allergic responses. With these questions I moved to National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, in Bethesda, to start my next phase in research career as an independent investigator. I joined Dr Eric Ottesen's program in Clinical Parasitology Section (NIH). Dr Ottesen's laboratory was interested in analyzing the relationship of the immune response across the clinical spectrum of filariasis. Filariasis is endemic in South India. Dr Ottesen had established collaborations with a team at Tuberculosis Research Centre (TRC) Madras (now Chinnai) India. All our studies were conducted on clinical samples collected from this site. This was my first experience of the importance of international collaborations and usefulness of development of specimen banks for both prospective and retrospective studies which later became the backbone for my future studies. My role was to establish was to develop new tools to assess parasite specific responses in a quantitative way, in order to address the issue of regulation and modulation of immune responses in filariasis with a focus on IgE responses across the filariasis disease spectrum.

Clinical Spectrum of Filariasis

Clinical presentation in filariasis ranges from severe lymphatic obstruction leading to the characteristic elephantiasis syndrome (Figure 1A) or completely asymptomatic individuals with circulating microfilaria (Figure 1B). Only a small percentage (<1%) of individuals develop pulmonary eosinophilia with nocturnal asthma and mild allergic symptomatology.

Although biological assays such as histamine release assay had shown the presence of filarial specific IgE, there were no quantitative assays to address the percentage of antigen specific IgE antibodies in filariasis patients across the disease spectrum. Most assays to determine antigen specific IgE antibodies were either in vivo assays such as skin tests which needed to be carried out in a clinical allergy setting or biological assays such as histamine release in vitro from basophils which require that they be done on fresh samples. Neither assay was amenable for large field studies. So we set about developing a highly sensitive in vitro assay for determining the concentration of filarial-specific IgE antibodies in sera of filariasis patients. We successfully developed a radioimmunoassay which could quantitatively determine picogram levels of filarial specific IgE. The development of this assay won the Berson-Yalow Award by The American Society of Nuclear Medicine in 1980 (6, 7).

This assay allowed quantitative determination of filaria specific IgE across the disease spectrum. (8). Both polyclonal and filarial specific IgE concentrations were compared in filariasis with those found in allergic diseases such as hay fever (Table 1). With these kinds of antigen specific IgE antibodies in the presence of circulating filarial antigens, most filariasis patients should have been undergoing fatal anaphylactic shock. Allergist had identified allergen specific IgG antibodies at high concentration (1:100) was known to block IgE mediated histamine release from basophils in vitro. There are four subsets of IgG (IgG1-IgG4) with different concentrations and biological activity. We demonstrated that IgG4 subclass which comprises of only a minor fraction (<4%) of the circulating pool of IgG antibodies, had >70% of IgE blocking activity (8). The reason for this efficacy was that IgG4 subclass recognized the same allergens as IgE antibodies (9). These studies provided a specific role for IgG4 antibodies in allergies. The significance of this work was apparent by this paper achieving the distinction of becoming ICMR's most cited research paper (1950-2010).

To summarize the lessons learnt in this phase of my career was the importance of viable International collaborations, development of specimen banks, effective utility of tools and importance of cross fertilization. The lessons learnt at JHU in a Clinical Allergy setting were

effectively applied to Clinical Parasitology to address an issue relevant for both fields. I cannot move onto my next phase in my career without acknowledging my mentors and key collaborators which include Drs Marsh, Adkinson, Hamilton (JHU), Dr Ottesen (NIH) and Drs Tripathy and Kumarswamy (TRC, India).

3.3 Evolution of a Research Program Leader

At this point in time I was recruited by the newly established The Aga Khan University (AKU) in Karachi, Pakistan to establish a State-Of-The Art Immunology research laboratory. The Aga Khan University's main mission was to develop a Hospital and Medical University which would meet international standards. The new University and its mission were alluring. I had always wanted to return to my native country for a lot of reason, including emotional ones but the comment of my Egyptian friend lingered and I felt if I needed to succeed I had to burn my boats to do so. I resigned from NIH instead of taking leave and returned to Karachi with a single commitment to develop a Research Immunology Laboratory which would be broad based to support research in infectious diseases. AKU in 1986 was in its infancy and had as yet not graduated its first batch of MBBS students (Figure 2).

At the time I joined AKU, There were 50 odd highly motivated faculty members with a desire to set up a medical college of International caliber and the first of its kind in Pakistan. AKU was the first University to put in place a professional administrative structure and policies for recruitment and promotion in line with the International norms. As all universities do, AKU had also defined its objectives for academic activities no different than other universities such as to have teacher's current in the area in which they are imparting knowledge and provide critical scientific thinking at the undergraduate and graduate level. It also decided on its research priorities based on both the countries need as well available expertise. Infectious disease was on top of the list of priorities due to the magnitude of the problem. So I was in the right place at the right time. The objectives I defined for our research program are listed in Table 2.

I needed to identify a disease model which would allow me to set up a State-of Art Immunology Laboratory and could address issues in a broad spectrum of biology (Figure 3) as defined in the model by Comas et al (10).

I chose Immunology of Leprosy as the first program, although the incidence and prevalence of leprosy is much lower than tuberculosis, globally as well as in Pakistan. There were several reasons for choosing this model. The most important reason was that leprosy was the first disease described, where the disease severity spectrum is directly related to the type of immune response activated in the host (Figure 4). In leprosy, increasing disease severity is associated with increasing antibody responses in parallel with increasing bacterial load while strong cell-mediated immunity results in less severe disease (11). So this was an ideal disease for setting up an Immunology laboratory. Both leprosy and tuberculosis bacteria reside and multiply in the macrophages. The interplay between antibodies and macrophages determine the final outcome of disease severity. However, the most compelling reason for choosing leprosy was that there was a well-developed Leprosy Control Program in Pakistan (Figure 5). There were 250+ Leprosy Field units throughout Pakistan including Azad Kashmir. There was also a wealth of clinical material from well characterized leprosy patients. The number of patients registered year-wise is shown in Figure 6. The National Reference Center (Figure 7), an 80 bedded hospital was only 5 KM from AKU. We contacted Dr Pfau, a German nun who had established the program in 1965, and turned it into the most successful Control Program in the history of Pakistan (12). Dr Pfau was not much interested in bench research and her main priority was how our research would support her patients (Figure 8) and control activities Dr Pfau was referring to Translational Research. This concept of systemic flow of information from bench to the field (Figure 9) was conceptualized in 2007 by Nadler et al (13). We discussed our objectives (Table 2) with Dr Pfau who then gave us acceptance for collaboration with MALC. Again, a very important lesson was learnt in developing viable collaborations. The objectives should be in line with both collaborators expectations.

Conceptualization of a research program is important as it provides a framework within which we can plan our activities, but implementation is a far more difficult task. The beautiful setting of AKU was like an oasis in the desert (Figure 2) but the research path was studded with challenges. Where can I get the team of scientist and technologists to do the clinic and lab based work? There was no electronic access to information and therefore it was difficult to keep current with information. We developed our library by requesting articles directly from authors and I must say the response was amazing. We were away from source of 7 consumables and reagents and perishables with a lag time of at least 6 months. Granting agencies require annual reporting. International grants do not offset salaries and indirect administrative overheads and with little expertise in financial management of research grants at AKU, it was a constant uphill battle but we learnt from each other. In addition, power outages, strikes, curfews and street gunfights were common occurrences in Karachi in the late 80' and early 90's. This is where Institutional support became critical. I was facilitated in overcoming most of these challenges by the tremendous initial support provided by AKU in the form of Seed Money Grant, laboratory space with the basic infrastructure, and the support of The President (Dr Shams Kassim Lakha) , Rector (Dr Qamar Vellani) several successive Deans (Dr Cheves Smythe, Dr David Ulmer, Dr John Dirks, Dr Roger Sutton) who appreciated the importance of this kind of a research program at AKU. But there were critical gaps in terms of trained manpower and expertise and a graduate program had yet to start. Therefore, we had to look at additional resources to fill in the gaps. We needed to develop meaningful and sustainable International collaborations as well. The experience at NIH stood me in good stead. Each collaborating Institute was picked carefully to complement mutual needs (Figure 10). Our main collaborators at each of these institutions and the expertise they provided are listed in Table 3.

Initially we were able to obtain funds from Rockefeller Foundation (Table 4) in collaboration with LSHTM which provided us with funds to develop basic research infrastructure. The first major milestone was successfully competing for a Program-Based Institutional Strengthening Grant from the World Health Organization (WHO) (Table 4). This allowed us to recruit and train teams of technicians and research officers and expand our research for both clinical and bench based studies. The research teams developed are listed in (Table 5).

This grant provided funds for development of additional space which were shared between WHO and AKU, again showing commitment of the Institute for this program. Since this grant was given within the framework of a research program directly to the Principal investigator, it allowed development of research infrastructure within the framework of a research program. With systems and tools in place we also obtained funding for TB Research (Table 4). The backbone of this program was the development of specimen bank (tissues, cells, sera) on >3000 patients, which were appropriately collected and documented and stored. The importance of rigorous documentation cannot be overemphasized and provided a firm basis for retrospective studies. The progress was carefully monitored by WHO with field visits and annual reports. This probably was a key determinant in keeping the program on the right track. Research project evolved from immuno-diagnosis to immuno-pathogenesis and immuno-regulation in leprosy disease (14-23). With a track record we were able to obtain further funding support from several other agencies, and we were able to quickly move into other infectious disease such as tuberculosis in collaboration with CWRU and Masoomen Chest Diseases Hospital in Karachi (24-28). We also carried out inter-disciplinary projects in protozoal disease such as Blastocystis (29) malaria (30) and amoebiasis (31). Our studies provided major insight into regulation and modulation of antibodies in infectious diseases. Although this list is not comprehensive I would like to end with acknowledging my wonderful team of collaborators (Table 5) at the National Level, and the AKU team of co-investigators, collaborators, managers, technical staff and financial administrators for their excellent support in putting together a successful program.

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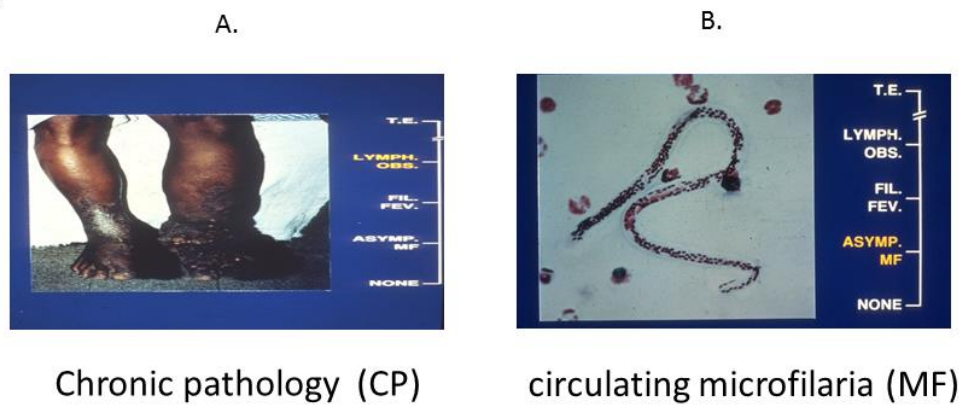


Figure 1. Clinical Spectrum of Filariasis.

A. Patient with chronic lymphatic obstruction resulting in Elephant foot syndrome.

B. Asymptomatic patients with circulating microfilaria.

This is the infective stage where microfilaria is taken up by the mosquitoes for further development.

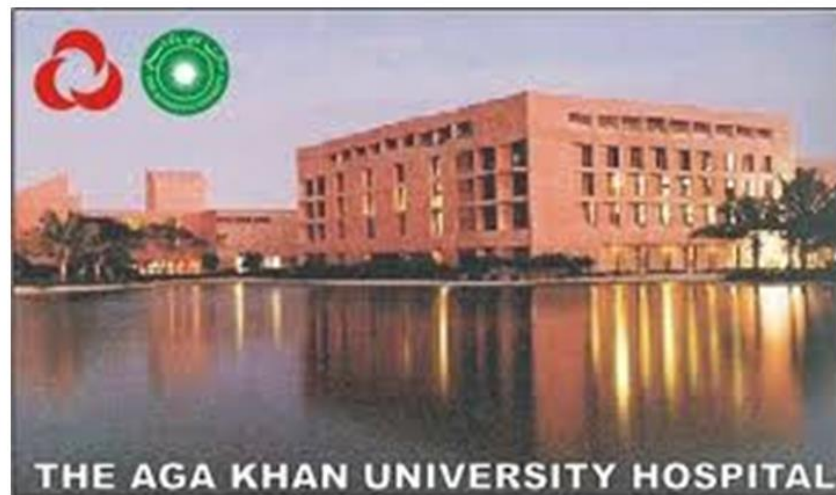
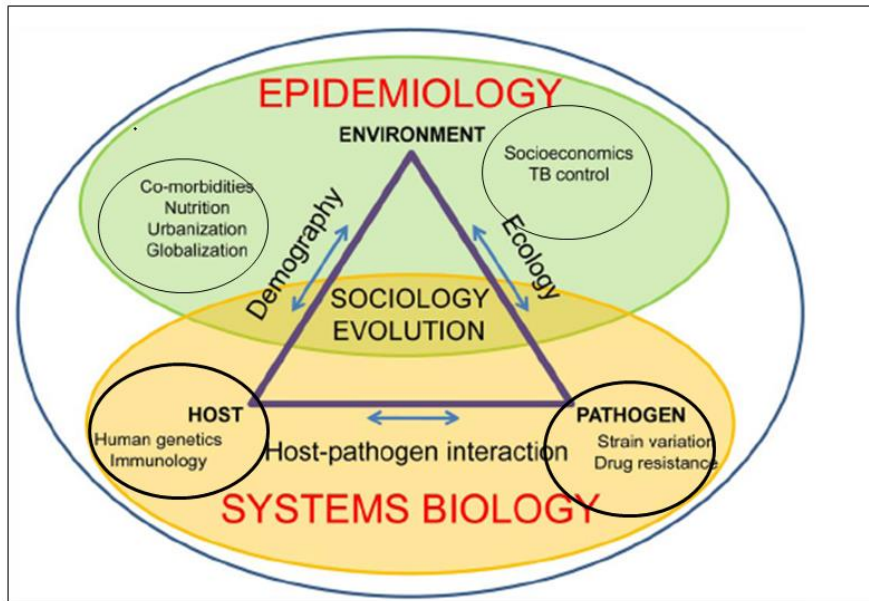


Figure 2. The Aga Khan University Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan.



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Figure 3. A Systems Biology Approach to Infectious Disease Research.

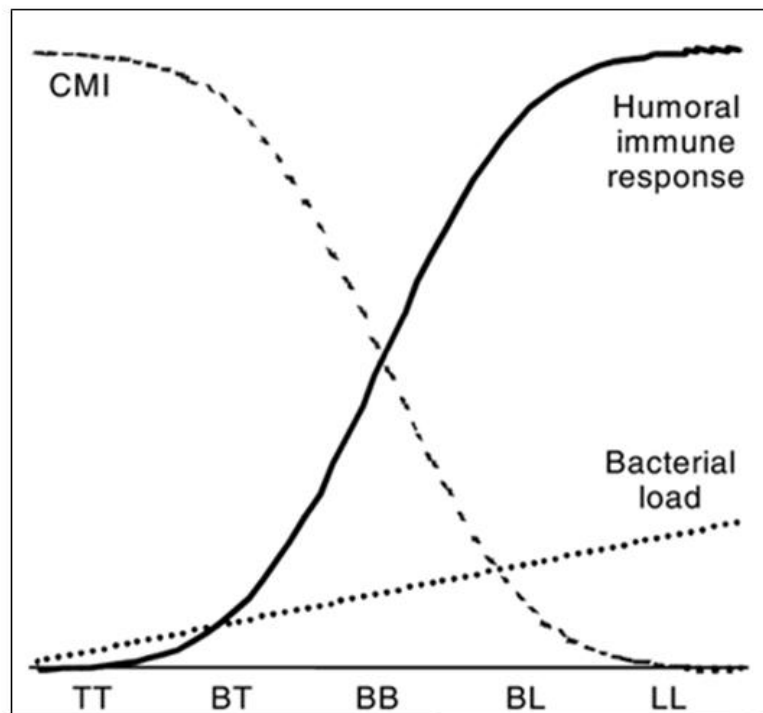


Figure 4. Leprosy disease spectrum.

Disease severity ranges from localized tuberculoid form (TT, BT) with strong cell mediated immunity (CMI) and low to absent bacteria in skin or biopsy samples. The more severe disseminated form of the disease is the Lepromatous form (BB, BL, LL) with high bacterial load, and strong Humoral (antibody mediated response) responses.

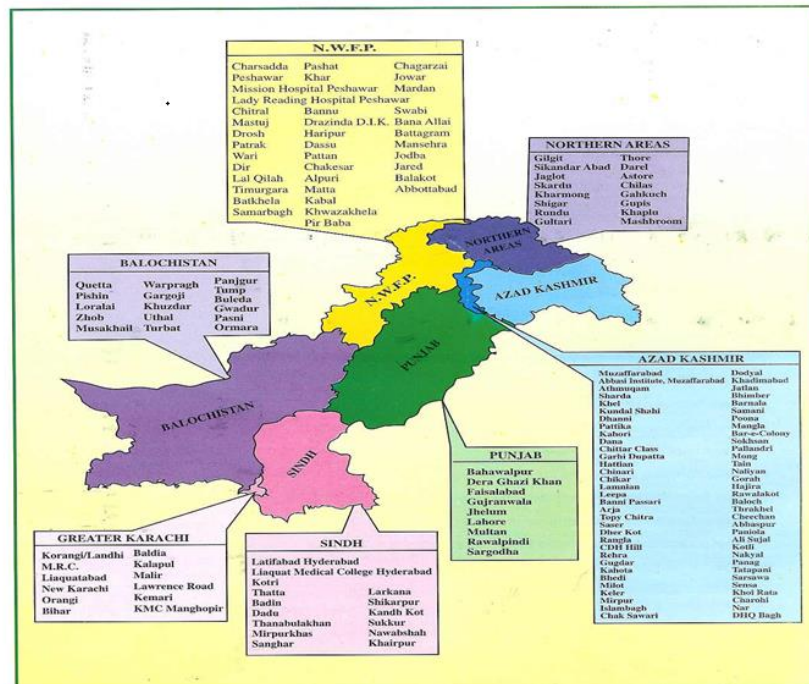


Figure 5. Leprosy Control Program in Pakistan.*

There are 250+ Leprosy field units throughout Pakistan including Azad Kashmir.

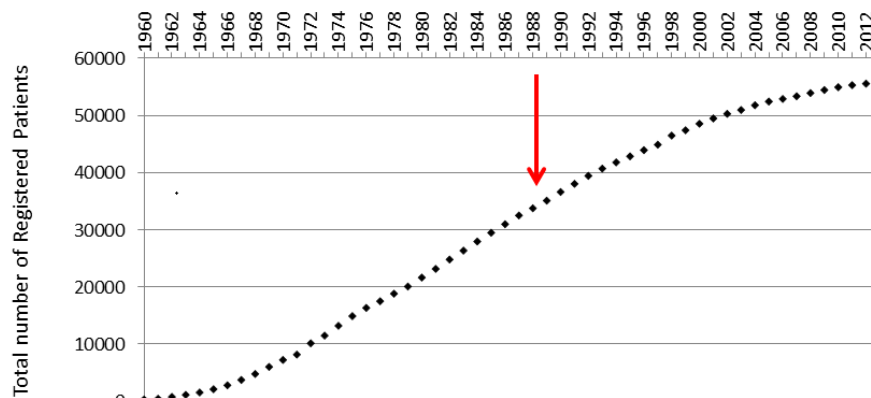


Figure 6. Registered Leprosy patients during 1963-2012.**

These patients had well documented clinical history according to WHO guidelines. There was regular annual household contacts check up by field teams who also followed up patients defaulting on chemotherapy. The red arrow indicates the initiation of our collaboration with MALC.

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** MALC Statistics Department.



Figure 7. Marie Adelaide National Reference Center.

The main referral center is located in the heart of Karachi. It is a 50 bedded hospital where patients with complications or deformities requiring hospital care are admitted from the entire country.



Figure 8. Dr Pfau examining a leprosy patient in a field clinic in Northern Areas.



Figure 9. The gap between the bench, the bedside and field



Figure 10. Collaborating Institutes

A. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine UK;
 B. St Thomas' Hospital UK; C. University of Colorado UK; D. Case Western Reserve University

TABLES

Table 1. Comparison of IgE responses in allergy and parasitic infection

IgE synthesis	Allergy (Hay fever)	Parasite infection (Filariasis)
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Specific IgE (% of Total IgE)	17-55	1-30
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Table 2. Objectives of the Research Program on Infectious Diseases

1. Multidisciplinary: Cross cutting themes (basic, clinical and population-based.
2. Relevance to Pakistan and developing world: This should be assessed in terms of disease burden (morbidity and mortality figures.
3. Impact on country: Amenable to control with improved diagnosis, new candidate vaccines for field testing and improved patient management.

Table 3. International Collaborators and their Expertise

• Dr Hazel Dockrell LSHTM UK (Leprosy Immunology).
• Dr Sebastian Lucas St Thomas Hospital, UK (histopathologist).
• Dr Keith McAdam LSHTM UK (clinical leprosy).
• Dr Neil Stoker, LSHTM (molecular biologist).
• Dr Patrick Brennan (leprosy reagents).
• Dr Jerrold Ellner CWRU (TB Immunology).

Table 4. International Grants for Initiating the Research Program

1. Molecular markers for prediction of reactions in leprosy. Collaborating Units: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC). Funding agency, Rockefeller Foundation PI: Dr Rabia Hussain (1987-1989) \$ 120,000.
2. Immunological evaluation of purified recombinant and synthetic M. leprae antigens UNDP/World Bank/WHO/TDR. Institutional Strengthening Grant: Investigator Initiated Program Based Grant PI: Dr Rabia Hussain Co PI: Dr Rumina Hasan (AKU) and Dr. Hazel Dockrell (LSHTM)(1989-1993) \$ 250,426.
3. Immuno-regulation of tuberculosis UNDP/World Bank/WHO/TDR/ IMMTUB: Programme for vaccine development. PI: Dr Rabia Hussain (1991-1993) \$60,000.

Table 5. National Collaborators for Leprosy and TB Research Program (MALC)

• Dr Ruth Pfau, (Control Program Chief).
• Dr Thomas Chiang (Medical Director).
• Dr Ashfaq Ali (Leprosy Training).
• Dr Mutahir Zia MALC (Clinical Leprosy).
• Drs Fatima Firdausi, Qadeer Ehsan, Zeenat Uquaili Shahid Zafar, MALC/AKU (Research Medical officers), Masoomeen Trust Hospital.
• Dr Ghaffar Dawood (Pulmonologist). Ms Farida Talat (Research Officer), AKU.
• Dr Willem Sturm (Co-investigator), Dr Rumina Hasan (PhD; Co-Investigator) Zahra Hasan, (Post-Doctoral) Dr Bushra Jamil (Research Officer), Dr Erum Khan (FCPS), Dr Arnawaz Kifayet (PhD) Dr Najeeha Talat (PhD), Dr Ambreen Ansari (PhD).

PRESENTATION

Evolution of a research program leader

Phase 1: Research Training 1970-1973

Phase 2: Becoming an independent investigator 1973-1980

Phase 3: Research Program group leader 1981-2012

Figure 1. Evolution of a research program leader.

Phase 1: Research Training

- PhD (Ascariasis)
- Fellowship (Schistosomiasis)
- Instructor (Atopy and allergy)



Figure 2. Phase 1: Research Training.

Focus on Regulation and modulation of Allergic responses

- Purification and Properties of parasite allergens
- Potency of parasite allergens in experimental model
- Purification and properties of pollen allergens and their potency in clinical setting

It became obvious to me that parasites are much more potent inducers of IgE antibodies but without the harmful effects that you see in atopic allergy

Figure 3. Focus on regulation and modulation of allergic responses.

Phase 2 Research as an independent investigator



Link between allergy and parasitic infection?

Figure 4. Phase 2: Research as an independent investigator.

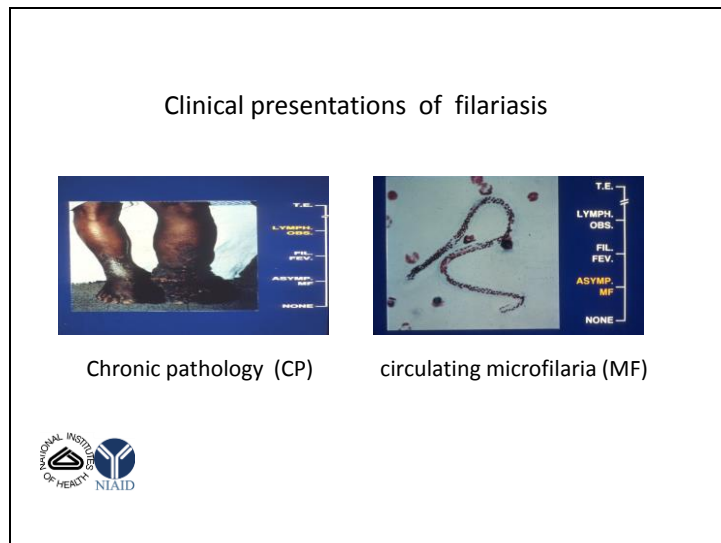


Figure 5. Clinical presentations of filariasis.

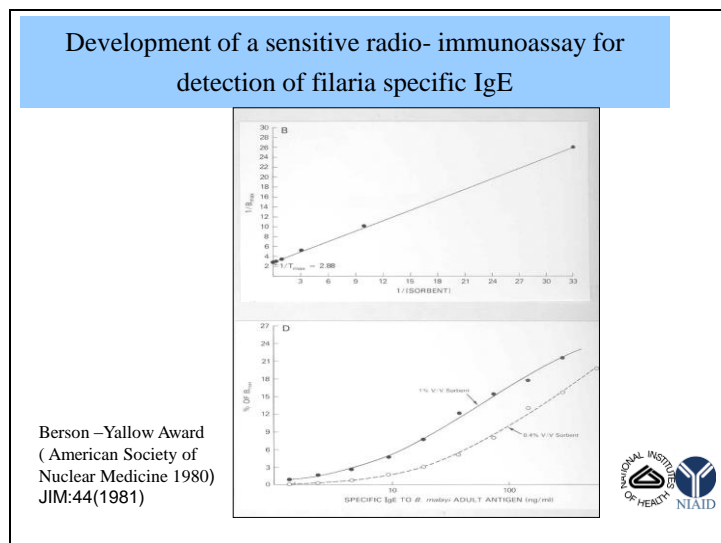


Figure 6. Development of a sensitive radio-immuno assay for detection of filarial specific IgE.

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Figure 7. IgE responses in allergy and parasitic infection.

Hypothesis
Parasites must have evolved a natural mechanism whereby they could survive without Inducing death in the host as a survival strategy



Figure 8. Hypothesis.

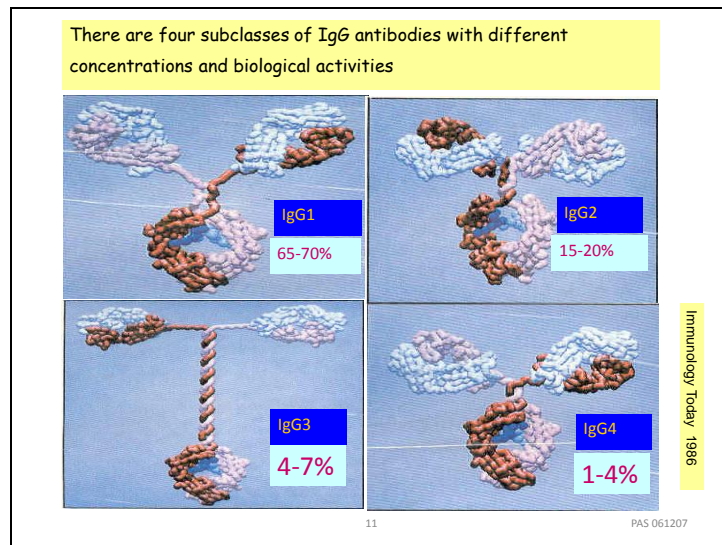


Figure 9. There are four subclasses of IgG antibodies with different concentrations and biological activities.

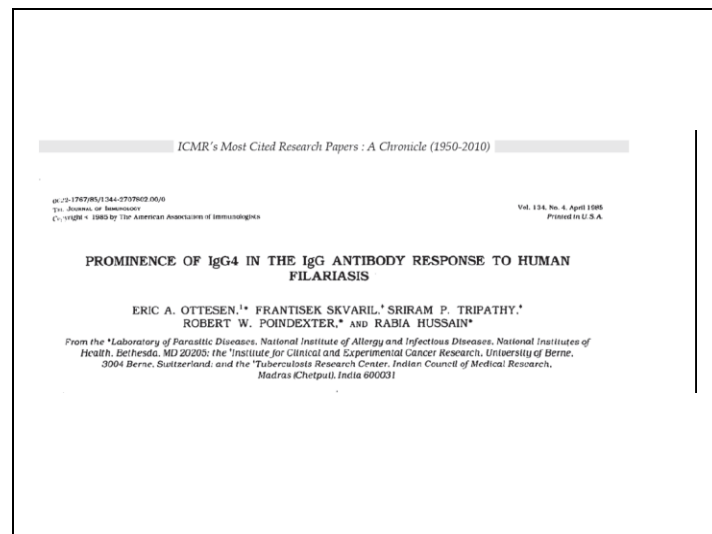


Figure 10.

Collaborators

Mentor

❖ Dr Eric Ottesen, NIH, USA

❖ Dr Nuzhat Kaushal NIH, USA

❖ Dr Robert Hamilton; Dr Frank Adkinson,
JHU USA

❖ Dr Tripathy, Dr Kumaraswami, Dr Ramesh
Paranjape, Chinnai, India

Figure 11.Collaborators.

Phase 3: Research Group Leader

1986-2012



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Figure 12. Phase 3: Research Group Leader.

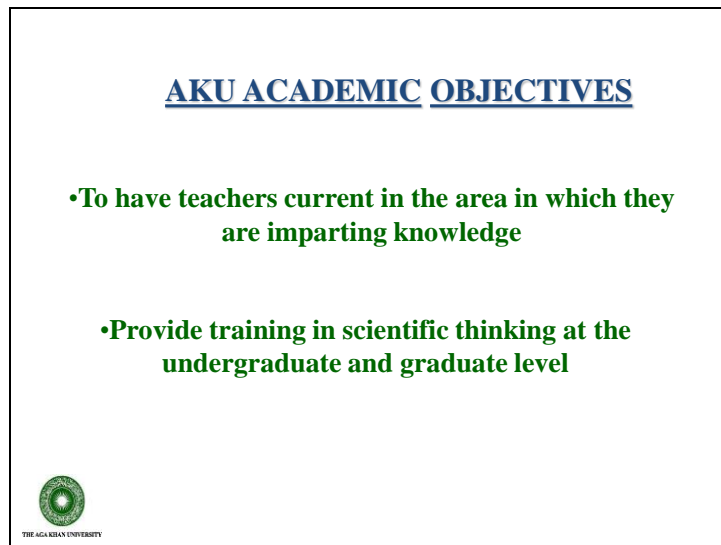


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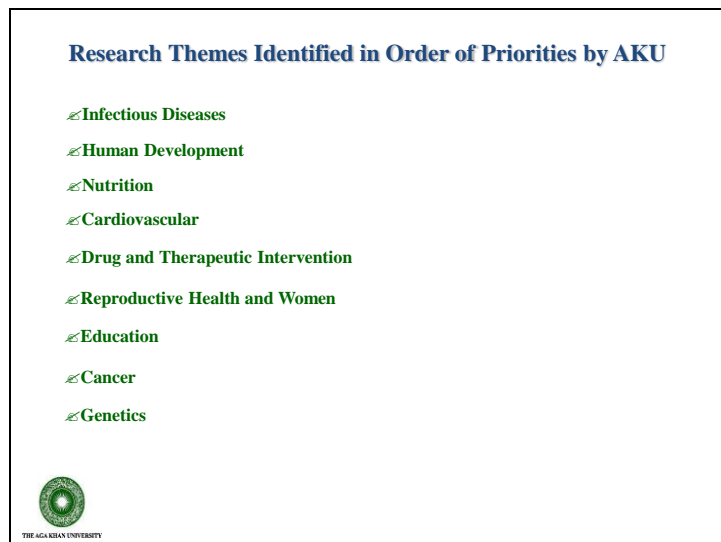


Figure 14. Research Themes Identified in Order of Priorities by AKU.

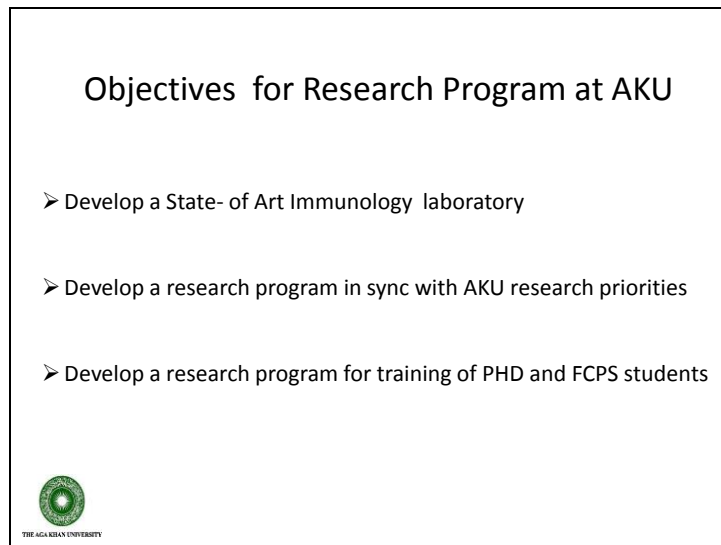


Figure 15. Objectives for Research Program at AKU.

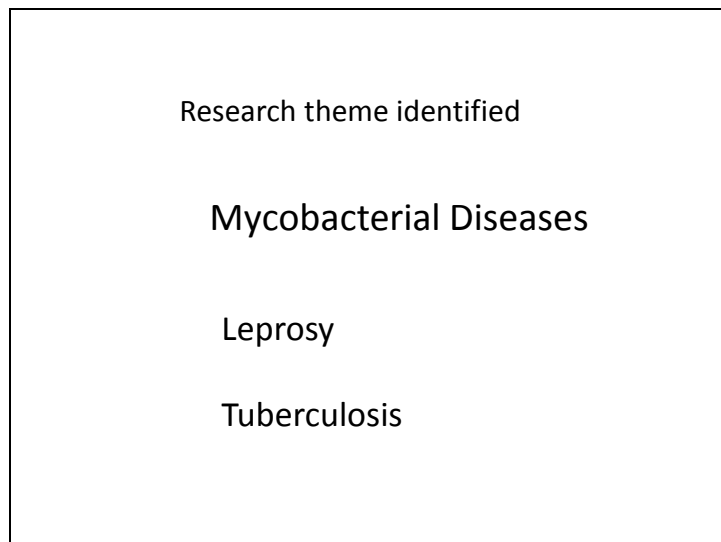


Figure 16. Research theme identified.

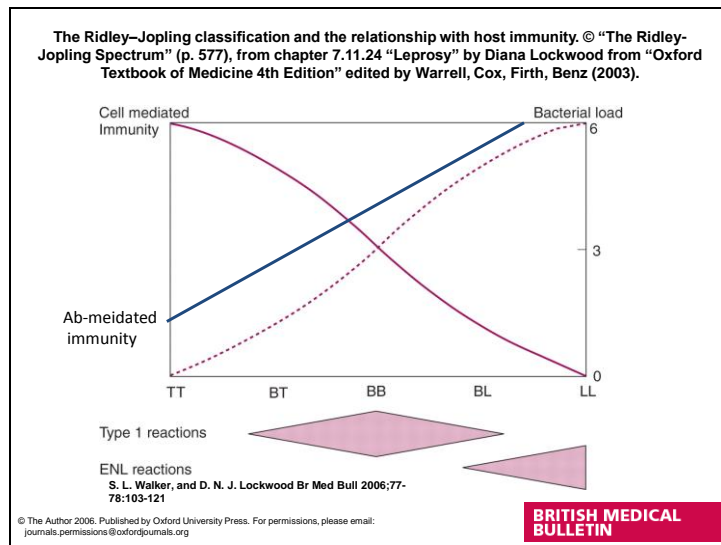


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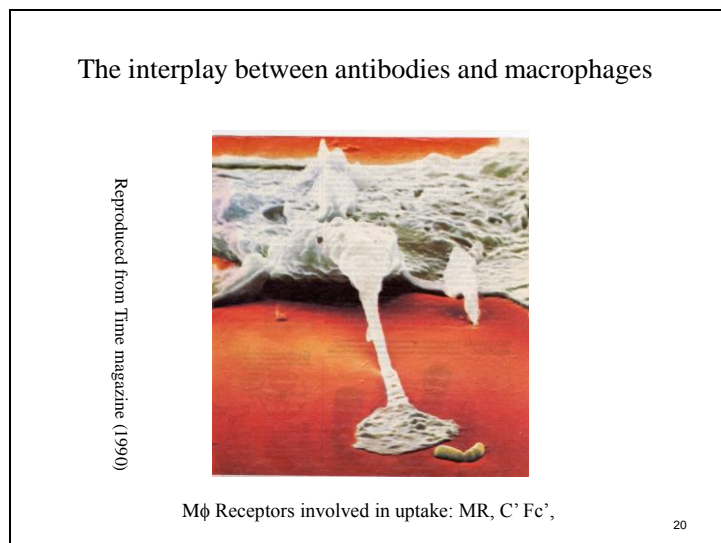


Figure 18. The interplay between antibodies and macrophages.

The National Reference Center (MALC) 5 KM from AKU



Figure 21. The National Reference Center (MALC).

How will research help my patients?



Dr Ruth Pfau

Figure 22. How will research help my patients?

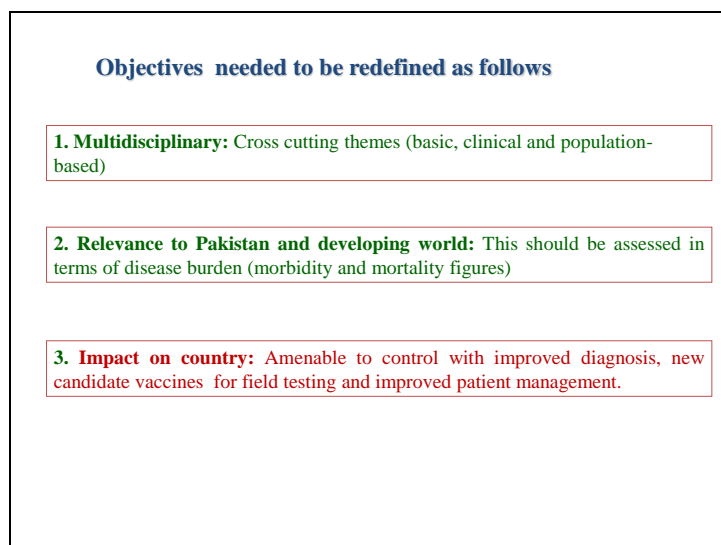


Figure 23. Objectives needed to be redefined as follows.

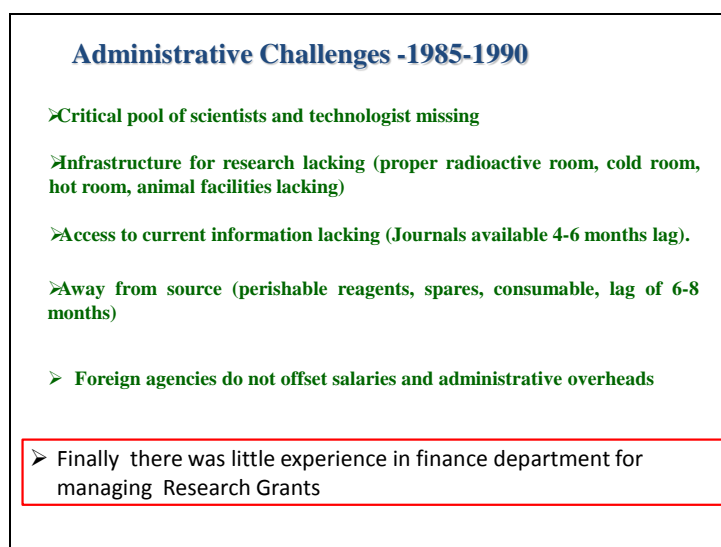


Figure 24. Administrative Challenges (1985-1990).



Figure 25.



Figure 26. Collaborating Institutes for Lab-Based Leprosy Research.

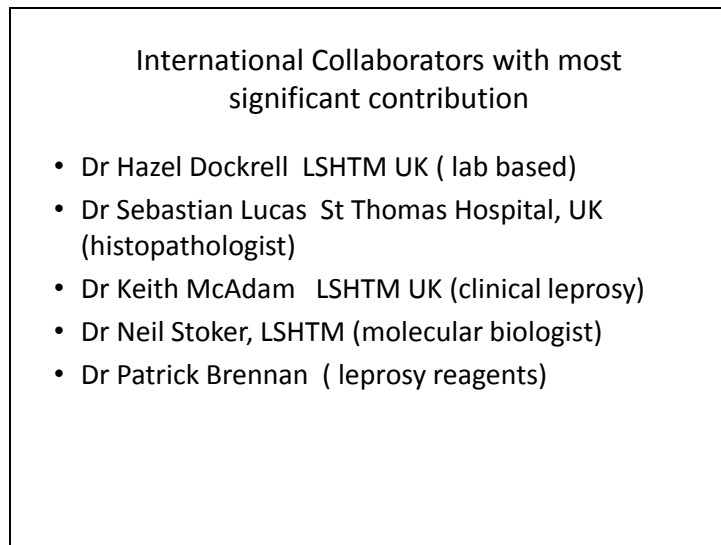


Figure 27. International Collaborators with most significant Contributions.

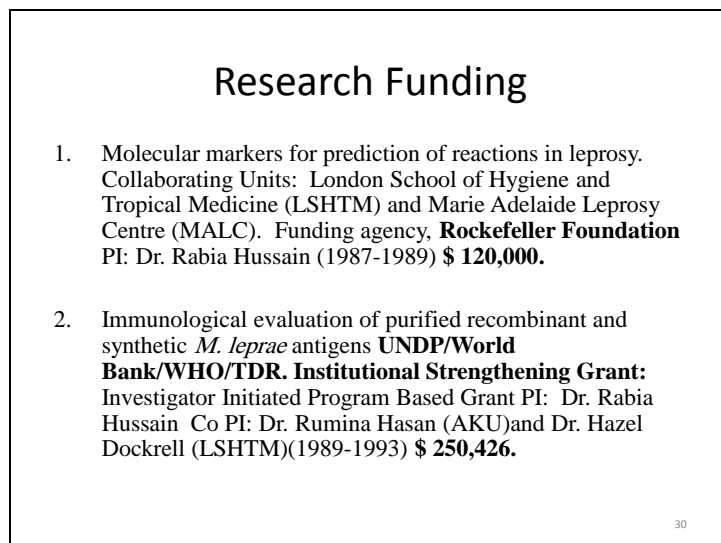


Figure 28. Research Funding.

Serum, cells and biopsy tissue banks



> 3000 well characterized leprosy patients

Figure 29. Serum, cells and biopsy tissue banks.

National Research Team

- Dr Ruth Pfau, MALC (control program chief)
- Dr Thomas Chiang, MALC (medical Director)
- Dr Ashfaq Ali, MALC (training)
- Dr Mutahir Zia (Senior Leprologist)
- Drs Fatima Firdausi, Qadeer Ehsan, Zeenat Uquaili Shahid Zafar, MALC (Research Medical officers)

Figure 30. National Research Team.

AKU Team

- **Rumina Hasan** Zahra Hasan
- Ms Maqboola Dojki, Ms Firdaus Shahid, Ms Rafia Aziz,
Shakeel Michael Thakurdas, Ms Amna Nasir, **Ms Najeeha**
Talat, **Ms Ambreen Ansari**. Regina D'souza, And many more

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Figure 31. AKU Team.

Publications

Diagnostic markers in leprosy

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Hussain, R., S.B. Lucas A. Kifayet, S. Jamil, J. Raynes, Z. Uqaili, H.M. Dockrell, T. J. Chiang, and K.P.W.J. McAdam (1995) Clinical and Histological Discrepancies in Diagnosis of ENL Reactions Classified By Assessment Of Acute Phase Proteins SAA and CRP. Int. J. Lepr. 63(2): 222-230.

Immunopathogenesis

Hussain, R., A. Kifayet and Thomas J. Chiang. (1995). Immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) and IgG3 antibodies are markers of progressive disease in leprosy. Infect. Immun. 63(2): 410-415.
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Immunoregulation

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Figure 32. Publications.

Additional Funding Support

- WHO IMMLEP
- National Institutes of Health (USA)
- Wellcome Trust Foundation
- Lepira
- Pakistan Council for Science and Technology
- AKU Seed money
- AKU URC
- Pakistan Council for Science and Technology
- Higher Education Commission, Government of Pakistan

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Figure 33. Additional Funding Support.

Significant insights on the role of antibodies in regulation and modulation of leprosy and had broad relevance to all chronic infections particularly those which invade and multiply in macrophages



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Figure 34.

Intracellular parasites of Macrophage/ monocyte system

- **Viruses:** adenoviruses, **herpesviruses** (herpes simplex virus, cytomegalovirus), poxviruses (**vaccinia**), retroviruses (human immunodeficiency virus), togaviruses (**Dengue virus**), bunyaviruses, paramyxoviruses
- **Bacteria:** *Brucella abortus*, *chlamydia* spp. (*C. trachomatis*, *C. psittaci*) ***Corynebacterium* spp.**, *Francisella tularensis*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, ***Mycobacteria* spp.** (***M. tuberculosis***, ***M. leprae***, *M. intracellulare*), *Rickettsia* spp. (*R. akari*, *R. prowazekii*, *R. tsutsugamushi*), ***Salmonella* spp.** (*S. typhimurium*)
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So back to Dr Pfau's Question?



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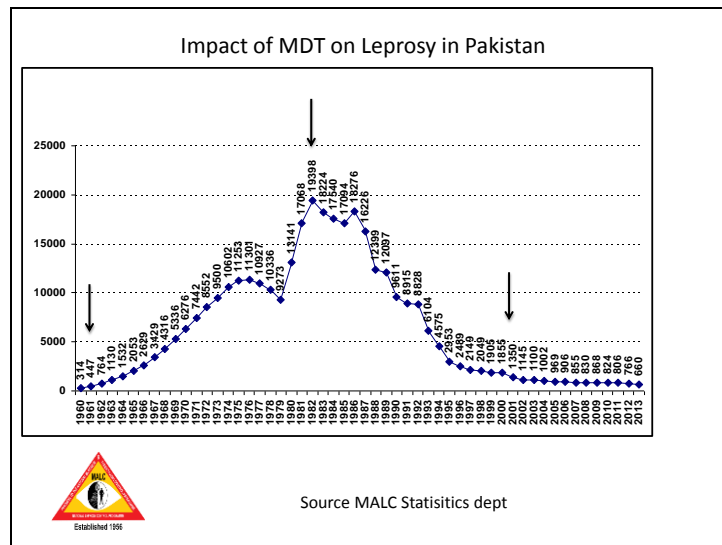


Figure 37. Impact of MDT on Leprosy in Pakistan.

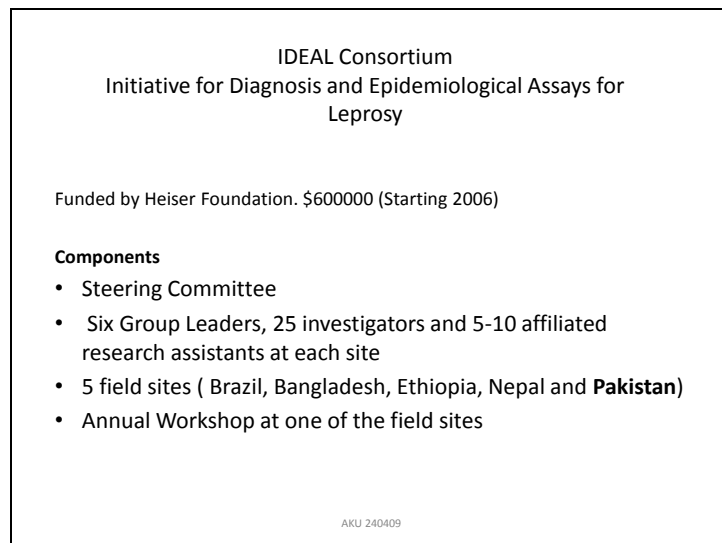


Figure 38. IDEAL Consortium initiative for Diagnosis and Epidemiological Assays for Leprosy.

Rationale for IDEAL

- To identify subclinical infections and treat those harboring the infection to eliminate the disease.
- In 2001 *M. leprae* genome was deciphered
- *M. leprae* specific open reading frames were identified
- A consortium was developed to synthesize these peptides and test them in field sites for utility in detection subclinical infection

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Figure 39. Rationale for IDEAL.

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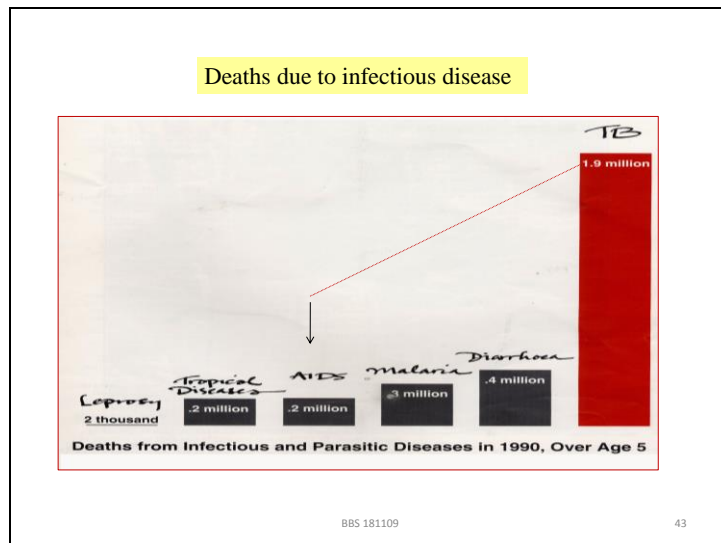


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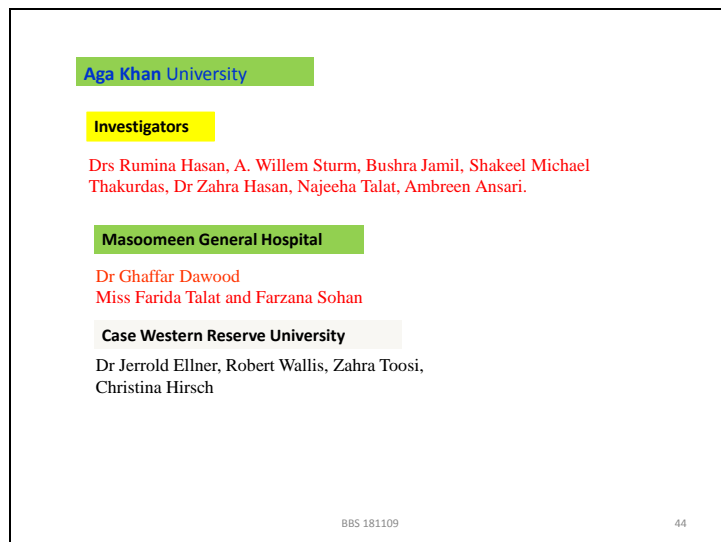


Figure 42. TB Collaborators.

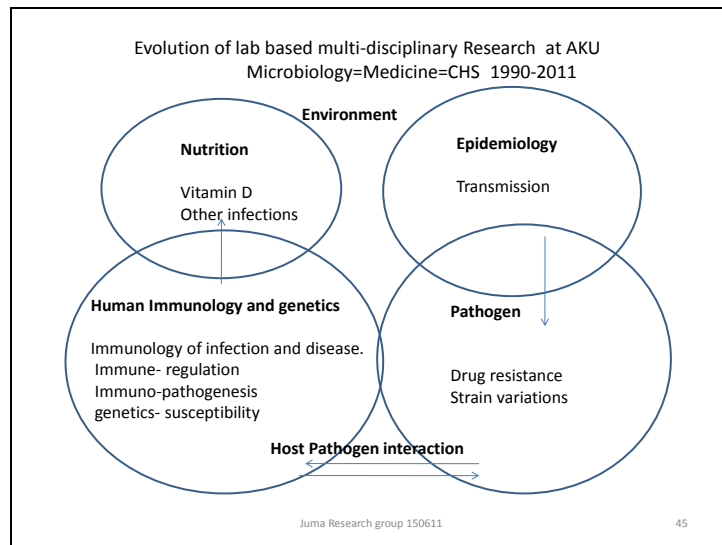


Figure 43. Evolution of lab based multi-disciplinary Research at AKU.

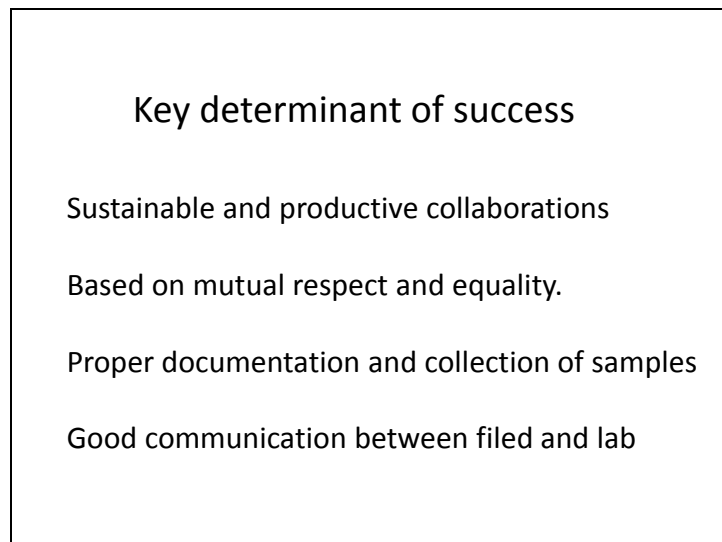


Figure 44. Key determinant of success.

Dr Hazel Dockrell

Profile
Hazel Dockrell: ambassador for international health research

Dockrell moved to LSHTM and recalls how “My first major overseas collaboration had a major influence on me, it really did change my life.” In 1985, shortly after starting work at LSHTM, she met immunologist, Professor Rabia Hussain. “Rabia is the only person in my working life that I was able to spend so much time sitting down together with as equal partners studying data and writing papers.” This collaboration has led to a publication record spanning two decades, on the immune responses underlying the spectrum of clinical leprosy, diagnostic assays for leprosy, and current work on immune responses to tuberculosis. “Identifying a panel of immune markers in diseases such as tuberculosis seems a way forward to enable better diagnosis, treatment, and vaccination”,

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Figure 45. Dr Hazel Dockrell.

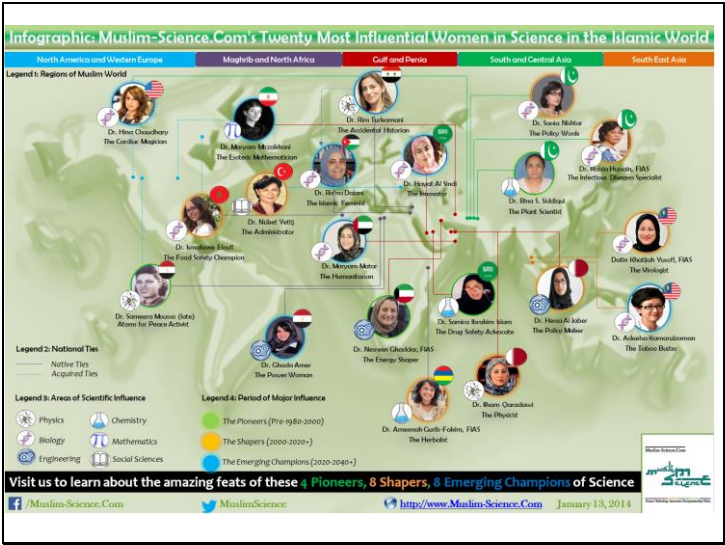


Figure 46. Muslim-Science.com’s Twenty Most Influential Women in science in the Islamic world.

A message from an educationist

"May there never develop in me the notion that my education is complete, but give me the strength and leisure and zeal continually to enlarge my knowledge." (Anonymous)

Thank You

Figure 47. A message from an educationist.

Promoting STI for Sustainability and Economic Transformation in Africa

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ABSTRACT

In this presentation I will discuss the critical role of STI in promoting sustainable development for social and economic well-being in Africa, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable communities.

My talk will focus on three important and interconnected issues:

- The global challenges that Africa faces in addressing critical sustainability issues
- The new emerging opportunities for accelerated development initiatives in Africa, resulting from the rapidly advancing frontier STI.
- The global actions that should be pursued by institutions such as centres of excellence and academies of science to take full advantage of the unprecedented opportunities to find STI-based solutions to sustainability challenges in the continent



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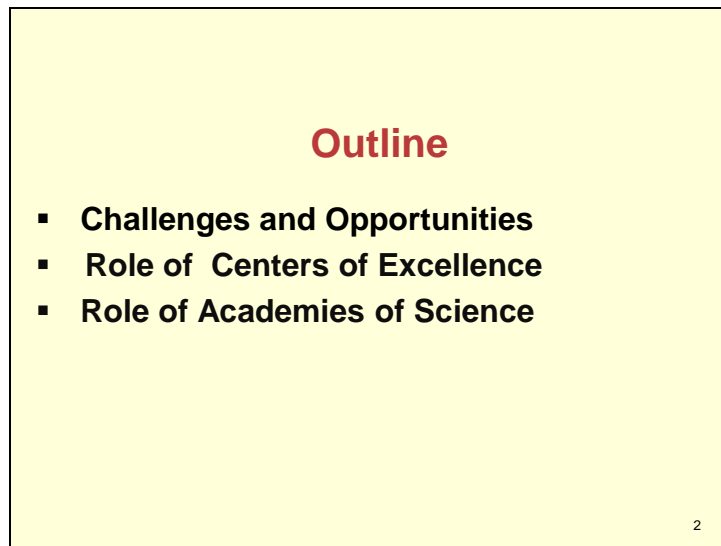


Figure 1. Outline.



Figure 2. Challenges and Opportunities.

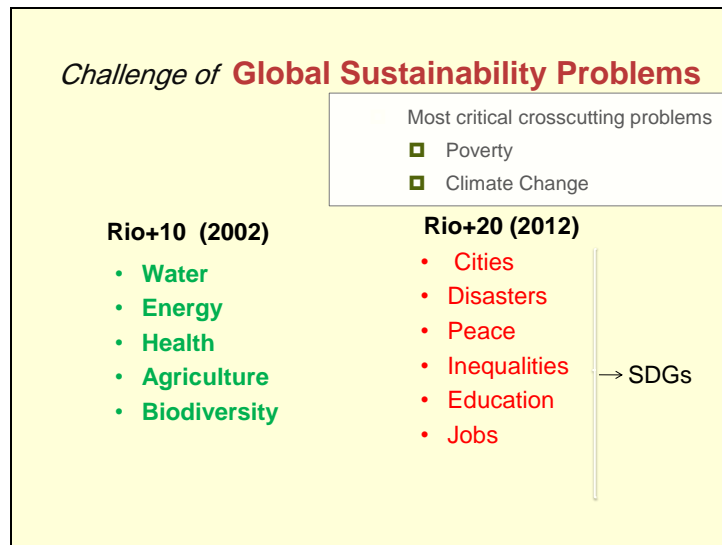


Figure 3. Challenge of Global Sustainability Problems.

- Sustainability challenges are global, complex and interconnected
- Africa is most severely affected by sustainability Problems
- Frontier STI provide integrated solutions to sustainability challenges
- International collaboration in research and education in Sciences, based on shared goals and capacity needs is critical to addressing sustainability challenges

Figure 4.

Challenge of **Global Science Disparities**

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Figure 5. Challenges of Global Science Disparities.



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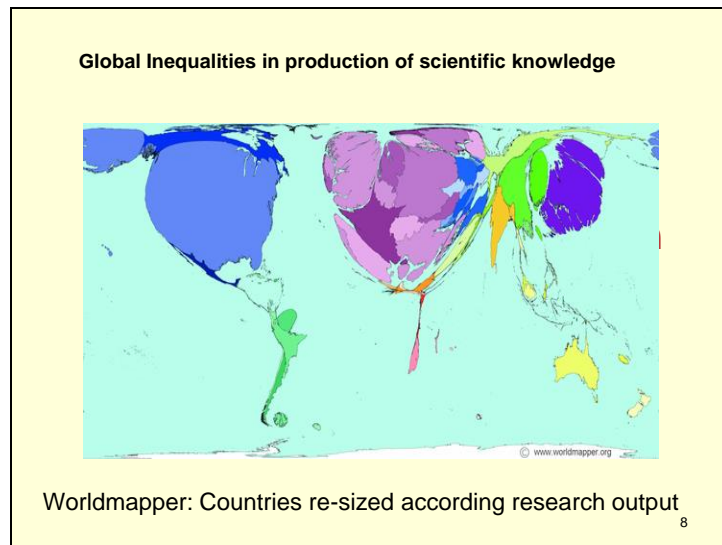


Figure 7. Global Inequalities in production of scientific knowledge.

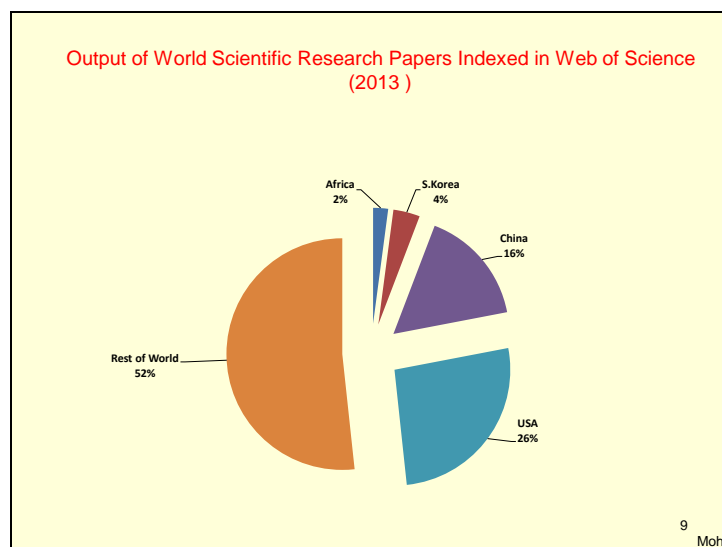


Figure 8. Output of World Scientific Research Papers Indexed in Web of Science (2013).

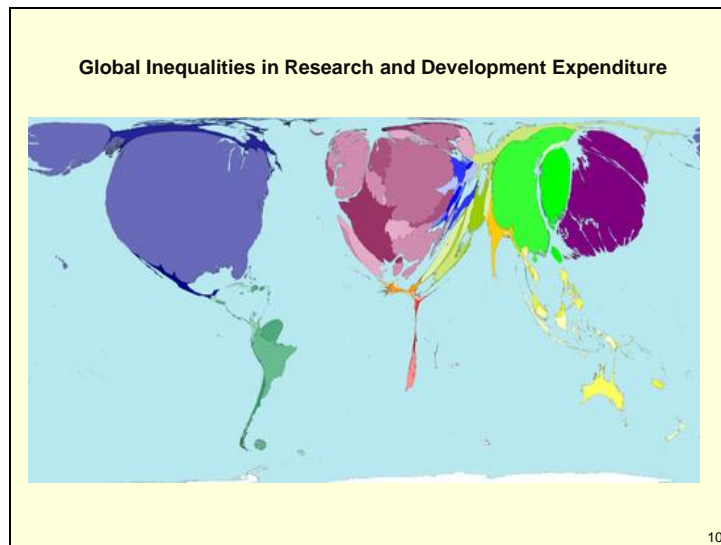


Figure 9. Global Inequalities in Research and Development Expenditure.

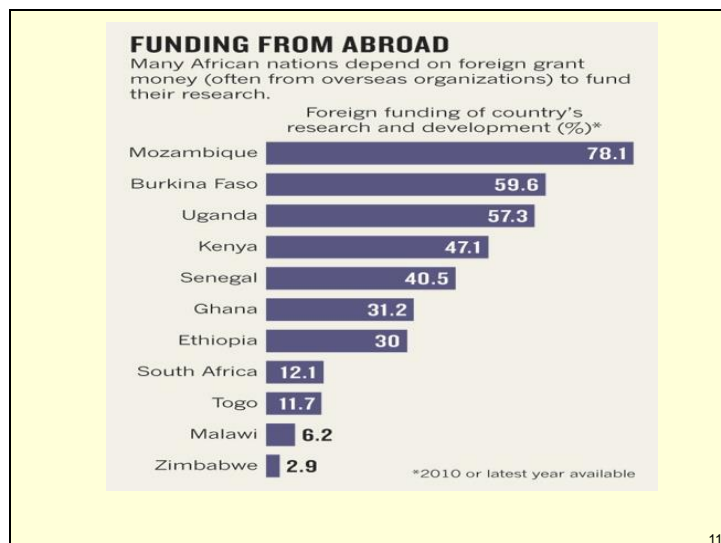


Figure 10. Funding from Abroad.

Two main challenges

Strategies for **Global Sustainability** should promote **global partnerships** to address two interrelated challenges:

- Improving **quality** and **relevance** of **education** and **research**, especially in S&T Poorest Countries, to enhance their capacities to participate in global knowledge production
- Increasing **national** and **global** investments in research and development, to generate **STI-based** solutions to critical sustainability problems

Figure 11. Two main challenges.

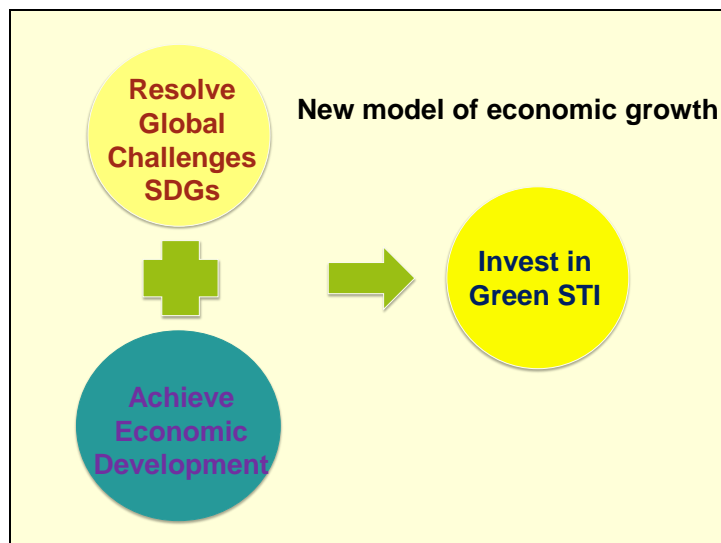


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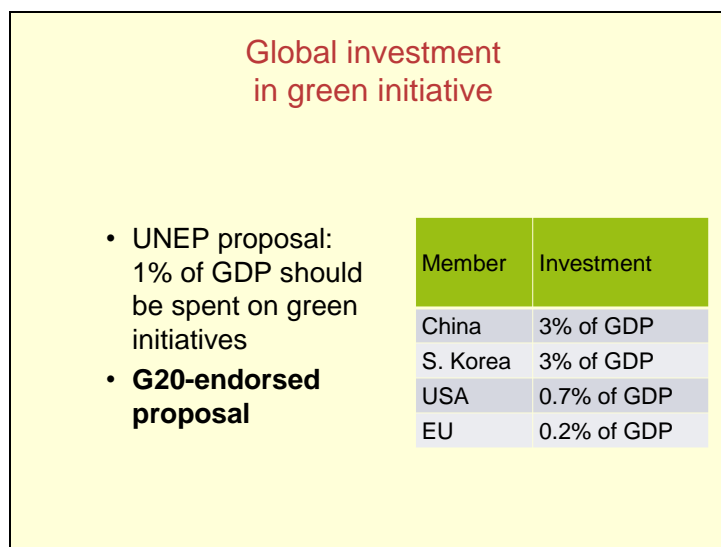


Figure 13. Global investment in green initiative.

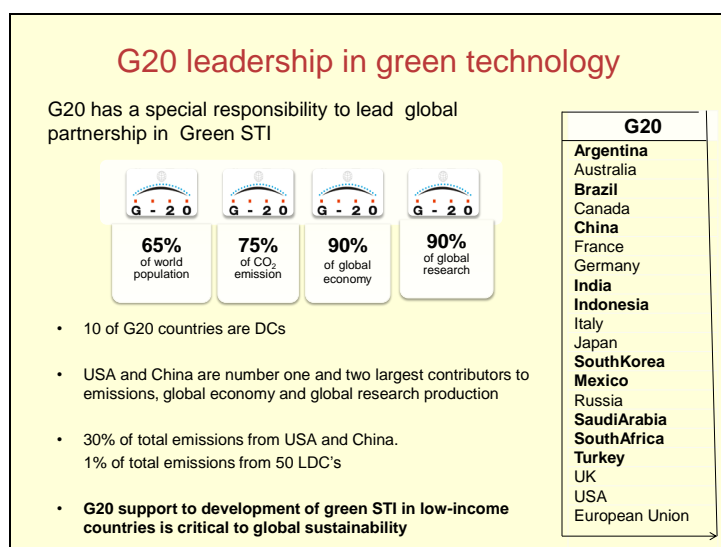


Figure 14. G20 leadership in green technology.

USA & China Partnership and Leadership

Wang: *Show me how to play basketball*

Obama: *Sure! But, you have to arrange for my daughter and one million American students to learn Mandarin by 2020*

Obama-Xi leadership: transition to low carbon global economy:

- Joint Statement to combat Climate Change: historic step towards a landmark global agreement on Climate (*Paris, December 2015*)
- **China** South-South Climate Cooperation Fund: China pledged \$ 3 billion
- **UN** Green Climate Fund: USA pledged \$ 3 billion





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Figure 15. USA & China Partnership and Leadership.





Mohamed H.A. Hassan: Capacity Building and Networks

195 Countries adopted universal agreement to limit global warming below two degrees centigrade and provide international support to adaptation measures




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Figure 16.

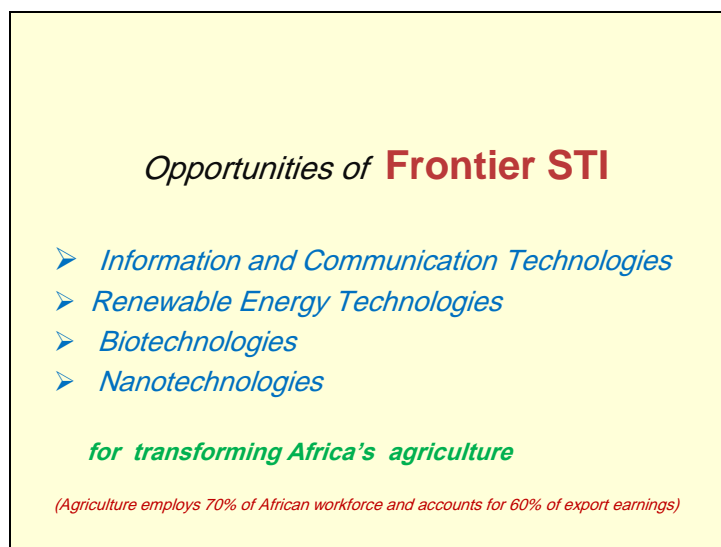


Figure 17. Opportunities of Frontier STI.



Figure 18. Information and Communication Technologies.

Renewable Energies Technologies

Africa has greatest potential and need for renewable energy

- 325 days of bright sunshine in a year
- Large coastline and abundance of wind power and wave power
- Geothermal and hydropower
- 70% of Africans and 90% of small-scale farmers have no electricity and need access to small-scale renewable energy systems for basic needs
- Africa needs **global partnership and large investments in renewable energy and rural electrification** :

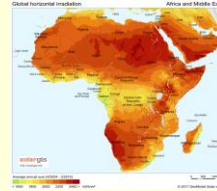


Figure 19. renewable Energies Technologies.

Rural Electrification is a human right :

Provides Food, Water and Energy Securities and more income for African Farmers



solar-powered water pumps for drinking and for drip irrigation



Solar electricity for home, school and clinic



Figure 20. Rural Electrification is a human right.

Morocco solar and wind energy mega-projects

- Ambitious Plan: 42% of energy mix derived from solar and wind energy by 2020
- World largest concentrated solar power (CSP) plant:
 - produces 2,000 MW from Saharan sun, costing \$9B.
 - first phase to be completed next Month with funds from WB, AfDB, EU,SA
- Africa largest wind farm to supply 2,000 MW costing \$4B
- 131 turbines started construction in 2013



Figure 21. Morocco solar and wind energy mega-projects.

Ethiopia plans to power East Africa with hydropower

- Largest hydropower plant in Africa
- 6,000 MW dam across Blue Nile in Ethiopia costing about \$5 billion in infrastructure
- Regional benefits: transmission lines to Kenya, Djibouti, Sudan...
- Initial funding from WB, AfDB



Figure 22. Ethiopia plans to power East Africa with hydropower.

COP21: Paris 30 November, 2015



Global initiative to accelerate public and private clean energy STI to power the World with clean energy and make it affordable to consumers worldwide, and create green jobs and commercial opportunities

Initiative spearheaded by Bill Gates and supported by
20 Countries and 30 global billionaires, including Aliko Dangote
No African Country among the 20

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Figure 23. COP21: Paris 30 November, 2015.

Biotechnologies

- Modern biotechnology has promising new applications in agriculture, medicine and environment
- Developing pest-resistant, drought-resistant and higher crop yields
- Increasing productivity and income to small-scale farmers
- Reducing use of insecticides
- Increasing nutritional value and vitamin level of crops
- Examples:
 - *New varieties of high yielding Sorghum resistant to drought and the parasitic weed *Striga**
 - *Bt Cotton economic success in Burkina Faso, South Africa and Sudan*
 - *New varieties of Bananas resistant to bacterial Wilt awaiting approval of Biotechnology and Biosafety Bill in Uganda*



Gebisa Ejeta



Figure 24. Biotechnologies.

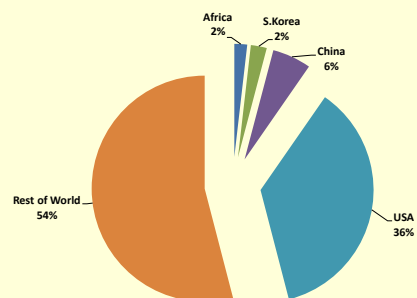
- Scientists in Uganda push for law on GMOs
- Kenya biodiversity coalition demonstrates outside Parliament demanding strict adherence to labeling of GMOs
(*The East African News* April 2015)



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Figure 25.

World Research Papers in **Biotechnology** Published in Web of Science
(1995 – 2011)



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Figure 26. World Research Papers in Biotechnology Published in Web of Science (1995-2011).

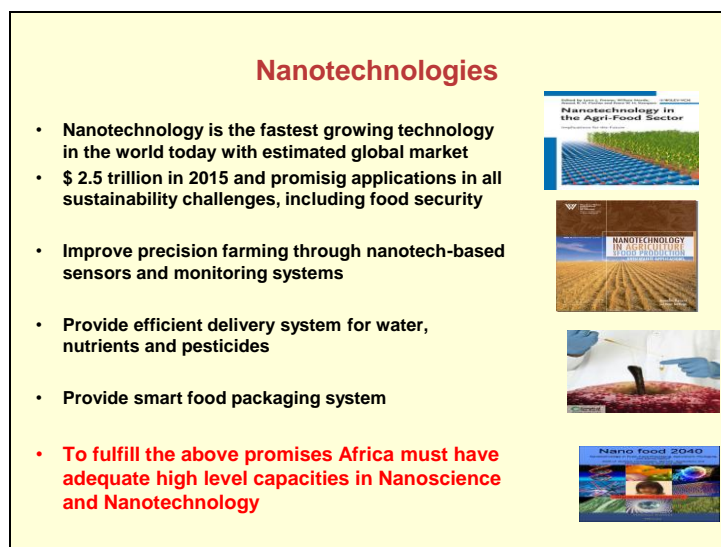


Figure 27. Nanotechnologies.

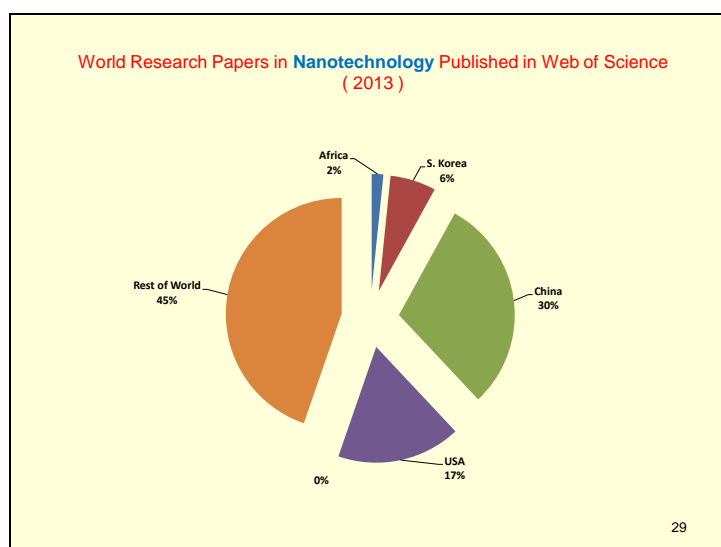


Figure 28. World Research Papers in Nanotechnology Published in Web of Science (2013).

Role of Centres of Excellence

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Figure 29. Role of Centres of Excellence.

Centres of Excellence

- Centres of Excellence and world-class Universities are of critical importance in **advancing international cooperation**
- Institutions with Excellence in research and education have magnetic power to attract the best and brightest from all parts of the world.
- Promoting excellence in science requires free international collaboration and exchanges involving leading scientists worldwide

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Figure 30. Centres of Excellence.

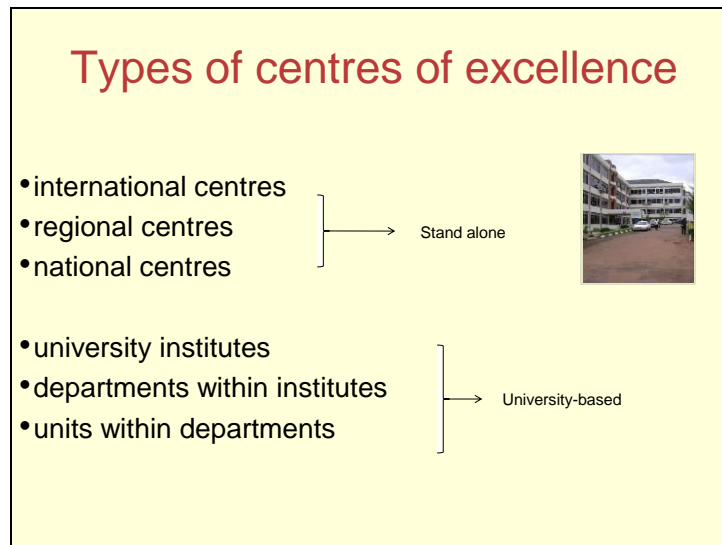



Figure 31. Types of centers of excellence.



Figure 32. International centres of excellence.

CERN Global Mission

Large Hadron Collider



Research: Seeking and finding answers to questions about the Universe (*Higgs Boson*)

Technology: Advancing the frontiers of technology

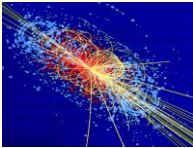

Collaboration: Bringing nations together through science (*Science Diplomacy*)

Education: Training the scientists of tomorrow: *Digital Libraries in Rwanda*

Communication: [www](http://www.cern.ch)




... where the Web was born






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Figure 33. CERN Global Mission.



The Abdus Salam
International Centre
for Theoretical Physics







"Scientific thought is the common heritage of humankind."

ICTP founder, Abdus Salam

ICTP is an institution that is run by scientists for scientists to support the best science possible, with special attention paid to the **needs of scientists from developing countries**

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Figure 34.

ICTP training and education

- Provides training and skills to scientists from developing countries
- Organizes more than 60 conferences/workshops each year
- Welcomes 4,000 to 5,000 scientists from about 130 nations each year



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Figure 35. ICTP training and education.

Square Kilometer Array (SKA)

- Largest Radio Telescope in the world: *survey sky ten thousand faster than current telescopes.*
- Map a billion observable galaxies to determine their formation and evolution almost from the big bang
- Explore issues such as : dark matter, dark energy, gravitational waves
- Hosts: South Africa and Australia
- Computing engines and links capacity greater than internet traffic.
- Cost \$ 2 billion in infrastructure and \$ 200 million per year to operate
- Construction in 2016 and full operation by 2024.
- **Open a new dawn for Science in Africa : boost Pan-African collaboration in Science and Education and foster a new generation of highly skilled computer scientists, engineers and technicians.**
- **Promote international collaboration and partnerships**



Figure 36. Square Kilometer Array (SKA).



Figure 37. International centres of excellence in Africa.





POWER OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Release in Nigeria (2013) of two maize hybrids resistant to **Striga**, **drought** and low soil-nitrogen.
- Developed by IITA in partnership with national research institutes and universities in Nigeria and USA
- Financial support from **Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa (DTMA) Project**, executed by **CIMMYT and IITA** in **13 countries in Africa**.

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Figure 38. Power of International Collaboration.



Figure 39. Power of Attraction.

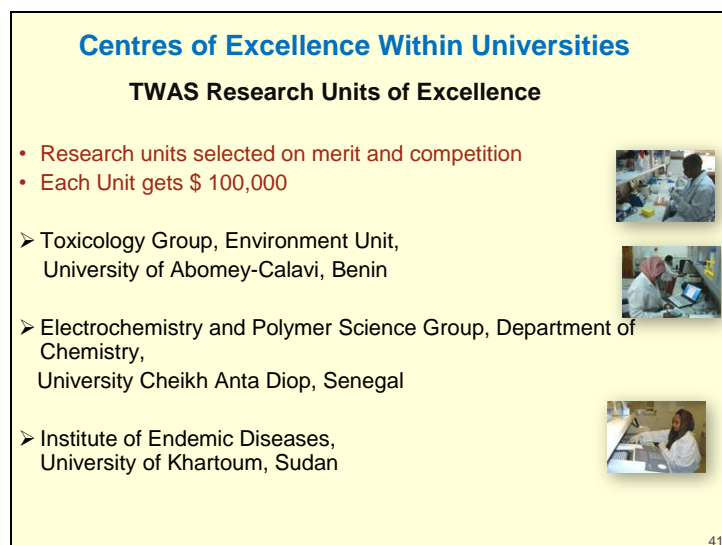


Figure 40. Centres of Excellence within Universities.

Centres of Excellence Within Universities



WB: Africa Centres of Excellence(ACE)





- \$ 150 M to support university-based centres of excellence in **western and central Africa**
- Selection in collaboration with AAU, based on merit and competition
- 19 centres selected in west and central Africa (10 in Nigerian Universities) each receives up to \$ 8 M



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Figure 41. Centres of Excellence within Universities.

Centres of Excellence within Universities





ACCI
African Centre For
Crop Improvement



**WEST AFRICA
CENTRE FOR
CROP
WACCI IMPROVEMENT**



WACCI Selected as World Bank-Africa Centre Of Excellence

WACCI received about **\$8 million** to bolster postgraduate programmes, improve curricula, attract top researchers

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Figure 42. Centres of Excellence within Universities.

Centres of Excellence Within Universities





ACE II Eastern and Southern Africa
Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project




**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONDITIONALLY SELECTED
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA HIGHER
EDUCATION
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE
14th December 2015**

(i) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);
(ii) Agriculture;
(iii) Health; and
(iv) Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)

IUCEA received a total of 108 official submissions from the nine participating countries: Ethiopia (20), Kenya (20), Malawi (4), Mozambique (5), Rwanda (6), Tanzania (18), Uganda (19), Zambia (3), and Zimbabwe (13).

23 ACE proposals were conditionally selected subject to the approval of the World Bank.

**Burundi
Ethiopia
Kenya
Malawi
Mozambique
Rwanda
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe**

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Figure 43. Centres of Excellence within Universities.

Role of Academies of Sciences

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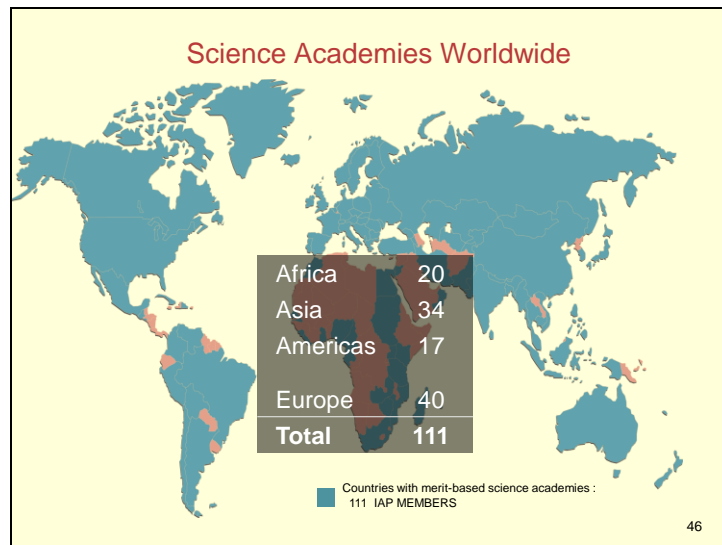


Figure 45. Science Academies Worldwide.

There are over 100 merit-based science academies in the world.
 Out of the 53 African countries, only 19 countries have national science academies.
 The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) draws its membership from all African countries.

Science Academies Worldwide

Power of academies

- **Members:** most accomplished scientists elected by peers on merit
- **Independence:** power to express independent, objective, unbiased and evidence-based opinion on critical issues
- **Mobilization:** Power to **mobilize** best scientific minds for the benefit of society
- **Science Diplomacy:** Power to reach out to all other academies and **act jointly** to address critical Global and Regional issues

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Figure 46. Science Academies Worldwide.

Political Diplomat and Science Diplomat

➤ **Political Diplomat:**
 “An honest man sent abroad to lie for the good of his country”
 (Sir Henry Wotton, 17th century British diplomat)

➤ **Science Diplomat:**
 “An honest man sent abroad to build science bridges for the benefit of humanity”

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Figure 47. Political Diplomat and Science Diplomat.

Networks of Science Academies

- Academies of science, medicine and engineering worldwide joined forces and formed networks
 - Global: **IAP**, IAMP, IAC
 - Regional: **NASAC**, NASIC, IANAS, AASSA, SCA, CSU, EASAC, ALLEA, CEEN, EMAN
- Aim: Bring together merit-based academies globally and regionally
 - To strengthen advisory capacities of Member Academies
 - To discuss scientific issues of global and regional concern
 - To influence policy by producing and disseminating joint statements and reports on such issues

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Figure 48. Networks of Science Academies.

AASA	Association of Academies of Sciences in Asia (AASA), Gyunggi-Do, South Korea.
ALLEA	All European Academies (ALLEA), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
CAETS	International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS), Brussels, Belgium.
CEEN	Central and Eastern European Network of Academies of Science (CEEN), Salzburg, Austria
CSU	The Caribbean Scientific Union (CSU), Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
EASAC	European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC), London, UK.
FASAS	Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies (FASAS), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
IAC	InterAcademy Council (IAC), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
IAMP	InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP), Trieste, Italy.
IANAS	InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
NASAC	Network of African Science Academies (NASAC), Nairobi, Kenya.
NASIC	Network of Academies of Science in OIC Countries (NASIC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
SCA	Science Council of Asia (SCA), Tokyo, Japan.

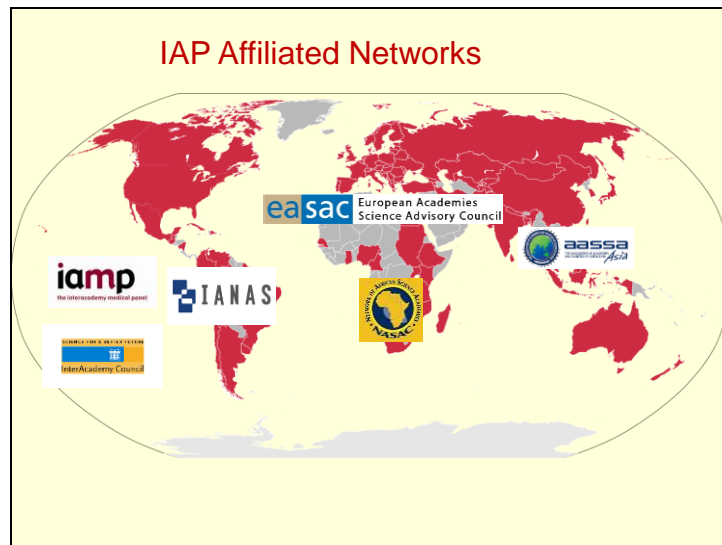


Figure 49 IAP Affiliated Networks.




Action by Global Networks of Academies <i>Science for Policy</i>		
Evidence-based advice on global issues		
		
Short policy statements on global issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Education • Teaching of evolution • Cloning • Biosecurity • Forestry • Ocean acidification • Population (Rio + 20) • Synthetic Biology 	Short policy statements on health issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling Infections • Health / Climate change • Health Research in DC's 	Comprehensive reports on global issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building • African Agriculture • Women for Science • Sustainable Energy • IPCC Review • ASADI Review

Figure 50. action by Global Networks of Academies.

Action by G8 and NASAC Academies

Short Policy Statements on topics of global significance

- **G8 academies:** Climate change, energy security, global health, infectious diseases, innovation, ...
(G8 Summits in UK, Russia, **Germany**, Japan, 2005-2012)
- **NASAC + G8:** Science and technology for African development
(G8 Summit, UK, June 2005)
- **NASAC:** Sustainability, energy efficiency and climate change
(G8 Summit, **Germany**, June 2007)
- **NASAC + SCA:** Role of science, technology and innovation in promoting global development
(G8 Summit, Japan, June 2008)

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Figure 51. Action by G8 and NASAC Academies.



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Figure 52.

Co-operation between NASAC and Leopoldina



- NASAC and Leopoldina cooperating in a three-year project funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).
- Goals of cooperation: strengthen policy advice capacity of NASAC, promote dialogue between science and policy in Africa, and strengthen contacts between African and European scientists working in policy-relevant research
- Science-Policy Conferences, Training Workshops and reports on :
Water, Health , Climate Change Adaption, Agricultural Biotechnology
- link scientists and policymakers from Africa and Europe:
NASAC-EASAC Conference on Agricultural Biotechnology :
Hosted by AU and ECA in Addis, Feb. 2014

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Figure 53. Co-operation between NASAC and Leopoldina.

NASAC Policymakers' Booklets



Figure 54. NASAC Policymakers' Booklets.

IAP/IAC/IAMP Collaboration


- **First joint IAP/IAC Report on:**
 - ***Responsible Conduct in Global Research Enterprise***
 - Report prompted by the emergence of cases of scientific fraud and irresponsible behavior in the conduct of scientific research in a number of Countries
 - Report identifies universal fundamental values that researchers around the world should adhere to and incorporate in their research activities.
 - [Report can be downloaded from IAP and IAC Websites](#)



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Figure 55. IAP/IAC/IAMP Collaboration.

First joint IAP & IAMP Statement on *Antimicrobial Resistance: A Call for Action*



Addressing the dramatic increase in the
number and distribution worldwide of
pathogens resistant to antimicrobial drugs

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**Figure 56. First joint IAP & IAMP Statement on Antimicrobial Resistance:
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**IAP Executive Committee, IAC Board and IAMP
Executive Committee Joint Session, May 2014**



**Figure 57. IAP Executive Committee, IAC Board and IAMP
Executive Committee Joint Session, May 2014.**

**Joint Session, May 2014, hosted by the Accademia
Nazionale dei Lincei, and chaired by the 6 Co-chairs**



Sir Paul Nurse, President, The
Royal Society, speaking on
"Advising Society on Science"

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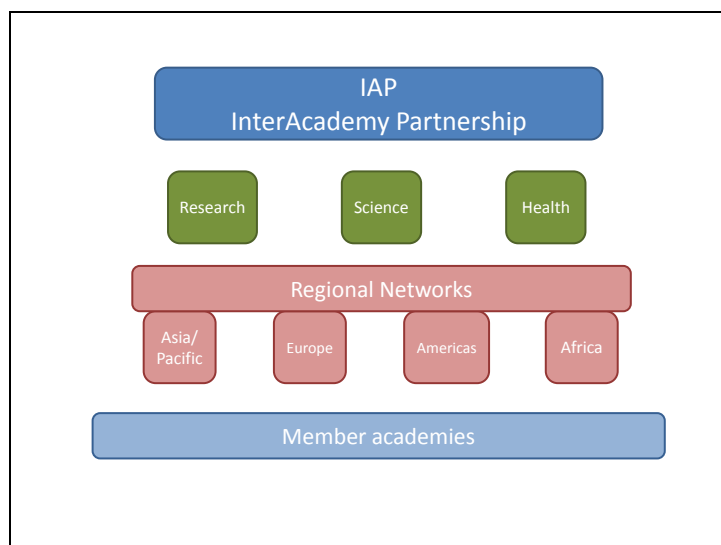


Figure 59. IAP InterAcademy Partnership.

Future Action by the new IAP

- Continue to strengthen the advisory capacity of Member Academies to provide better services to the scientific community, policy community and general public
- Continue to produce joint, authoritative and policy-relevant statements and reports on critical sustainability issues to impact policy and decisions
- Organize global and regional Workshops and Conferences to jointly address critical problems and build "Science bridges" across nations
- Explore possibilities of becoming independent authoritative advisor to the UN, G77, G20,, on critical, science-based sustainability issues

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Figure 60. future Action by the New IAP.

In Conclusion

Promoting STI for sustainability and economic transformation in Africa will require :

- Strengthening quality of scientific **research and training** in higher education institutions to train and retain a new generation of talented problem-solving researchers, **especially in frontier, interdisciplinary S&T**
- Cooperation and partnership with international scientific and financial institutions.

Centres of Excellence and Academies of Science are critical in guiding the future development of **green STI** for economic transformation in Africa

This will require having in each Country:

- *A good number of University-based Centres and Units of research and training excellence in basic sciences and frontier STI*
- *An active merit-based science academy that can mobilize accomplished scientists, mentor young talent and advise Government*

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Figure 61. In Conclusion.

2015 : Global Agreements



2016 : Implementation Challenges



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Figure 62. 2015: Global Agreement.

International Collaboration in Science: The African Perspective

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ABSTRACT

Science, as it is well known, is a crucial instrument to overall and sustainable development of nations. It is also a real gateway for understanding among people, as it is a key facilitator of dialogue, peace and friendship as well as of rational human relationships allowing, everywhere, a high quality of life to people.

Today, what is designated as “**Knowledge Economy**” (**KE**) arises, above all, from the application of twin forces of globalization and technological advances, resulting from a closer linkage, between science, technology and innovation. Therefore, KE requires a proper Knowledge Management which is a multidimensional process, involving context, culture, content, mechanisms, infrastructure, policy, etc.



A successful KE also requires a strong economic and institutional regime, a well-educated and skilled manpower, an efficient innovation system, articulated to a dynamic information and communication infrastructure. In fact, the real wealth of any country is its people, and the core of any development process has always been knowledge, particularly in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). In this regard, fundamental enablers of KE are mostly scientists and technologists, with regard to the acquisition and mastering of scientific and technical skills, which are key factors for creating, sharing, disseminating and effectively utilising knowledge achievements for development purposes, through the innovation process.

Scientists, with their problem solving approach and common language for explaining phenomena, are major actors of mankind achievements and, as such, are among elites who define the cultural, social and economic essence of each nation's civilization conducive to a greater society. Also, in many advanced and emerging countries, scientists are key advisors to political leaders, to allow policy making decisions based on scientific evidence.

The presentation illustrates major challenges and shows how African Governments should clearly lay the ground for Africa's readiness to resolutely embark on KE dynamics to promote long lasting overall sustainable development and become a key partner of the world economy and trade. After a brief recall of various initiatives taken at regional level, it will also consider prospects of collaboration and partnerships Africa could develop throughout the continent, within the *Ummah*, as well as with other regions, to reverse the tendency of being a continent well endowed with both natural and human resources, but hosting the poorest people.

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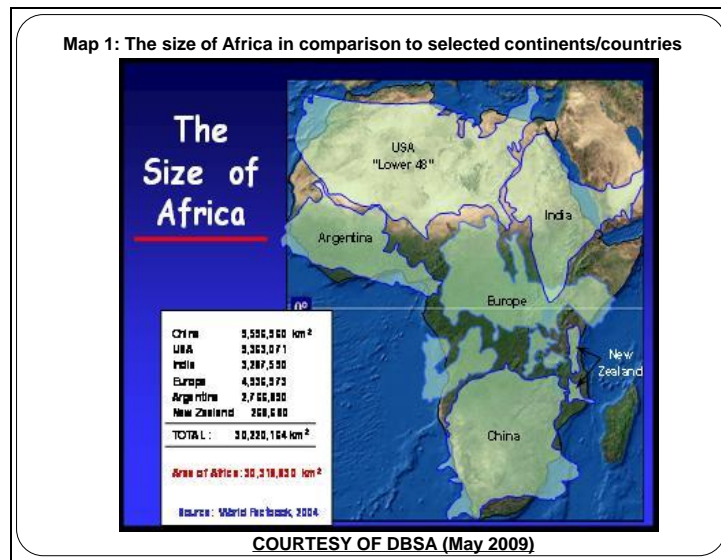


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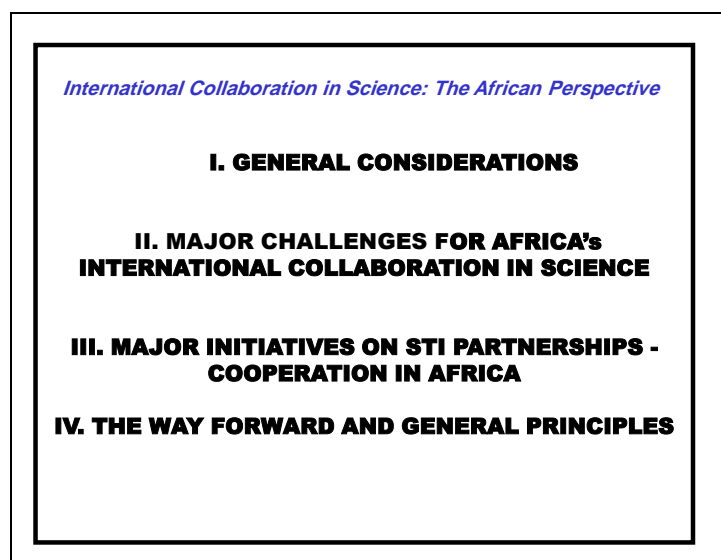


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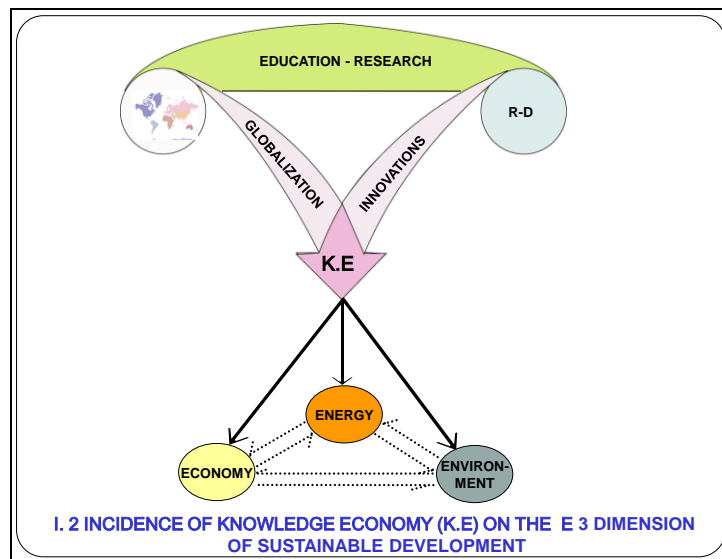


Figure 4. Incidence of Knowledge Economy (KE) on the E3 Dimension of Sustainable Development.

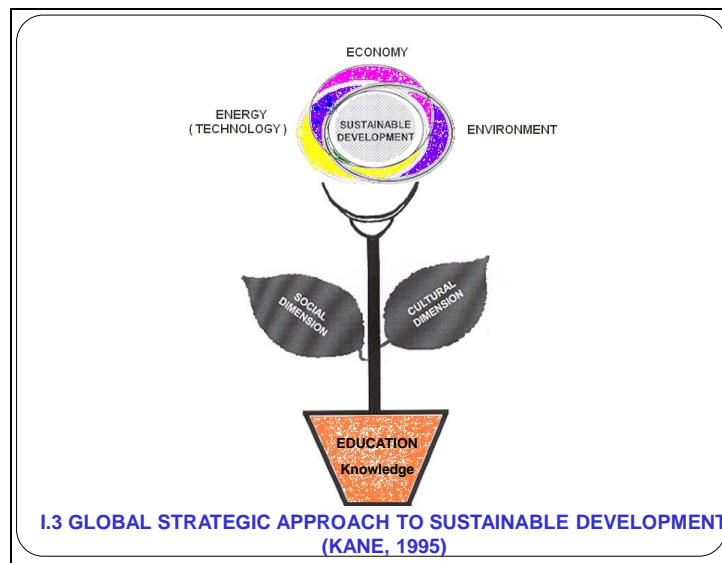


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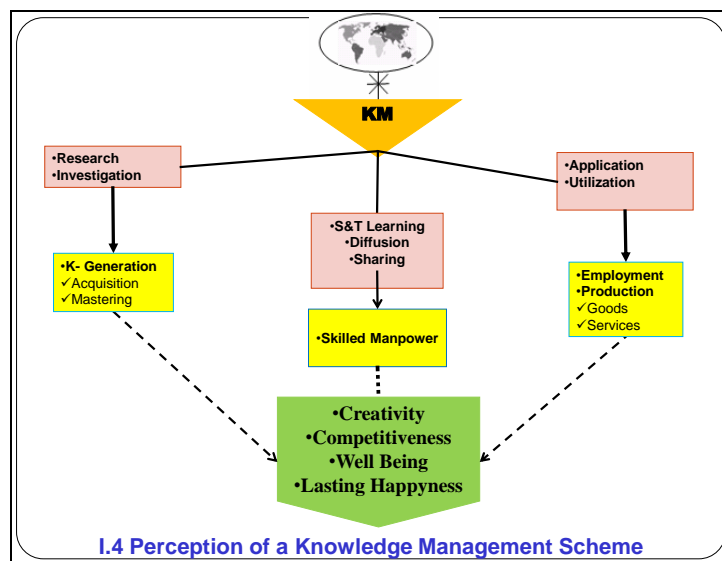


Figure 6. Perception of a Knowledge Management Scheme.



Figure 7. Major Challenges for Africa's International Collaboration in Science.



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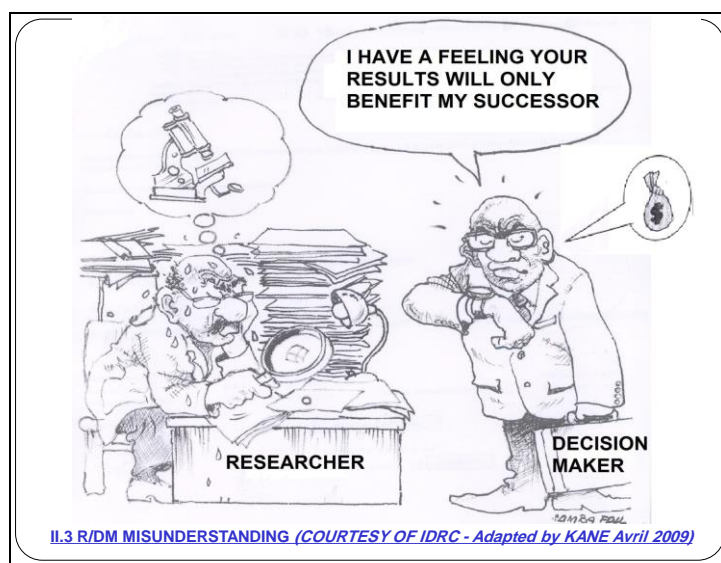


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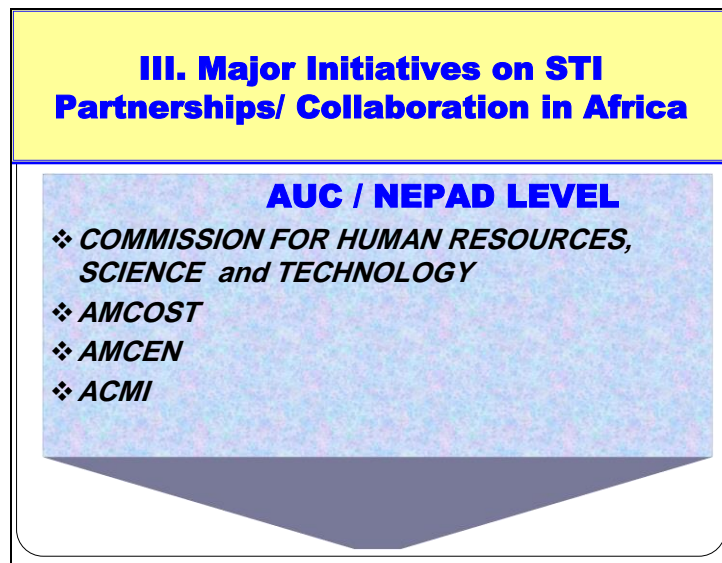


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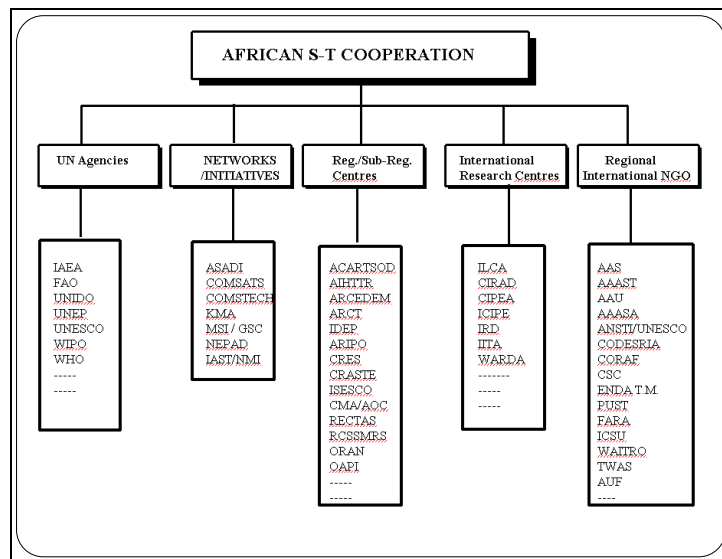


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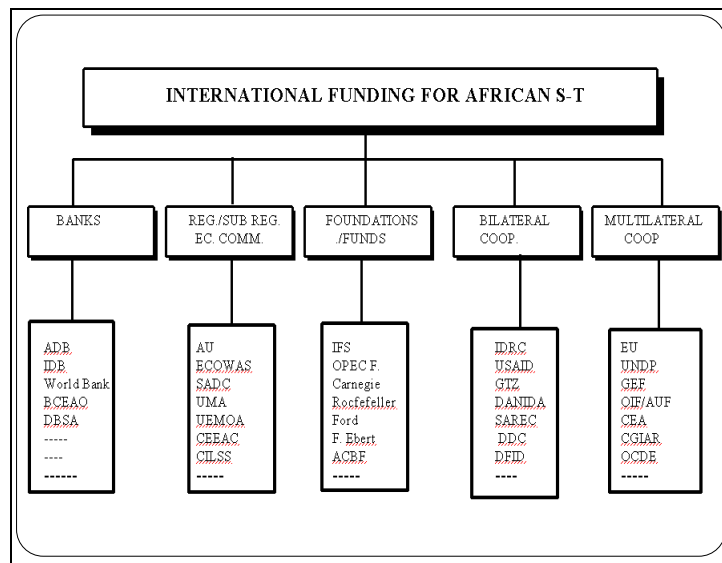


Figure 13. International Funding for African S-T.



Figure 14. Promising Initiatives.

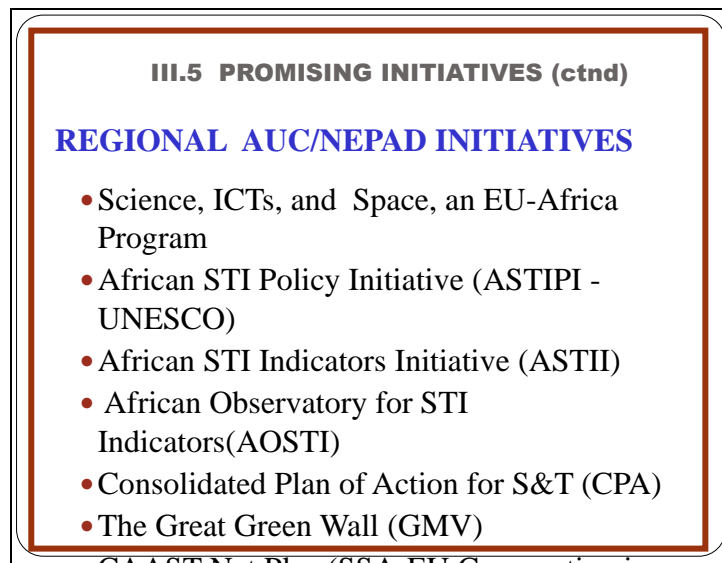


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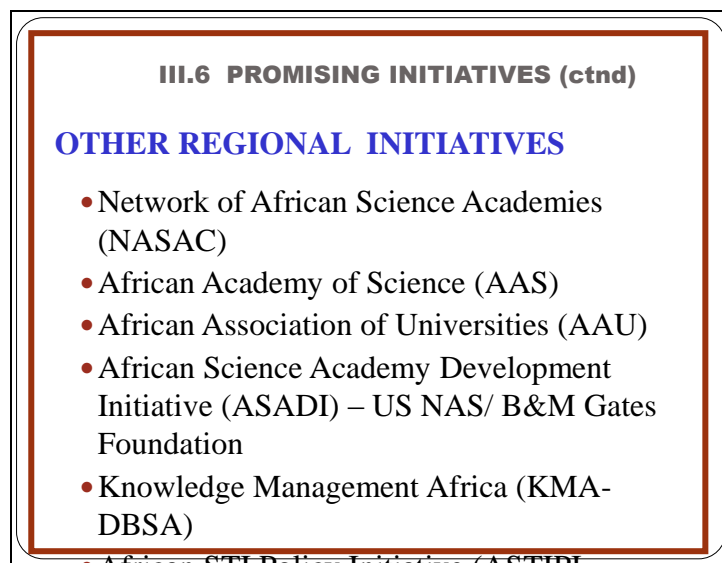


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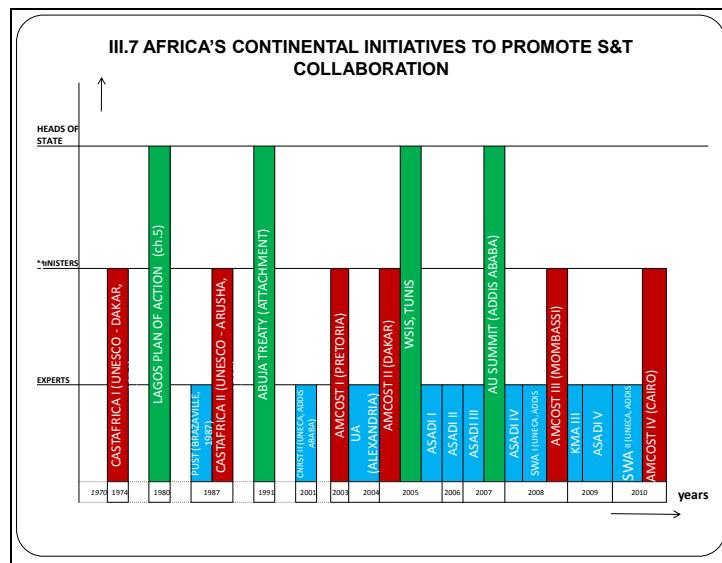


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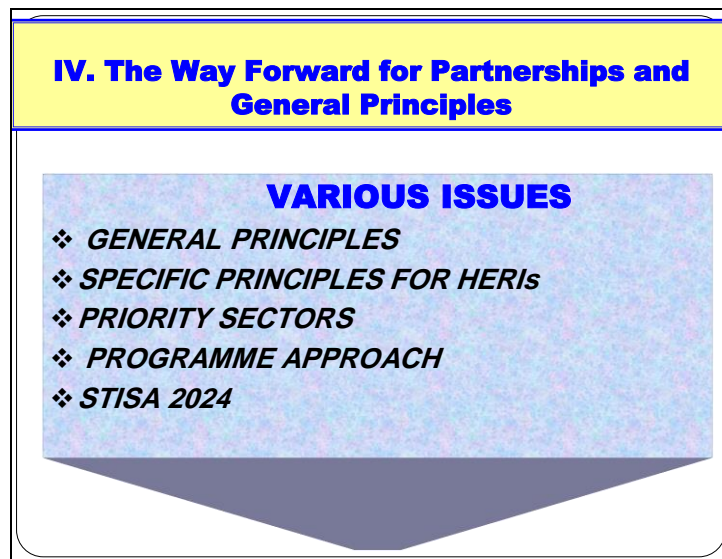


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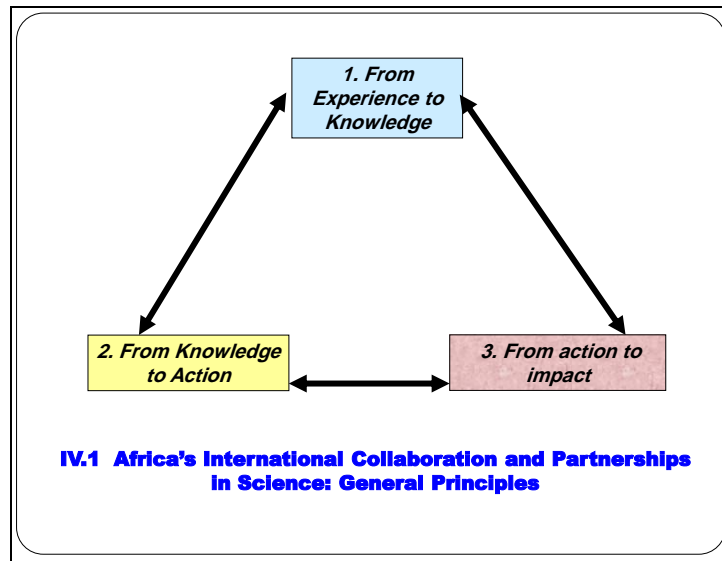


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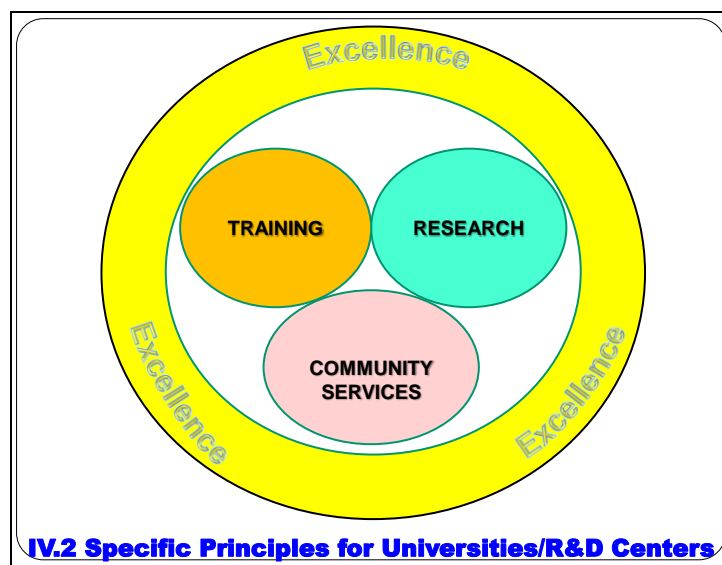


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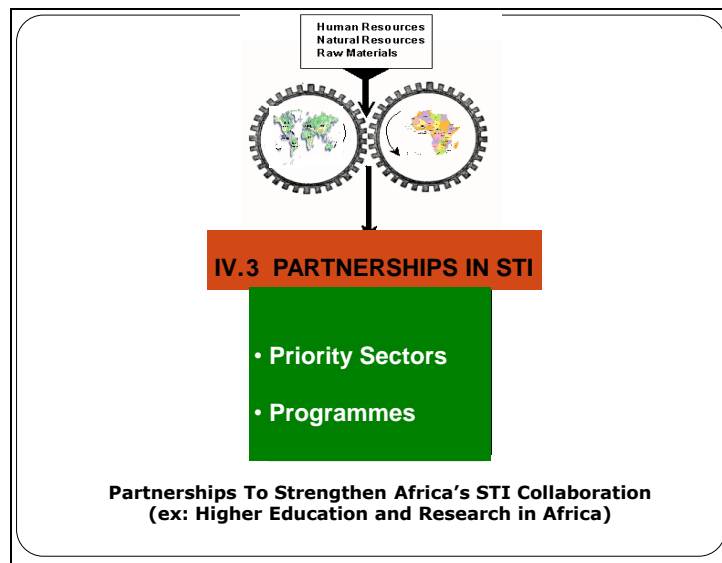


Figure 21. Partnerships in STI.



Figure 22. Priority Sectors.

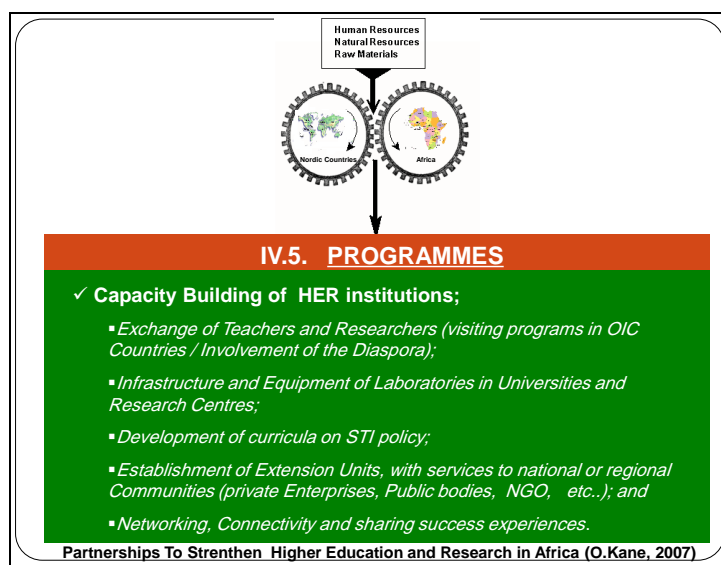


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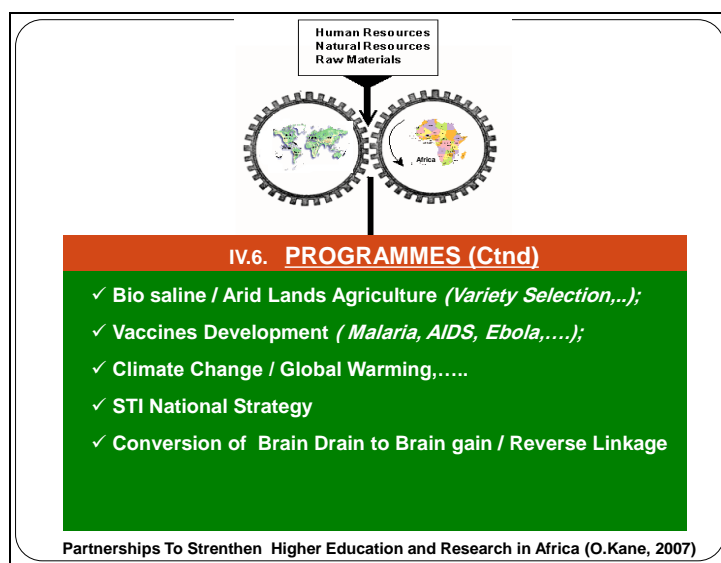


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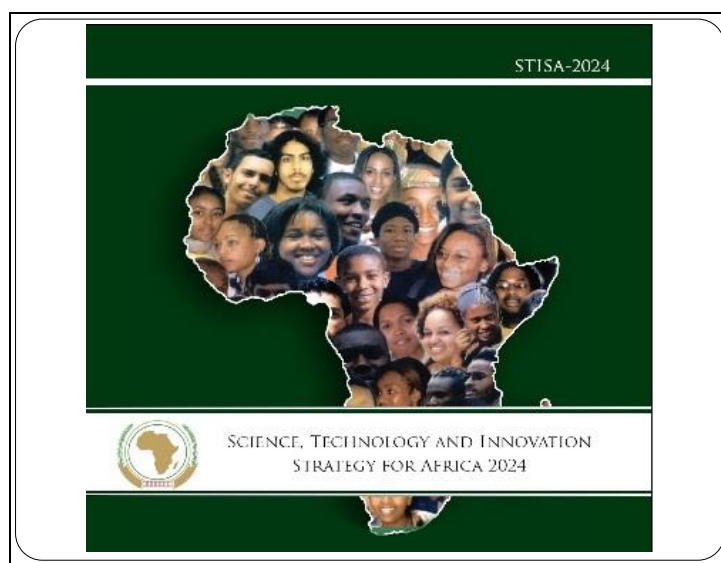


Figure 25. Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024.

Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024

- Adopted at the 23rd Heads of State and Government Summit in 2014, STISA 2024 is a continental strategy which aims to respond to the demand for science, technology and innovation to impact across critical sectors of development.
- The vision for this framework is to accelerate Africa's transition to an innovation-led and knowledge based economy.



Figure 26. Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024.



Figure 27. Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024.

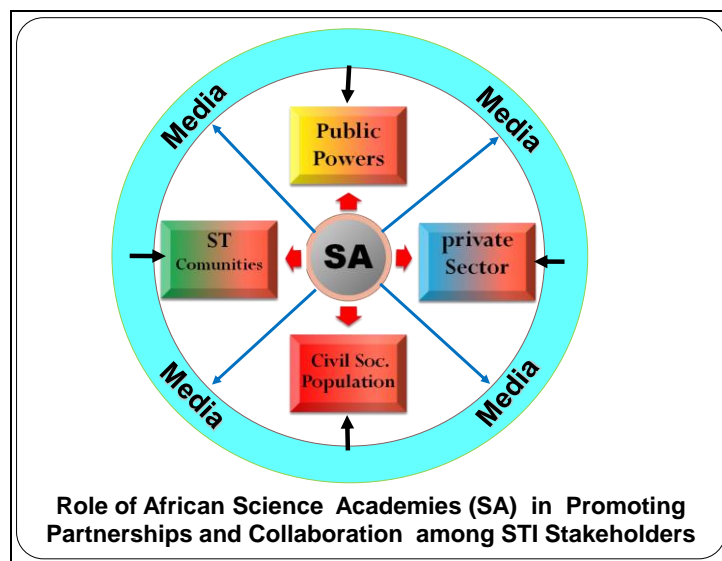


Figure 28. Role of African Science Academies (SA) in Promoting Partnerships and Collaboration among STI Stakeholders.



Figure 29. Bright Africa's future.

Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa: A Snapshot

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ABSTRACT

The African Union's Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) constitutes the first decadal strategy of achieving Agenda 2063. The vision of this Agenda is: an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.” As an implementing partner of the African Union, the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) believes that Science, Technology and Innovation are central to implementing STISA. The last two decades have seen transformative changes taking place in Africa and we are beginning to see signs of economic growth parallel with the observed economic performance of many African nations. This is in part driven also by overall better governance as indeed many African leaders appear to have some grounding in engineering, science, medicine, as well as in the social and human sciences. Although African contribution to modern world science is a low 1%, recent trends show considerable increase in scientific production of all member states, which in many cases is higher than the world average. Higher education and research establishments are increasingly under pressure not only to raise the quality of their publications, but also to be locally grounded and to pay attention to innovations leading to the development of products and services. AAS and NEPAD have, in 2015 jointly established a funding and agenda setting platform called Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA) through the generous support of three global funders, namely, DfID, Wellcome Trust and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. A number of programs focusing on excellence and innovation have been established which are supporting and encouraging excellence and innovation in Africa. This presentation will provide a snapshot of Science Technology and Innovation in Africa.



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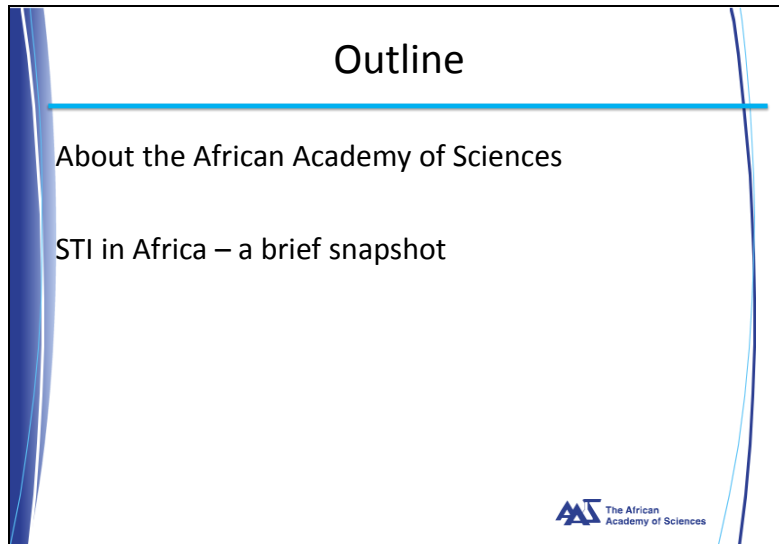


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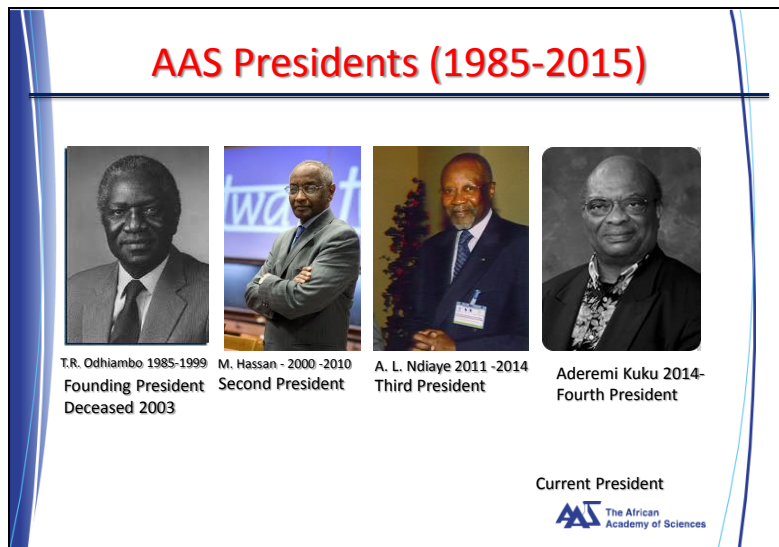


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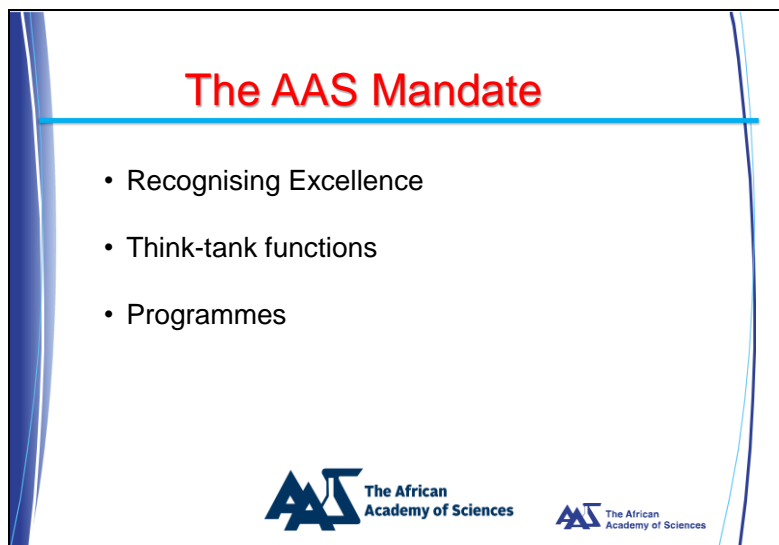


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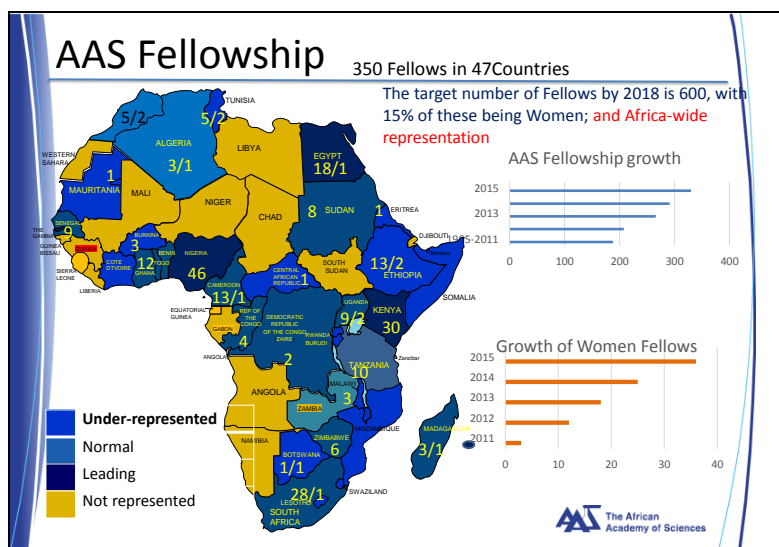


Figure 5. AAS Fellowship.



Figure 6. New AAS Fellows - 2015 – South Africa.



Figure 7. New AAS Fellows – 2015.

Think-Tank Functions

- Using pool of 330 fellows to shape opinions and policy; *Science * Policy * Africa* Newsletter
- Working in partnership with NEPAD to bridge policy gaps; e.g. development of a Research and Innovation Strategy as part of the Africa Health Sciences Strategy 2030
- **Defining Grand Challenges in Health** for Africa.





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Figure 8. Think-Tank Functions.



Figure 9. Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Sciences in Africa (AESA).

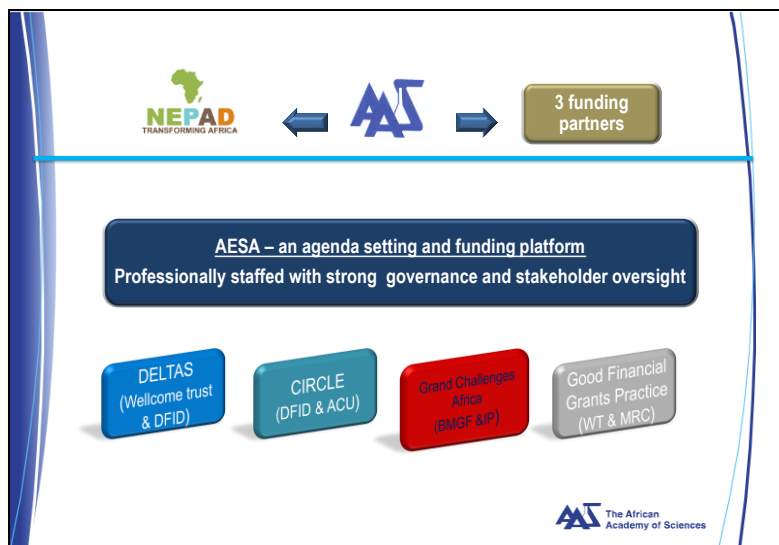


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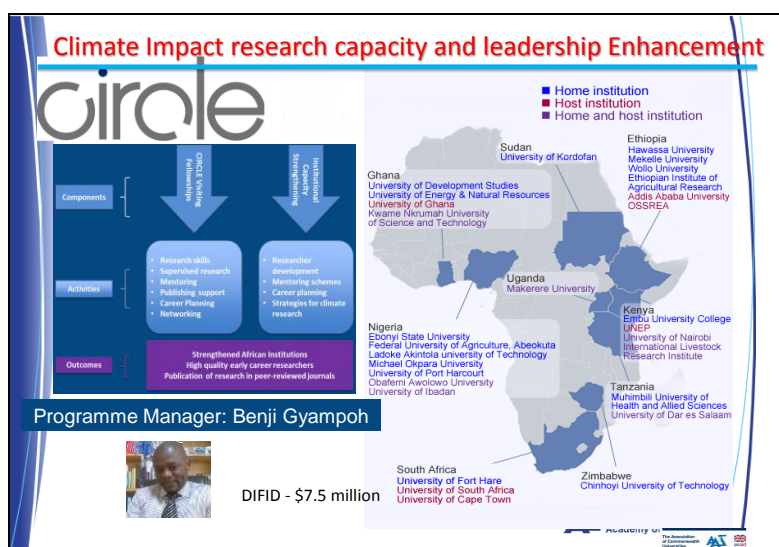


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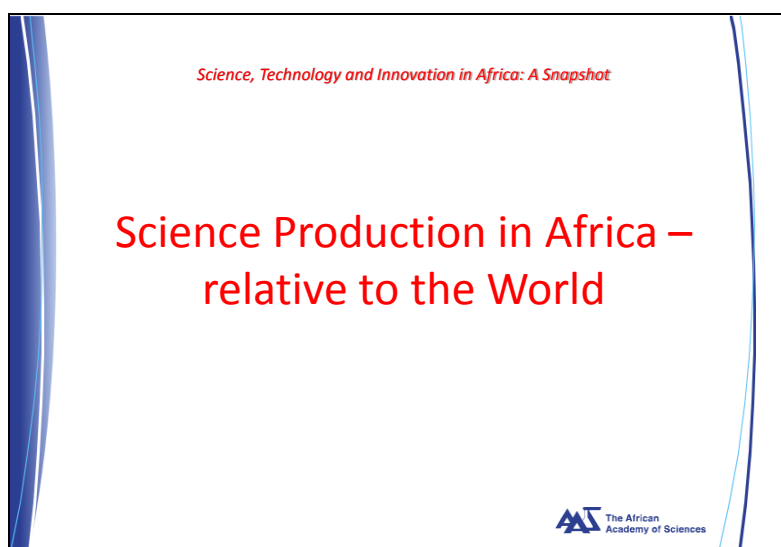


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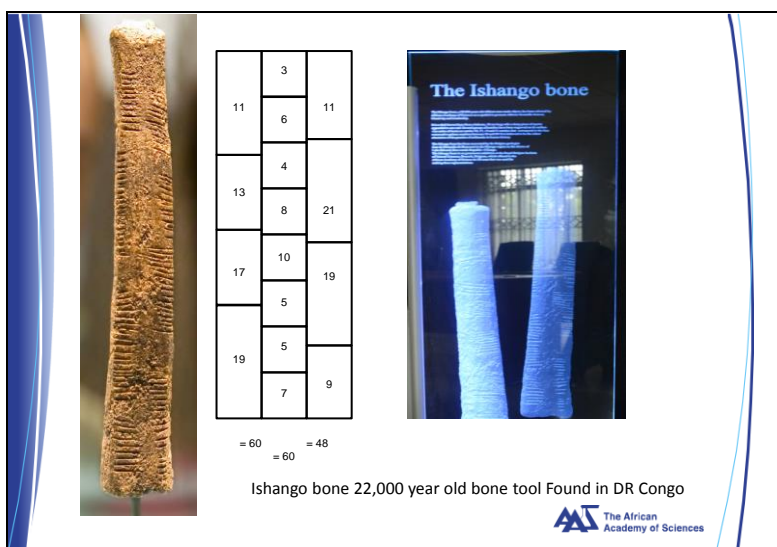


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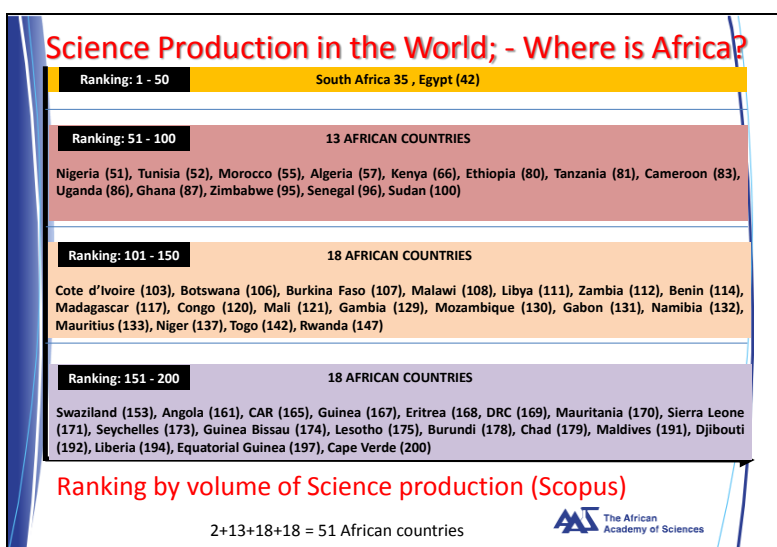


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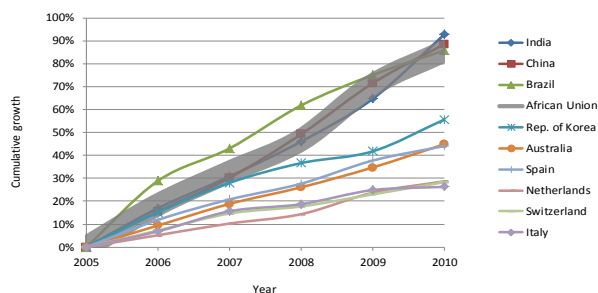
Growth of African scientific output

Country / Group	2005-2010	2005-2007	2008-2010	% Increase 2008-2010 / 2005-2007	Growth Index
World	10,055,974	4,619,523	5,436,451	18%	1.00
African Union	181,454	74,629	106,825	43%	1.22
Community of Sahelo-Saharan States	108,575	43,507	65,068	50%	1.27
South African Development Community	61,778	27,006	34,772	29%	1.09
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	60,239	24,357	35,882	47%	1.25
Arab Maghreb Union	42,836	16,461	26,375	60%	1.36
Economic Community of West African States	32,456	13,117	19,339	47%	1.25
Intergovernmental Authority on Development	15,237	6,248	8,989	44%	1.22
East African Community	13,688	5,759	7,929	38%	1.17
Economic Community of Central African States	5,239	2,343	2,896	24%	1.05

Source: Computed by Science-Metrix using the Scopus database (Elsevier)

Figure 17. Growth of African Scientific Output.

Growth of African scientific output



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Cumulative growth is similar to that of fastest growing countries

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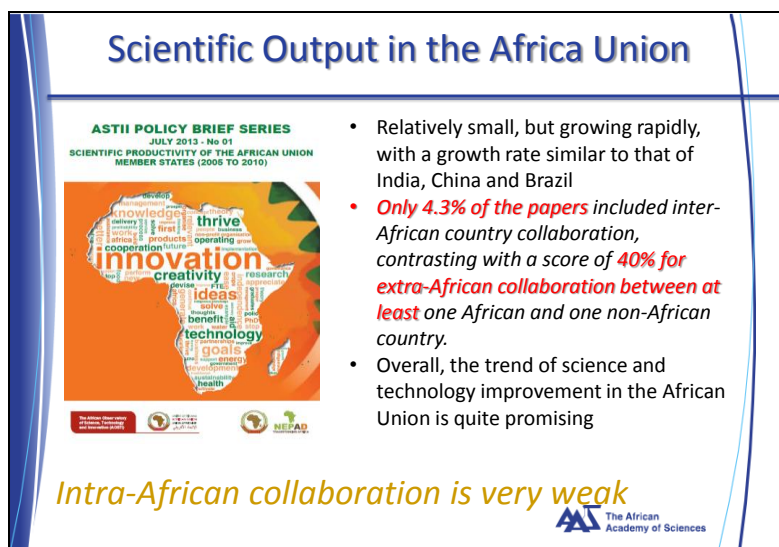


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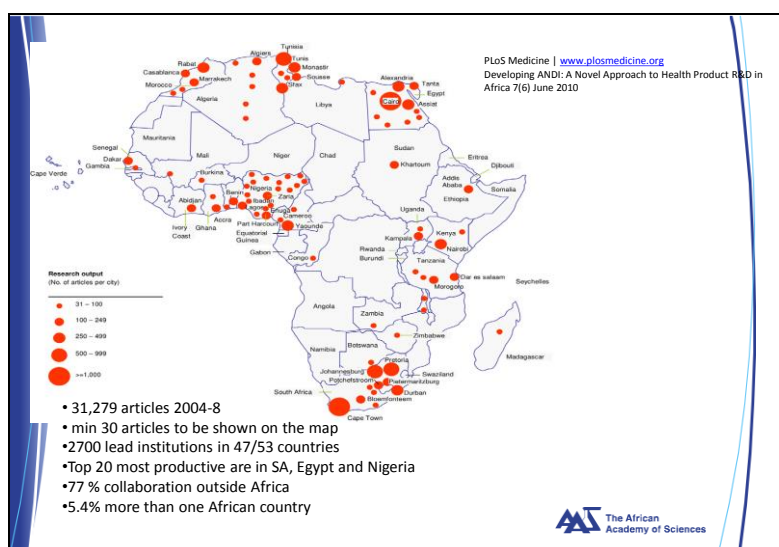


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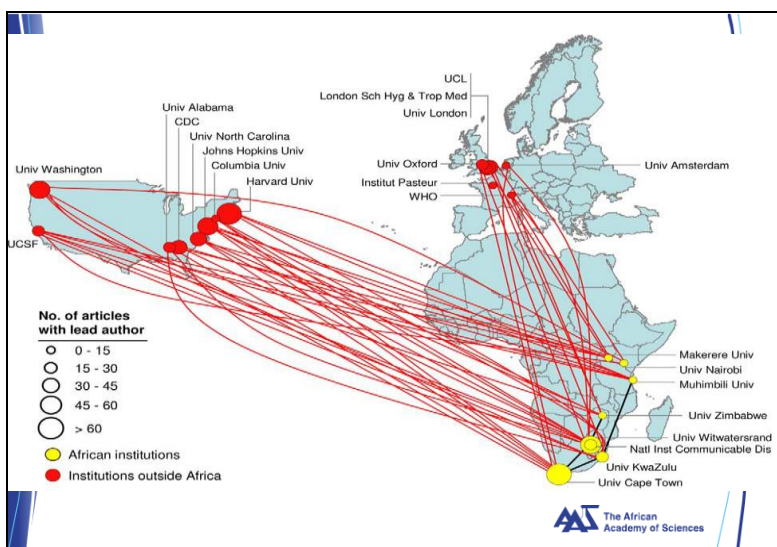


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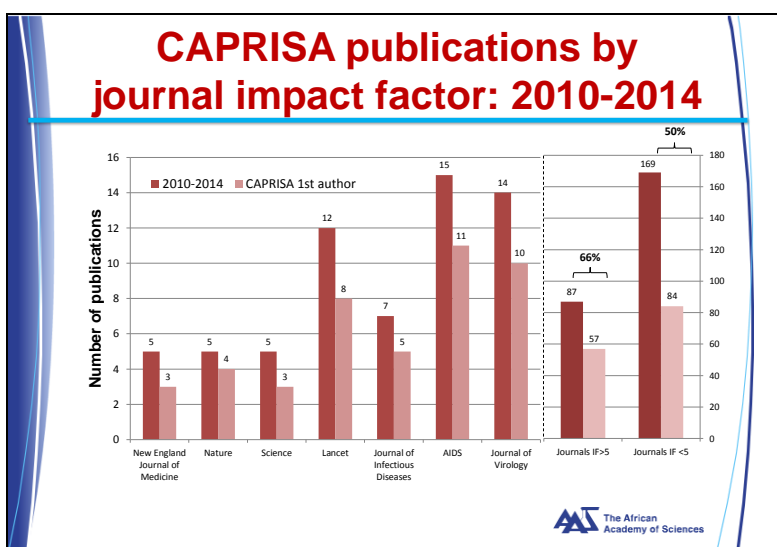


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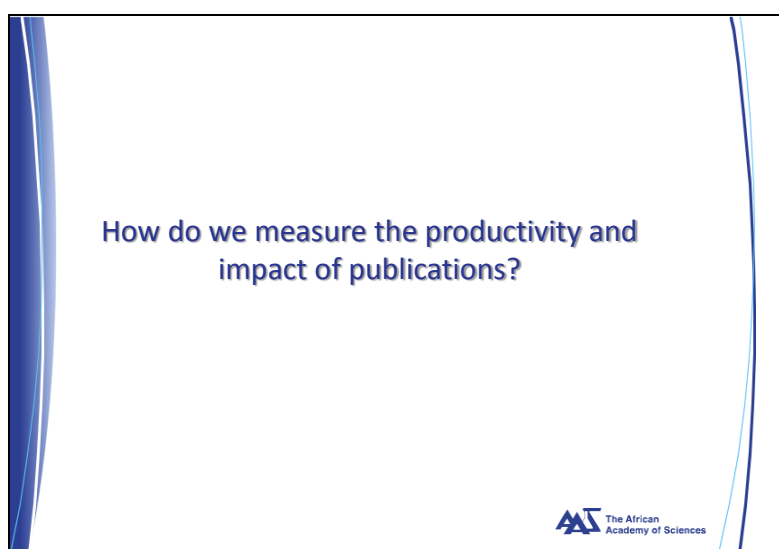


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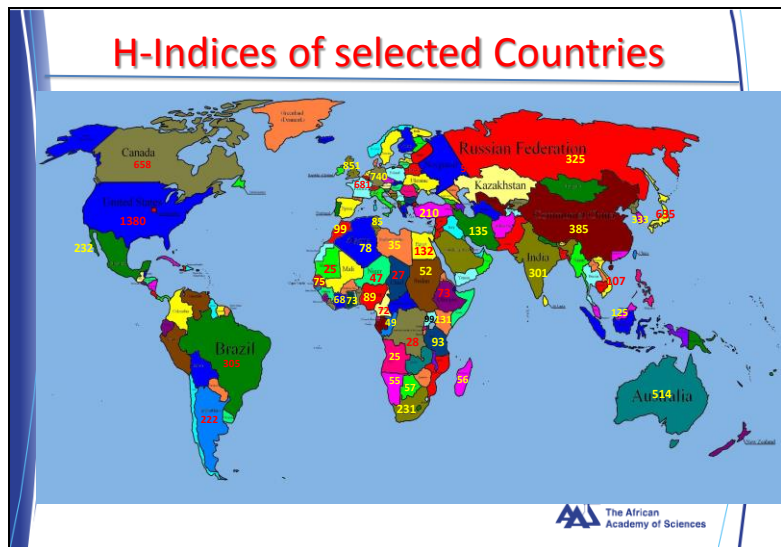


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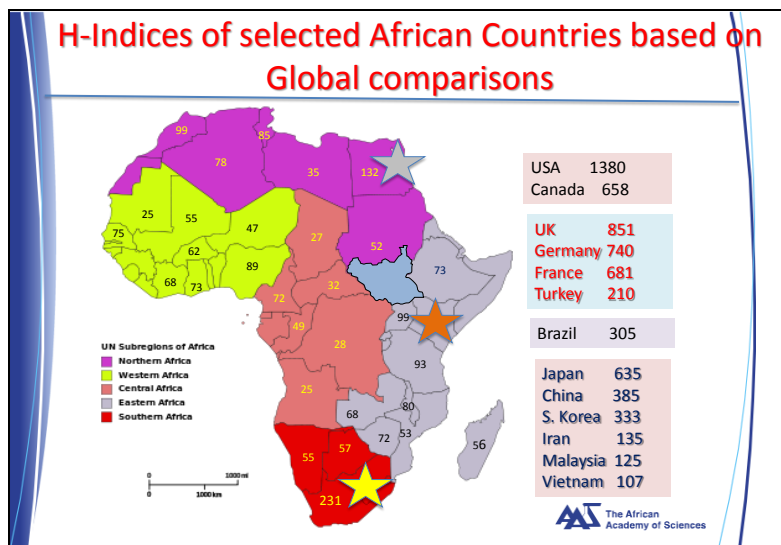


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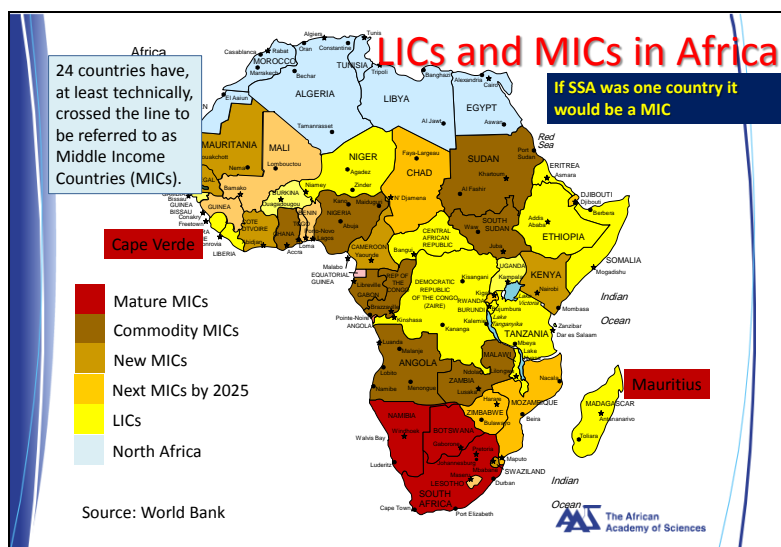


Figure 27. LICs and MICs in Africa.

Professional background of African Leaders 2015

	Fields of African Leaders	No
1	Science/Engineering	7
2	Law	9
3	Economics/Political science	10
4	Finance/MBA/Accounting	5
5	University Professor/Teacher	5
6	Military coup	5
7	Miscellaneous (Eritrea, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Swaziland, etc)	13
	Total	54

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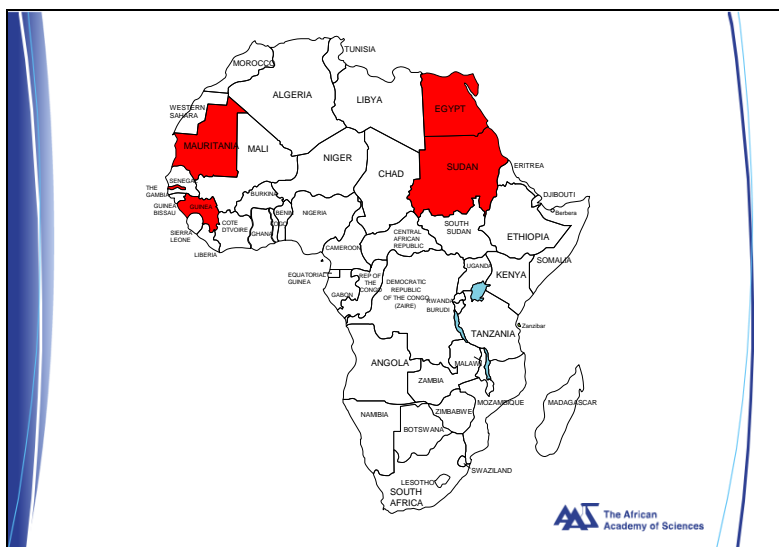


Figure 29.









African leaders 2015 and 1980		
<p>Algeria 2015</p> 	<p>1980</p> 	<p>Abdelaziz Bouteflika was militarily instructed at the "Ecole des Cadres" in Dar El Kebdani, Morocco</p>
<p>1. Angola</p> 		<p>Eduardo dos Santos 1969: received degrees in petroleum engineering and in radar communication from the Azerbaijan Oil and Chemistry Institute in Baku, Azerbaijan.</p>
<p>2. Benin</p> 		<p>Yayi Boni banker and politician; Doctorate in economics in 1976; at the University of Orléans in France and at Paris Dauphine University</p>
<p>3. Botswana</p> 		<p>Ian Khama Ian Khama is an alumnus of Waterford Kamhlaba, a United World College in Mbabane, Swaziland. He is a qualified pilot and attended Royal Military Academy Sandhurst where the British Army trains its officers</p>
<p>4. Burkina Faso</p> 		<p>Sorbonne in 1990, bachelor's degree in public law, University Michele Kafando: PhD in political science at the of Bordeaux in 1969, a diploma in political studies in 1972 in Paris; diploma from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva also in 1972.</p>
<p>Chadli Bendjedid, (1979–1992). He was minister of defense from Nov. 1978 to Feb. 1979 and became president following the death of Boumédiène.</p>		
<p>Eduardo dos Santos – Succeeded to be president in 1979 after the death of Angola's first president, Agostinho Neto.</p>		
<p>President - Mathieu Kérékou, (1972–1991), and again from 1996 to 2006. After seizing power in a military coup,</p>		
<p>Sir Seretse Khama, (1966–1980); Quett Masire, President of Botswana (1980–1998)</p>		
<p>Saye Zerbo, President of the Military Committee of Recovery for National Progress of Upper Volta (1980–1982)</p>		

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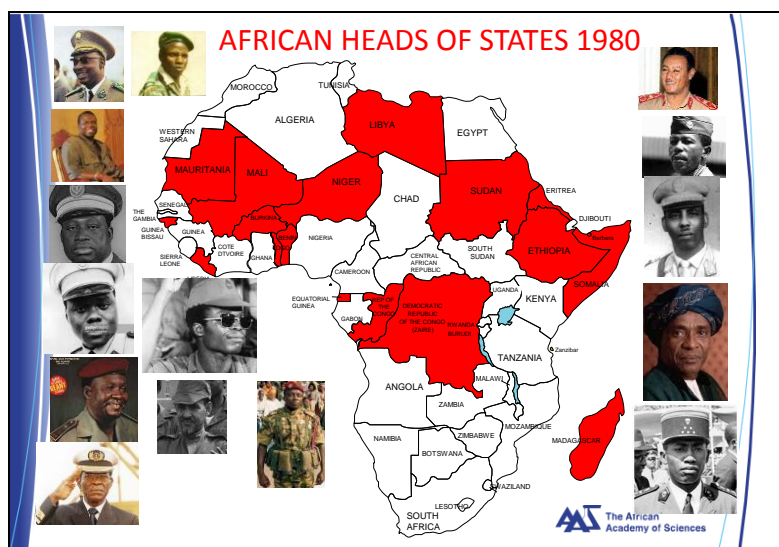


Figure 31. African Heads of States 1980.

Science Technology and Innovation – go hand in hand with Research

- How to link science, technology and innovation to poverty reduction, job creation, sustainable livelihoods and the improved well-being of citizens.
- As countries engage in knowledge intensive activities, how will Africa expand its knowledge?
- Supporting prudent policy formulation and research agenda that addresses economic and social challenges.
- How to develop **relevant** STI indicators that can be used in formulating policies
- Building quality and relevant capacity and competencies to ensure development of research-based policies

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Figure 32. Science, Technology and Innovation – go hand in hand with Research.



Figure 33.

A Brief Story of La main à la pâte

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The story starts in 1931 when a young boy, called George Charpak, age 7, coming from his birth-country, Poland, not speaking a single word of French, enters a primary school in the 19th district of Paris. About this event, he will write later: “I thought I was entering paradise”; an event which created for him a long standing love affair with school or more generally, with education.



So, it is not surprising to see this man, 60 years later – coming back to France (he had been working in CERN, Geneva), Nobel prize in pocket – telling here and there: “I want to pay my debt”.

In order to pay this debt, having heard that science (natural science) had practically disappeared in the French schools of years 1990s, he decides in 1995 to launch a renovation of science education. Then will follow:

- A name given to the operation: La main à la pâte, an expression related, in French, to a definitely concrete action rather than some vague declaration on intentions,
- The hiring of two of his Academician colleagues to help him and to participate to the adventure,¹
- A visit to the French Minister of Education, François Bayrou,
- A visit of a different nature, to a few US schools (in Chicago and in California) where a new system of Science education ‘hands-on’ has been started,
- Then a unanimous vote, in this room (1996), of the French academy of Sciences, supporting the idea.

This vote was both paradoxical and essential. This might look as a paradox, these old men of an Academy taking suddenly care of the brats of the kindergarten instead of keeping their look on Big Science and/or Universities. But George had explained with a convincing force that the important level where to look at was precisely that of children, they are those whom we have to persuade, for life, to cherish and respect science.

In the same time it was essential because manifesting the implication of the scientific community at high level into the scientific education of children, a real novelty, even though Marie Curie had brilliantly pleaded the same cause one century before, teaching a few children the inquiry way (*Leçons de Marie Curie*, EDP Ed., 2003). Nowadays, we have hundreds of ‘high level’ scientists and thousands of University students and retired engineers, who devoted or have devoted themselves, not to teach the children but to help the teachers. We should be thankful to our late friends Jacques Friedel, Paul Germain, Hubert Curien, Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, together with Jean Dercourt, Jean François Bach and François Gros, the Secrétaires perpétuels of that time, to have encouraged the Assembly to vote in the right direction.

Now the adventure may start and it will be a fascinating one.

First we will have to answer the two questions of the minister: *Why* to teach science to children (they might quite well learn it later, at the *lycée*?); and, if yes, *how* to do it?

1. There is a first, relatively commonplace answer to the *why*: we should familiarize early our children to the world around them. One will remember here the moving story of the young Tilly Smith, a 10 year old girl from Surrey, who saved the lives of *ca* 100 people sitting

¹ Pierre Léna and Yves Quéré.

quietly on a Thailand beach on the sinister day of December 26, 2004, when, seeing the sea receding, she shouted a stampede, she had understood that this meant the occurrence of a tsunami, a phenomenon which she had studied a few months earlier in her school.

The second answer is still more important. Science education is expected to contribute most significantly to shaping, or training, our mind. It stimulates both the curiosity (a word close to the empathy by which we 'take care' (latin *cura*) of what is around us; a word which then carries an ecological flavour) and the imagination (that is the faculty to create images of what is hidden behind the wall). It introduces us to the difficult concept of the truth in a world invaded by a spineless relativism (*tout est relatif! A chacun sa vérité*, etc.). In the same time, it tells us that we do not know everything, the founding sentence of science being "I do not know" (to which we have to add "...but I would like to know"), which implies a hue of modesty in our behaviour and also, possibly, for the child, a desire to search and become a scientist. Finally, it tends – together with mathematics – to create logic and rational thinking in our brain.

2. as for the question about the *how*, the answer was clear: children should, as far as possible, learn science by doing it rather than reading it on the blackboard or in a book. Ideally, this means, for the teacher, organizing in the classroom the following sequence:

- (i) Starting from a question of a child about some object or some phenomenon which he/she has encountered and which he/she does not know or does not understand.
- (ii) Throwing back the question to the other children ("What is your opinion about this question? What would be your own answer?"), urging the children to express their hypotheses. As naïve as they may be, accepting them.
- (iii) Having them install an experiment, a simple and completely comprehensible one, on small tables where, now, children practice group-working, trying to interpret the result in the same way as they would hold an inquiry. Getting (in principle) the answer to the initial question.
- (iv) Last but far from least, requesting the students to write down the small intellectual and manual adventure which they have just been living through. This means, for them, an effort to select the right words (not the 'tree', but the 'larch', the 'pine', the 'fir' ...) and to construct well-structured sentences, the ability to speak a correct and understandable language being probably the most important gift which school should offer to these children.

Obviously this way of teaching is not new. But brand-new were some ingredients which La main à la pâte (*lamap*) added in the basket, including:

- The before-mentioned implication to the *scientific community*,
- The creation, in the *Académie*, of a substantial *website*, aimed at teachers for the whole country, proposing to them hundreds of possible experiments and explanations, with partial translations in Arabic, Chinese, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, ...,
- The installation of pilot-centres, in fact medium cities, from where the *lamap* principles could be diffused in the region around,
- A number of training sessions for the teachers, with a special mention to the *Fondation des Trielles* which has welcome a lot of them, and the writing of a number of books, most of them translated free of charge in several languages.
- The creation of a special prize for the Academy for schools having performed excellent science lessons, the prize being awarded in this room to the teachers and the children, always in the presence of the Minister of Education.

What is the present situation 20 years after George's pioneering action? One side of the coin is definitely positive while the other one is marked by preoccupation. We may smile with, all together, a few tears.

Clearly, science has now come back in the French schools, either in the *lamap* way, or on a more traditional one. According to an estimate by the Ministry, the *lamap* procedure is used

by a big 1/3, or a small 1/2, of the teachers. Considering the major change of the pedagogical behaviour required from them, this is a positive result. Moreover, all evaluations (essentially local, by teachers themselves and inspectors) show a definitely positive effect on the reaction of children – and interestingly enough, that of parents – towards science. Moreover, the implication of scientists in the school system has greatly contributed to take the school teachers out of this kind of intellectual isolation where they often are.

Also most positive has been the creation of a Foundation (*Fondation La main à la pâte*) which continues George's action especially by the creation of a few *Maisons pour la science* (now in: Bordeaux, Clermont-Ferrand, Lille, Nancy, Orléans, Rennes, Strasbourg, Toulouse, not forgetting the *Centre national* in Paris), linked to the local University, all devoted to teacher's training in science.

However, there remains the fact that more than one half of the teachers have not been converted to *lamap*. One reason is obvious: many fear not to be able to answer a question from children and prefer to teach in a non-risky 'classical' way. Another one relates to the evaluation of the children, many teachers considering that this is easier if children are just required to repeat sentences learnt by heart.

In parallel, we received, as early as 1998, an invaluable gift, that of an international expansion of these ideas. Being at that time, the Foreign Secretary of the *Académie*, I could confront our problems to those of other Academies and countries and I discovered that, unexpectedly, many of them, had identical concerns about science education and identical ambitions as ours. This was the start of a most exciting series of meetings, sessions, conferences, crossed visits to schools... with countries or regions as different as Australia, Cambodia, Chile, China, Japan, Latin America, Malaysia, Mali, South Africa, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States... So, a sort of 'invisible college' was coming to life at the size of the world, reaching a quasi-unanimity about the 'how-to-teach', facilitated by two universals: that of science (no such 'college' would be easily possible for grammar, or for history) and that of children. The former is obvious, the latter becomes clear when one visits schools in Columbia, in Indonesia or in Denmark: the same desire of children to know, the same ingenuousness, the same openness to nature and to people.

In order to conclude, I wish to give the floor to a French Ambassador. He was, in his beautiful residence, welcoming a dozen of hosts, going courteously from one to the other. He came to me: "You are a scientist aren't you?" – "Oui Monsieur l'Ambassadeur" – "Oh Science, this is great!" [deep silence then]: "You know I have forgotten everything which I learnt at school in science" [a laugh, then] "But, Monsieur, this is not important since, in my job, the main thing is culture".

Let us hope that our children, if they have practised science at school, if they have loved it, it will never commit the blunder of the Ambassador and that, contrary to him, they will take science for what it is in reality: not an isolated land, somewhere far away, but a superb continent of human culture.

Swiftlets and their Gold Mine Saliva: Edible Bird-Nest - Towards Competitiveness and Sustainability

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ABSTRACT

Swiftlets are birds living in caves and specialized built houses, commonly present in South East Asia. They are swallow-like birds which are able to navigate through dark caves using echolocation, similar to bats, and are highly valued for their ability to produce edible nests, made up of glutinous secretion from their two sublingual salivary glands. The nests are used traditionally as food delicacy and also an important ingredient in Chinese Medicine for health enhancing effects and strengthening the immune system. Demands for the nests continue to increase and sold at high price, some reaching USD3000 or more, per kilogram, depending on the quality and grade of the nests. Edible bird-nest [EBN] industry has been identified as one of the projects under New Economic Model, Malaysia, that can generate high income to the ranchers and has high export value due to the demand for EBN worldwide. The current EBN industry of more than RM1.5 billion and growing at estimated 20% annually, with the target export value of RM5 billion by the year 2020, is therefore of great economic potential to the ranchers and the country. In order to achieve this target, it is important that all information about the swiftlets [*Aerodramus* species] and their EBN are scientifically researched and documented. The Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry, Malaysia, has recently set up the EBN Centre of Excellence in relation to research and development (R&D) to ensure the sustainability of the industry and its competitiveness. The Centre has identified six main focus areas for R&D. These include:



1. Genetic characterisation of Malaysian EBN swiftlets.
2. Ecology and behaviour of swiftlets, including feeding behaviour in different habitats.
3. Optimising production of EBN which includes housing design, feeds and feeding.
4. Quality assessment and standards for EBN, including contaminations, adulterations and development of detection kits.
5. Health monitoring and disease surveillance.
6. Economics and Downstream activities

Another important area in the study includes processing and marketing strategies of EBN. This paper highlights important on-going research projects and their achievements.

PRESENTATION

Edible-nest Swiftlets

- Swiftlets are swallow-like birds, able to navigate through dark caves, using echolocation, similar to bats. **Their nests are edible**
- Found only in a few countries in South East Asia
- Habitats - sufficient base of arthropods (ants, termites, insects, ...)
- Exist naturally 48,000 years ago in caves, as their natural dwellings
- Edible-nest swiftlets are now **ranching at man-made premises**
- Malaysia is the centre of the Edible birds nest (EBN) producing countries, and the largest EBN processing country in the world.
- Malaysia is also the largest exporter of EBN




Figure 1. Edible-nest Swiftlets.

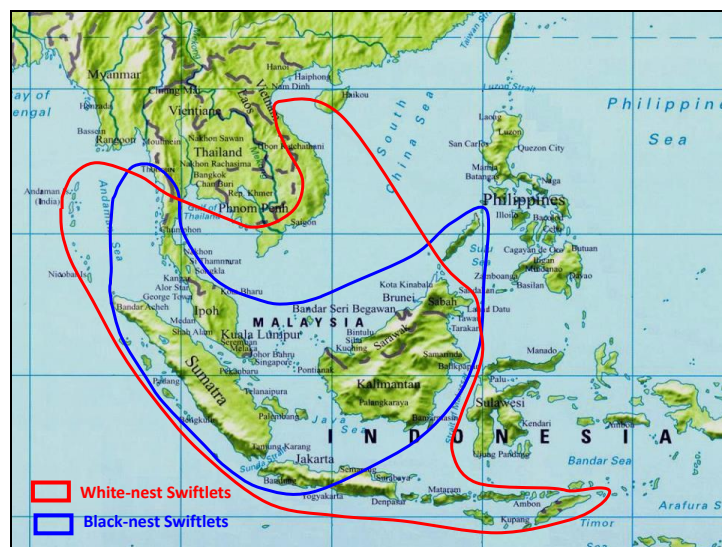


Figure 2.



EBN Industry in Malaysia

- Until end of October 2014, it was estimated that there were **more than 50,000 EBN premises throughout the country**
- 10,240 premises along the value chain of the EBN industry already registered with the Department of Veterinary Services (9,606 premise are the ranching premises).
- This industry is **known to be a high value industry because it can generate high income to the ranchers/entrepreneurs.**

Figure 3. EBN Industry in Malaysia.

EXPORT VALUES

- In 2009 we exported 9.5 mt of EBN overseas and it keep increasing from year to year
- EBN is valued at more than USD3000 or more per kilo, depending on quality of the product
- Four major importing country; China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore
- Malaysia also exports EBN to Australia, Japan, Vietnam, Europe, United States and the Middle East
- The current EBN industry in Malaysia is worth more than RM1.5 billion annually and keep on growing

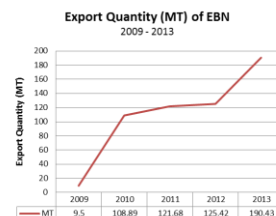


Figure 4. Export Values.

What is Edible bird's nest? (EBN)

- EBN is the **nest** of the swiftlets, **made up of glutinous secretion from their 2 sublingual salivary glands**
- Produced by two main species of swiftlets:
 - ✓ *Aerodramus fuciphagus* (white nests)
 - ✓ *Aerodramus maximus* (black nests)
- The major nutrient components of EBN are **high value glycoproteins** (Kathan & Weeks, 1969) rich in amino acids, carbohydrate, calcium, sodium and potassium (Norhayati et al., 2010).



http://orientalbirdimages.org/birdimages.php?action=birdsp-ecies&bird_ID=2796



<http://www.birdnestonline.com>



<http://www.eatingthefood.com/2013/10/burapa-birds-nest-soup-bangkok/>

Figure 5. What is Edible bird's nest? (EBN).

Why EBN is highly valued?

- Used traditionally as **food delicacy** and important ingredient in **Chinese medicine**
- Consumed since Tang Dynasty by Chinese people more than 1500 years ago, mainly by royalties and upper class people
- **Also believes to have health enhancing effects**, anti-ageing, growth promoting, immuno-enhancing properties, lowering risk of diseases and promoting life span (Craig, 1997; O'Hara et al., 1998; Yuan and Yuan, 2000), **however not much work has been done.**



Figure 6. why EBN is highly valued?

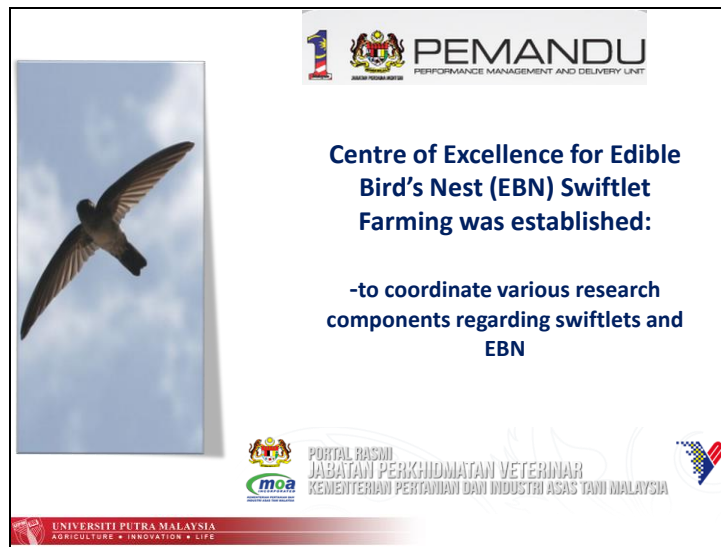


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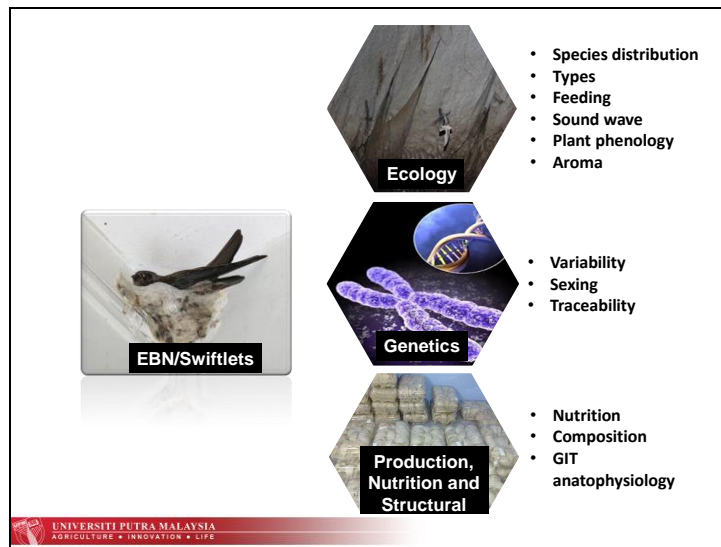


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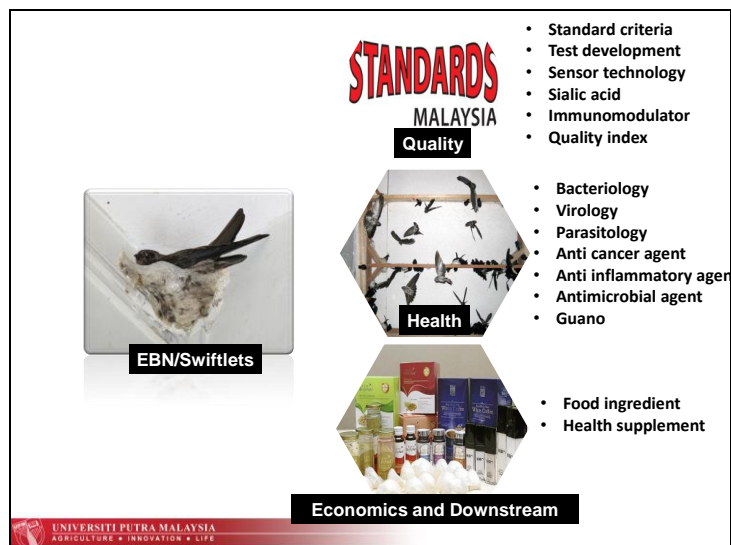


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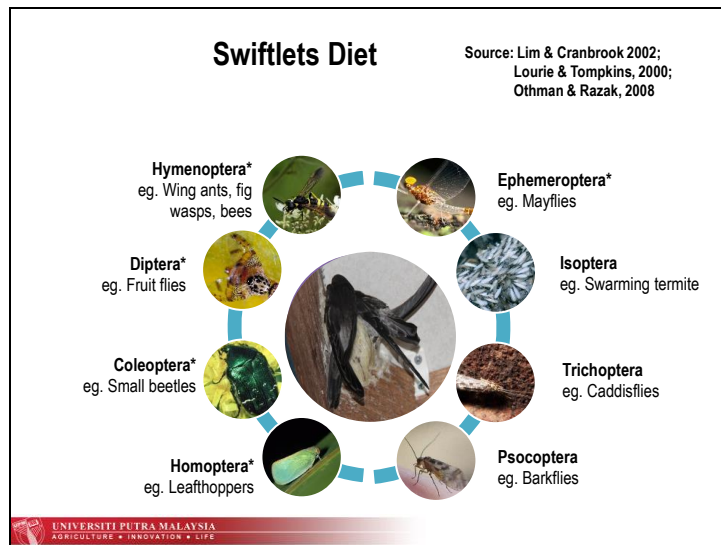


Figure 13. Swiftlets Diet.



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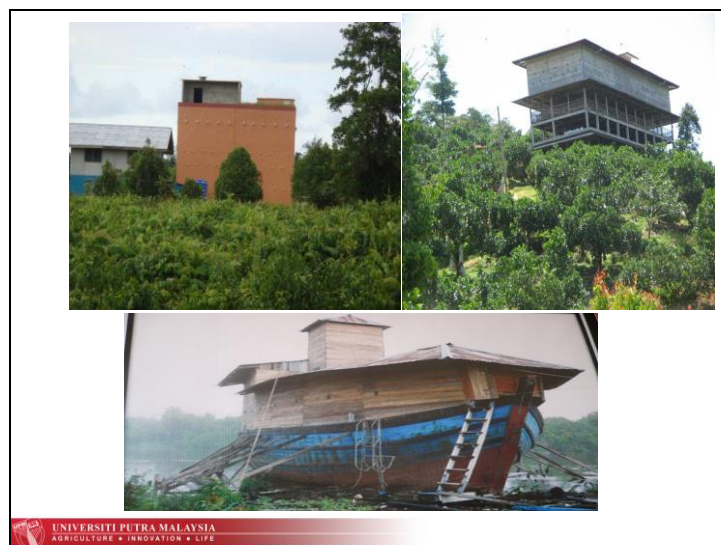


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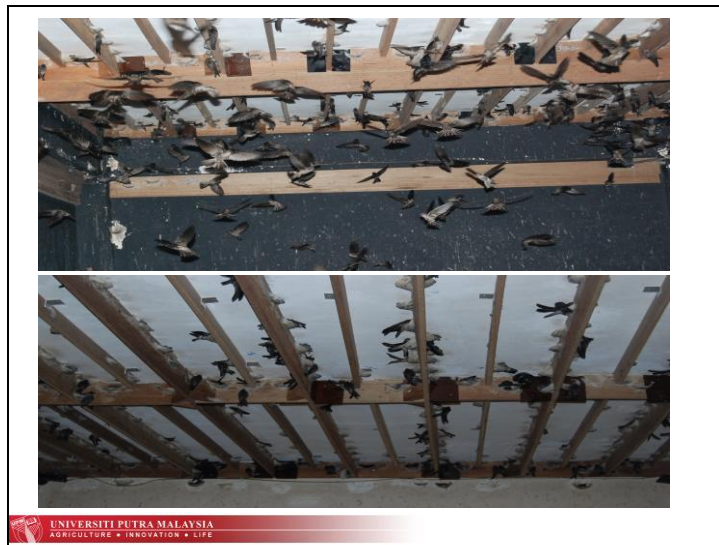


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Figure 22. Development of Nests.



Figure 23.

PROCESSING

- ✓ Personnel hygiene
- ✓ Hygienic products handling
- ✓ products safety and quality

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Figure 24. Processing.

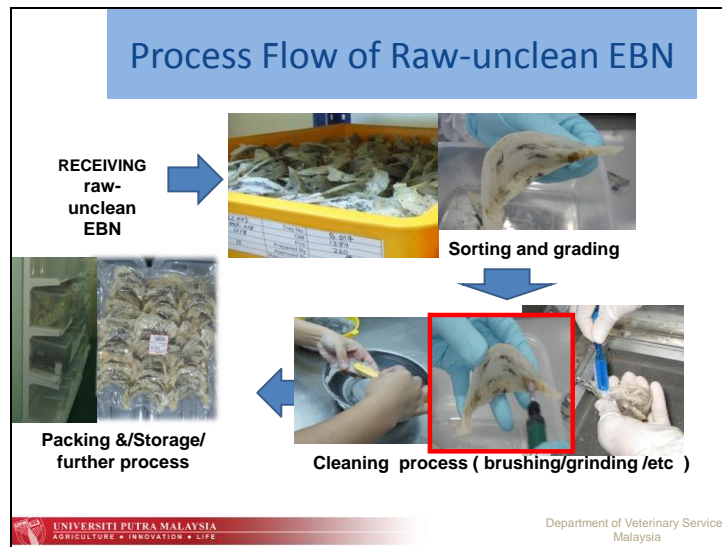


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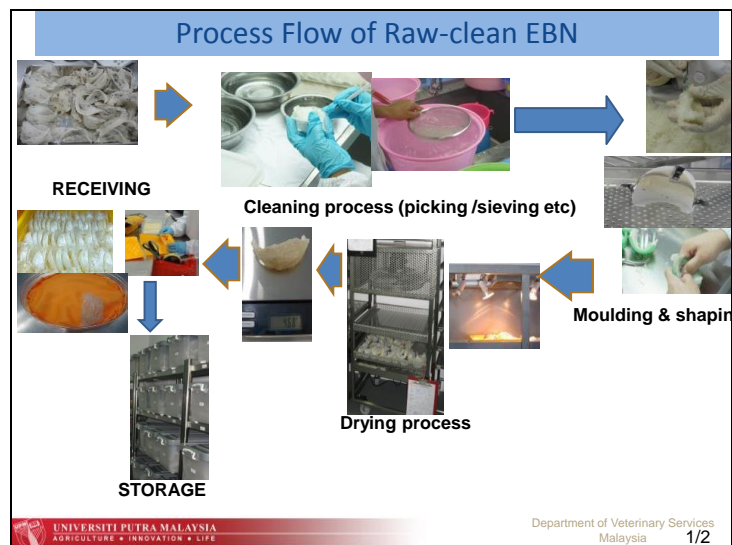


Figure 26. Process flow of Raw-clean EBN.



Figure 27. EBN Identification.

Examples of specific projects

- Authentication analysis of Edible Bird's Nest based on Proteomics-Based methods in combination with Chemometrics.
- Development of PCR-ELISA method for rapid and simultaneous identification of edible birds's nest (EBN) and related swiftlets species.
- Quality and anti-aging determinants of Edible Bird's Nest (EBN) By nutrigenomic and metabolomic strategies.

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Figure 28. Examples of specific projects.

- Transcriptome profiling for identifying novel biomarkers in swiftlets of conservation and industry importance.
- Structural and conformational studies of edible birds' nest proteins.
- Roosting and Nesting Behavior of White-nest Swiftlets (*Aerodramus fuciphagus*).
- The Effect of Edible Bird's Nest Extract on Chondrocytes isolated from Osteoarthritic Articular Cartilage.

Figure 29.



Figure 30. Successful production of EBN.

EBN DOWNSTREAM PRODUCTS

- ❖ Development of downstream products from biotechnologically processed edible bird nest produced **new value-added, innovative invention products from the traditional raw edible swiftlet nests.**

Figure 31. EBN Downstream Products.



Figure 32.



Figure 33. Bird Nest Products.

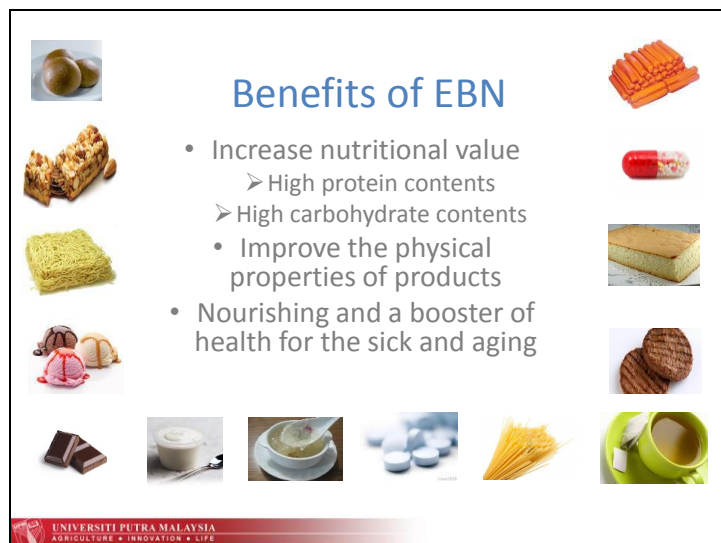


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The Potential of Interdisciplinary Research in Toxicology

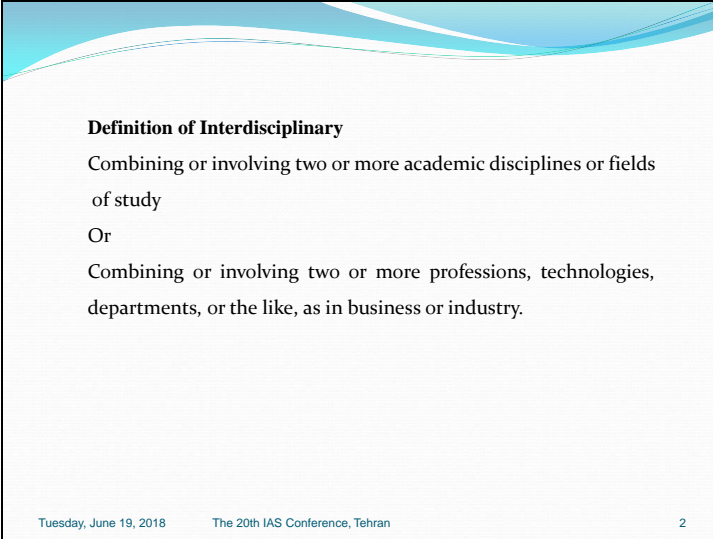
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ABSTRACT

Interdisciplinary research is a common method of study in research and technology, which is rapidly increasing in the globe. Interdisciplinary research is a type of study or research that tie up two or more disciplines in order to create new models, approaches, and instruments that could not occur if they were separately handled. Toxicology as an academic discipline describes existence or absence of harmful toxic effects of any compound providing safety measures for humans and other species in the environment. In terms of interdisciplinary, toxicology is in major need to be interdisciplinary to make link to all basic and clinical sciences from chemistry, biochemistry, immunology, pharmacology, physiology, pathology, human and veterinary medicine, to the environmental sciences. For instance, environmental toxicants such as pesticides can induce many diseases and need extensive interdisciplinary research to diagnose such links and prevent their consequences. It has been established that the existence of some environmental toxicants in the human life chain, cannot be avoided. In this regard, there is huge evidence on the relation between exposure to environmental toxicants and elevated rate of chronic diseases such as different types of cancers, diabetes, neurodegenerative disorders, and reproductive disorders and so on. A disorder of the reproductive system leads to infertility and therefore has been at the center of attention within the recent decades. Although there have been a countless of studies conducted so far on the relation of toxicology and many disorders, there is a gap in elucidating the precise mechanistic pathways of such effects needing interdisciplinary studies to be able to find effective therapies.



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Definition of Interdisciplinary

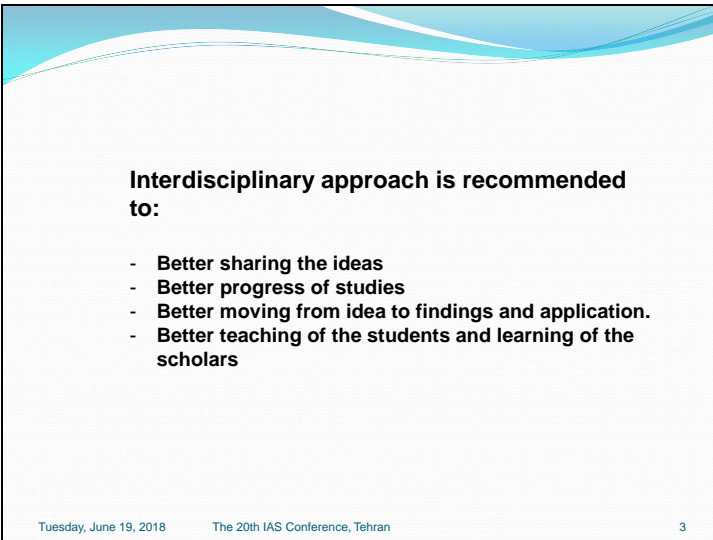
Combining or involving two or more academic disciplines or fields of study

Or

Combining or involving two or more professions, technologies, departments, or the like, as in business or industry.

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Figure 1. Definition of Interdisciplinary.



Interdisciplinary approach is recommended to:

- Better sharing the ideas
- Better progress of studies
- Better moving from idea to findings and application.
- Better teaching of the students and learning of the scholars

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Figure 2. Interdisciplinary Approach is Recommended.

Toxicology as an academic discipline describes existence or absence of harmful toxic effects of any compound providing safety measures for humans and other species in the environment.

Figure 3.

Some branches of Toxicology:

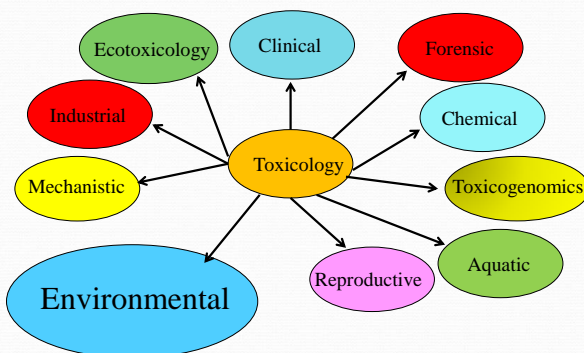



Figure 4. Some Branches of Toxicology.

What people
think about
toxicology?



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Figure 5. What people think about Toxicology?

Modern toxicology includes interdisciplinary studies on different levels such as:

- Pharmacotoxicological and metabolic mechanisms,
- Toxicogenomics and proteomics,
- Pharmacokinetics,
- Cytotoxicity,
- Immunotoxicity,
- Organ toxicity,
- Developmental toxicity,
- Carcinogenesis,
- Mutagenesis,
- Environmental toxicity and environmental health concerning humans (including epidemiological studies),
- Predictive toxicology,
- Risk assessment,
- Environmental chemistry of pesticides and dioxins,
- Forensic toxicology and alternative toxicity testing

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Figure 6. Modern Toxicology includes Interdisciplinary Studies on Different Levels.

Toxicology as an interdisciplinary science is in the need of knowledges of:

- Chemistry,
- Biochemistry,
- Immunology,
- Pharmacology,
- Physiology,
- Pathology,
- Human and veterinary medicine,
- Biology of the environment,
- Epidemiology

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Figure 7. Toxicology as an Interdisciplinary Science is in the Need of Knowledges.

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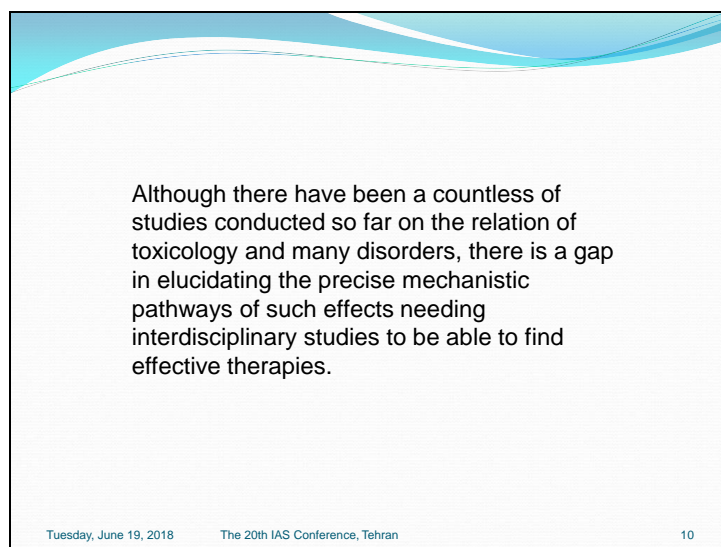


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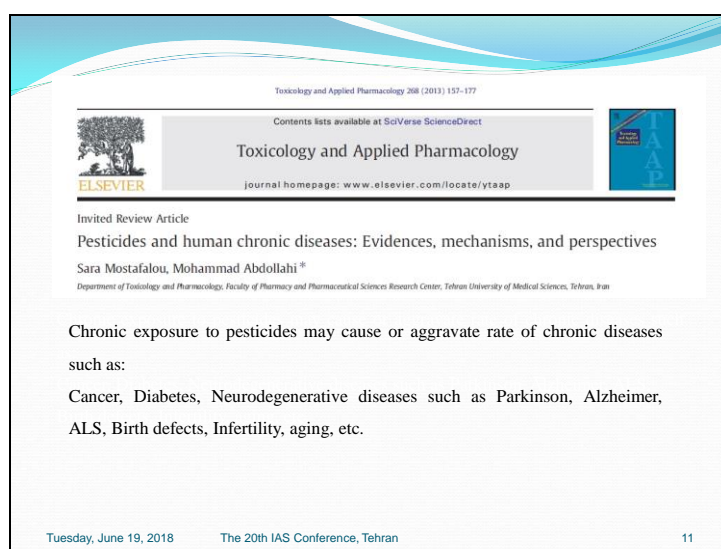


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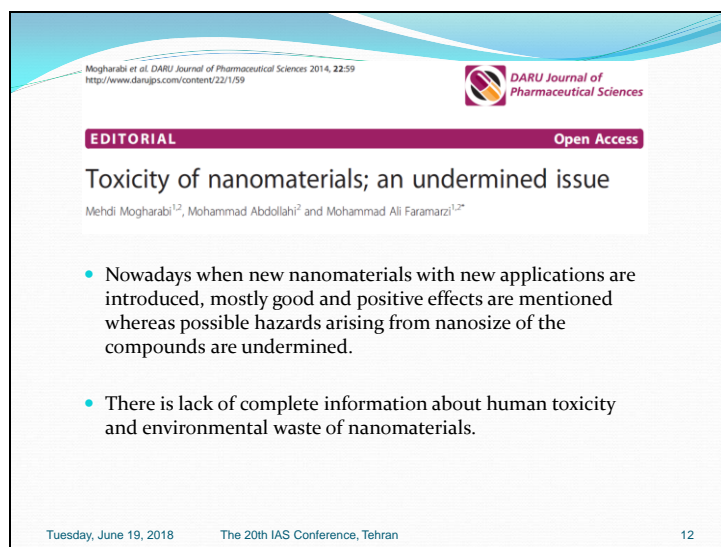


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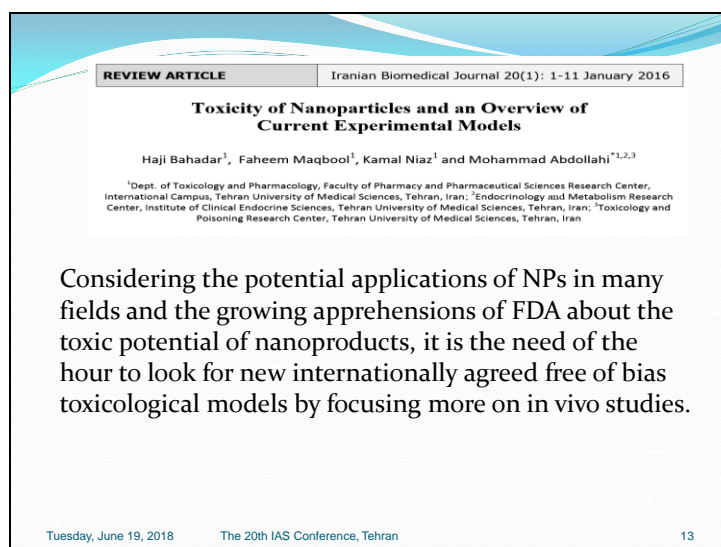


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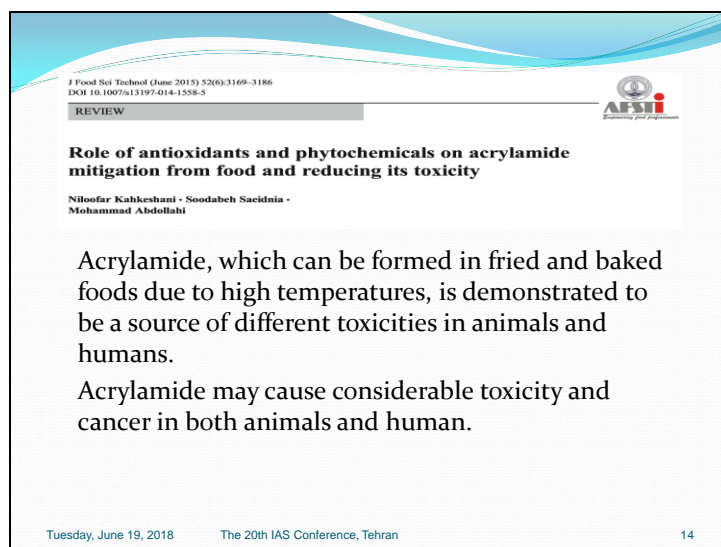


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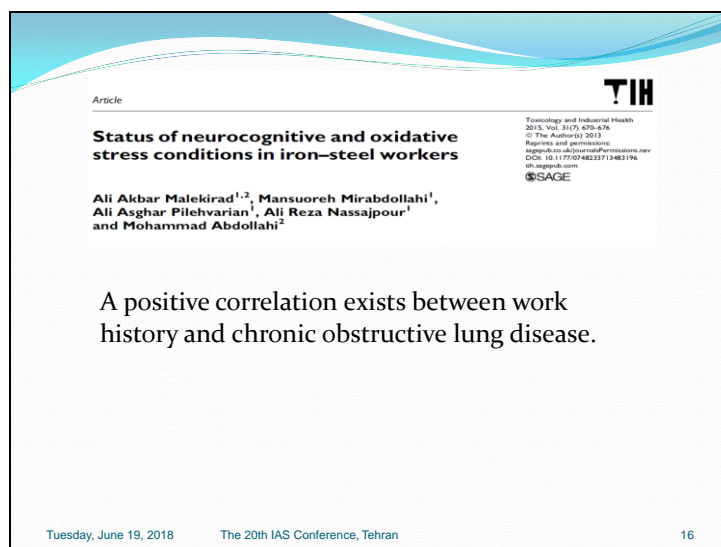


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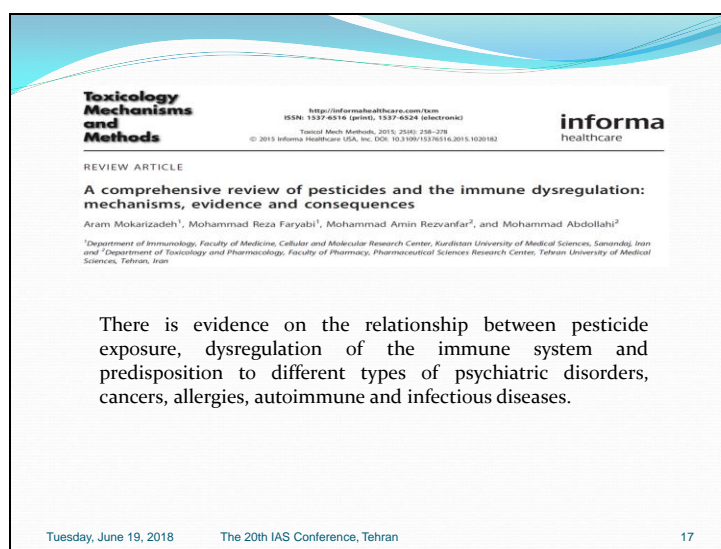


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A Review on the Biochemical and Molecular Mechanisms of Phthalate-Induced Toxicity in Various Organs with a Focus on the Reproductive System

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- Among various organs, reproductive system is affected by exposure to phthalates through oxidative stress resulted in disruption of spermatogenesis.
- The phthalates are being replaced in some countries by other safe plasticizers.

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Invited review
A systematic review on the role of environmental toxicants in stem cells aging

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- Environmental toxicants such as pesticides, tobacco smoke, radiation and heavy metals by affecting stem cells may cause changes in genomic, epigenomic, and proteomic levels.
- Transgenerational epigenetic changes and stem cell aging are heritable and could affect health in the next several generations.

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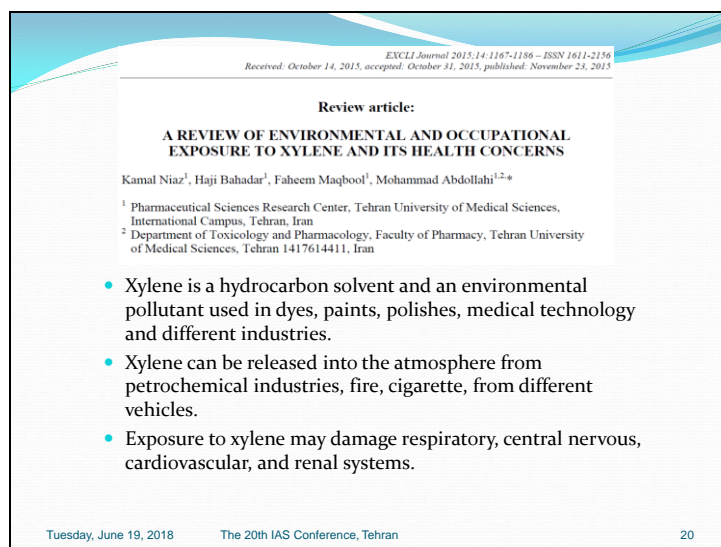


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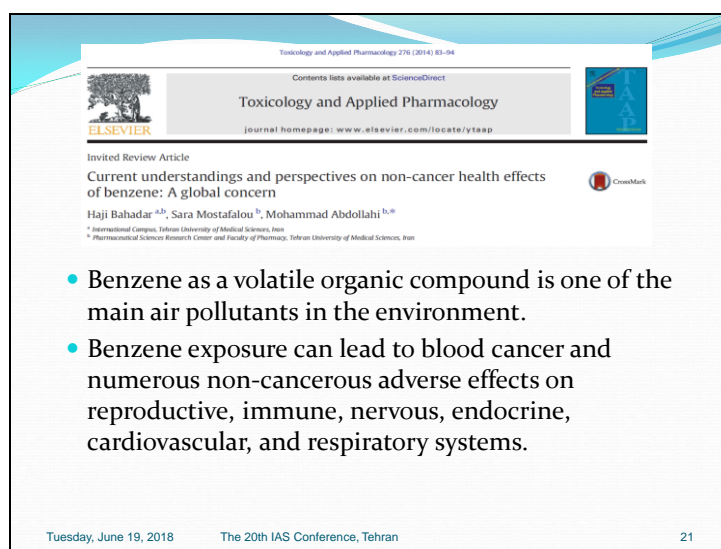


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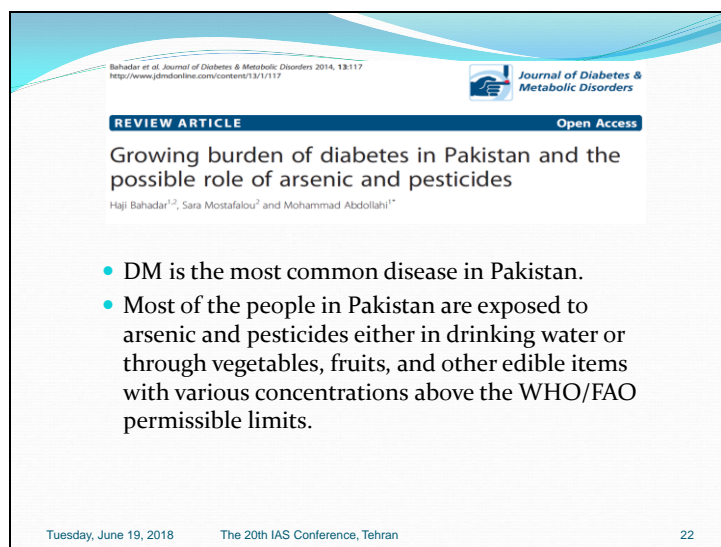


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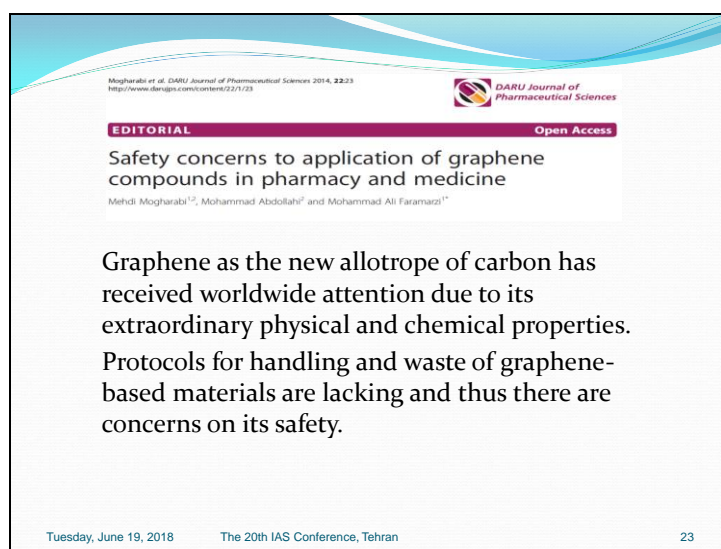


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Exposure to mercury from dental amalgams: a threat to society

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The WHO has seriously taken the issue of monitoring mercury toxicity and has set a goal for mercury-free healthcare by the year 2020. The issue of mercury use in dental amalgam should not be underestimated.

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Majority of pesticides affect the male reproductive system and reduce the functions of sperm.

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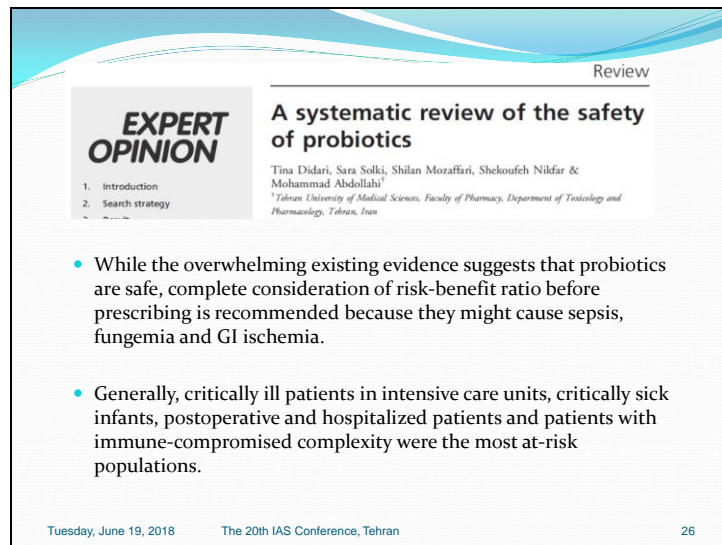


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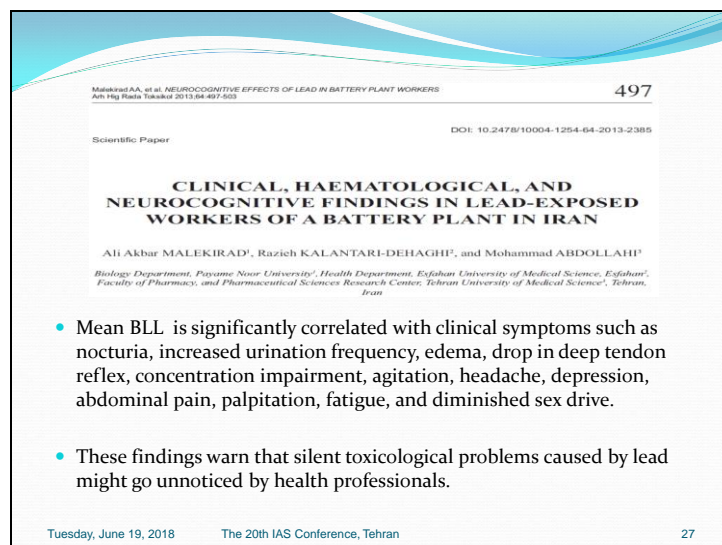


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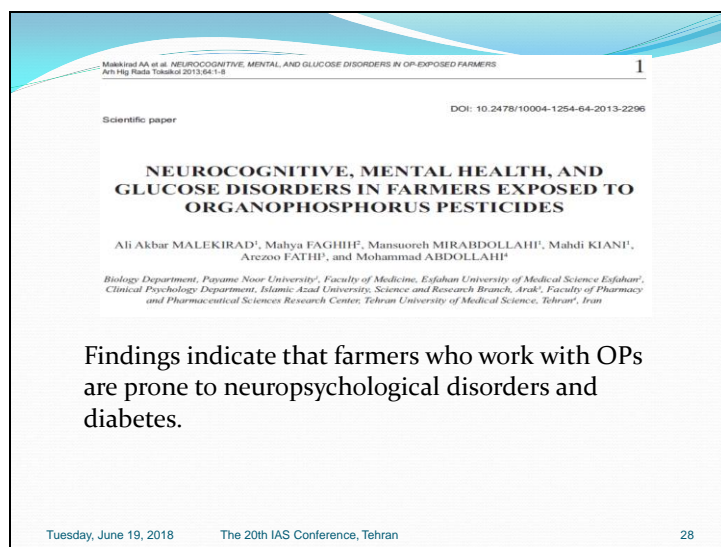


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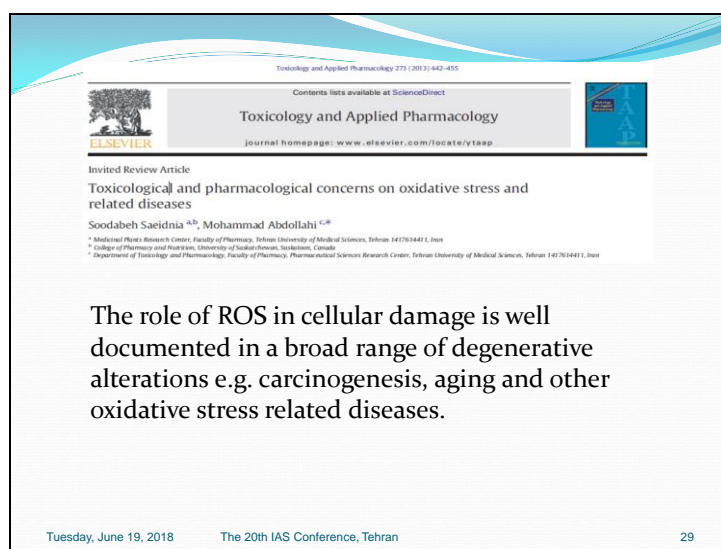


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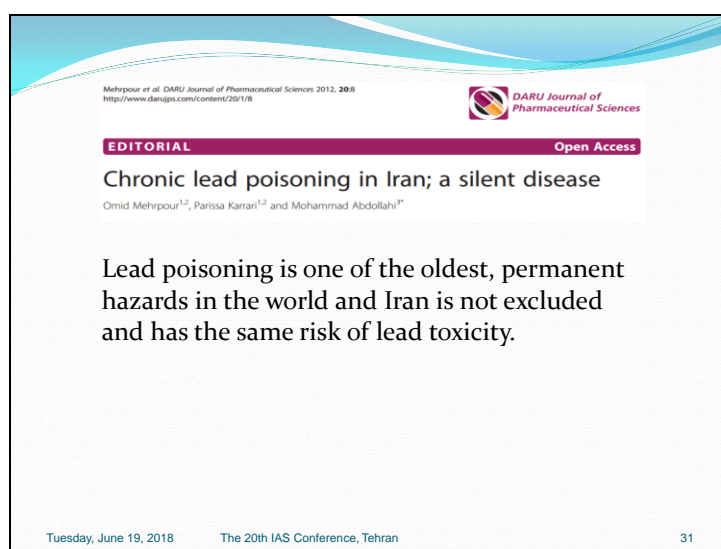


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Figure 31.

Conclusion

The progress of the broad science of toxicology is in major need of interdisciplinary studies for the benefit of all people.

[Thank you for your attention to this matter](#)

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Figure 32. Conclusion.

Biomedical Research and Large-Scale Health Care: A Perspective from Bangladesh

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ABSTRACT

In the late 1980s a Biomedical Research Group (BMRG) was initiated in the Bangladesh Institute of Research & Rehabilitation in Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders (BIRDEM) which is operated by a non-profit social organization, the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB). In the initial years the Program was mainly supported by the Department of Medical Cell Biology and the International Program in the Chemical Sciences (IPICS), Uppsala University (Sweden), but in the later years the Program could mobilize further intellectual and logistic resources from a large number of collaborating and sponsoring groups from home and abroad. With continuous influx of young and enthusiastic researchers and students from multidisciplinary origins, BMRG could significantly stimulate academic and research activities at BIRDEM as evidenced by postgraduate degree programs, scientific publications & presentations and collaborative research projects.



In the mid-nineties BIRDEM was already recognized as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on Prevention & Control of Diabetes. Apart from direct contribution to science, the Group has played a vital role in turning DAB into the largest non-governmental health care chain in Bangladesh. In addition to providing organized comprehensive (primary, secondary & tertiary) health care to nearly 3.0 million diabetic patients through its 108 health care facilities (spread all over the country) DAB serves almost equal number of general patients at a reasonable cost. The Research group particularly contributed in the planning and realization of a large scale health care chain of 20 general hospitals under a large scale Project (the Health Care Development Project or HCDP) supported mainly by the Netherlands Government. In the last financial year the Project catered about 1.0 million patient visits with comprehensive care up to peripheral rural areas. The central hospital of HCDP (with a fairly big area of land given by the Govt.), in addition to its health care delivery function, became the nucleus of further academic and research activities through the establishment of the Bangladesh Institutes of Health Sciences (BIHS) under Dhaka University in 2008 and later conversion of BIHS into the Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (BUHS) in 2012. From BMRG to BUHS through BIHS, efforts have always been made not to confine the development effort only in the country, but to extend it to the relevant countries particularly in the region. Accordingly, a number of students and researchers from Asian and African countries have earned their postgraduate degrees and training from BMRG-BIRDEM, BIHS and BUHS. The spirit as well as the human resources created by BMRG became the driving forces for creating the new university which is the second to the only one public university and the sole private university in the health sector of Bangladesh. With its multidisciplinary approach involving basic, clinical, paraclinical, engineering and social sciences the University is trying to create broader concept of health in an 'overmedicalized' environment.

PRESENTATION



Figure 1.

Creating a sustainable socially responsible health care delivery system is a challenge particularly for developing countries. This is mostly due to inefficient political organizations, insufficient resources and inefficient managerial organizations.



Figure 2. BADAS – worldwide reputation for diabetes health care delivery.

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh or BADAS has earned worldwide reputation by providing comprehensive diabetes care to a large number of diabetic subjects with a sustainable approach based on public-private partnership, diabetic-nondiabetic cross-financing and community participation and empowerment.

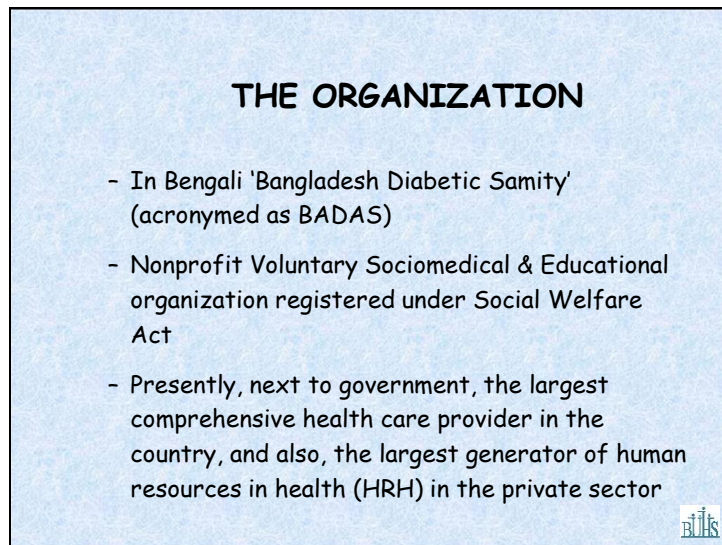


Figure 3. The Organization.

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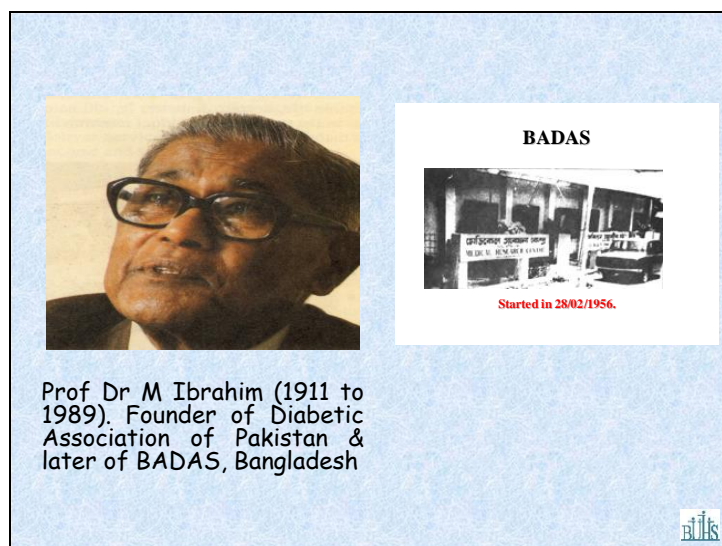


Figure 4.

We would like to pay tribute to the Founder of the Association Prof M Ibrahim who started the journey in 1956 with only 39 patients in a small tin-shade.

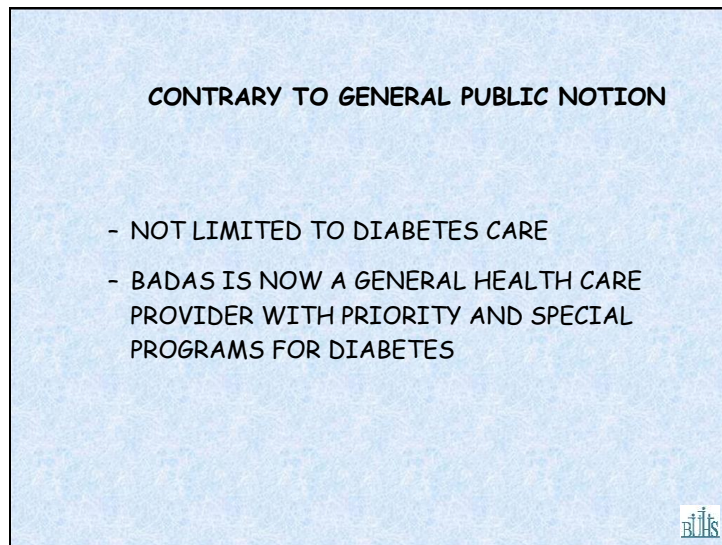


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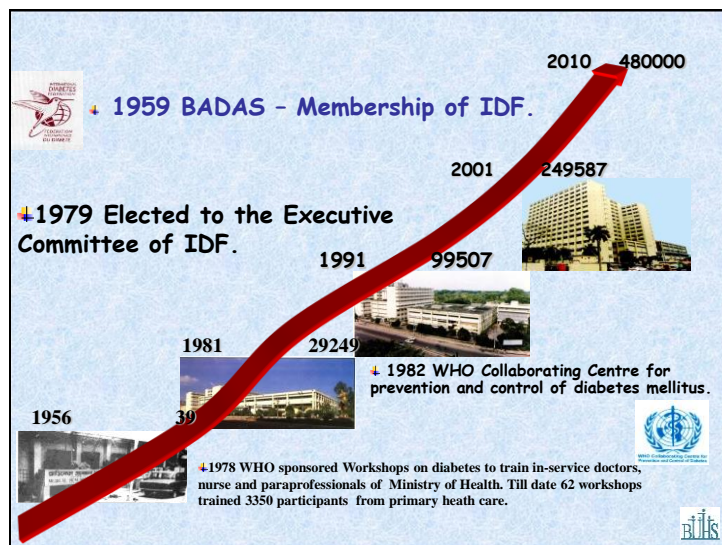


Figure 6. 1959 BADAS – Membership of IDF.

From that small tin shade BADAS created one of the largest diabetes care centre in the world, known as BIRDEM , within 50 yrs.



Figure 7.

BADAS is now the largest health care chain as well as health manpower generating organization in Bangladesh next to the public sector with 90 hospital/health centres. It is now like a corporate which delivers care through a number of Institution/Projects.

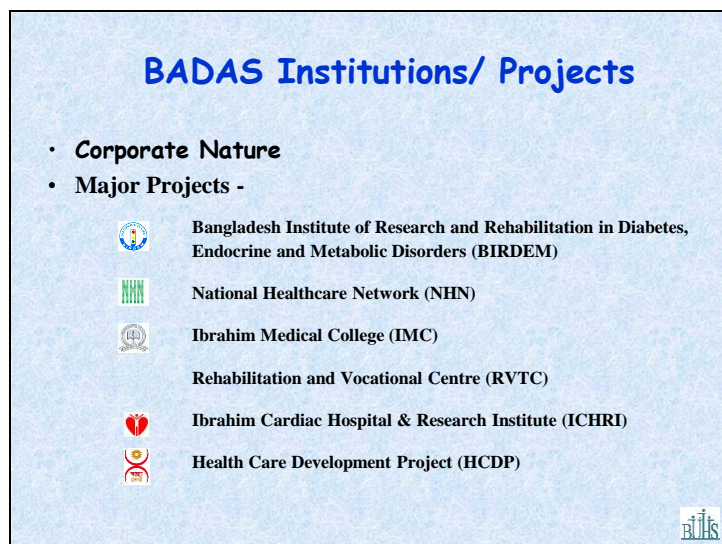


Figure 8. BADAS Institutions/ Projects.

BADAS has organized its activities through a number of institution and projects. The large institution and Projects are...

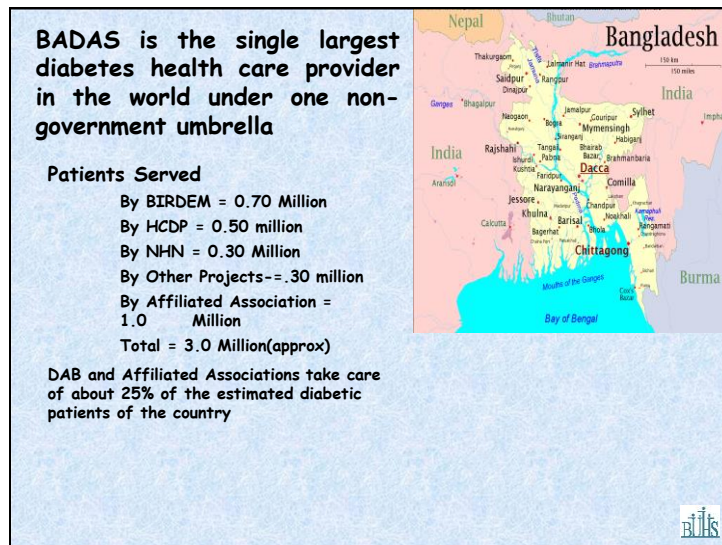


Figure 9.

The hospitals and health centres of BADAS are spread all over the country and currently it provides diabetes care to about 1.51 million diabetic patients and almost equal number of nondiabetic patients.



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Figure 11. BIRDEM Facilities.

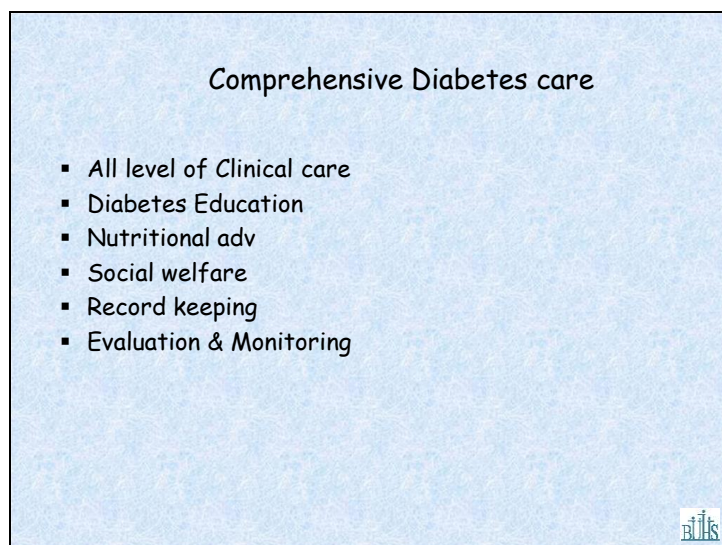


Figure 12. Comprehensive Diabetes Care.



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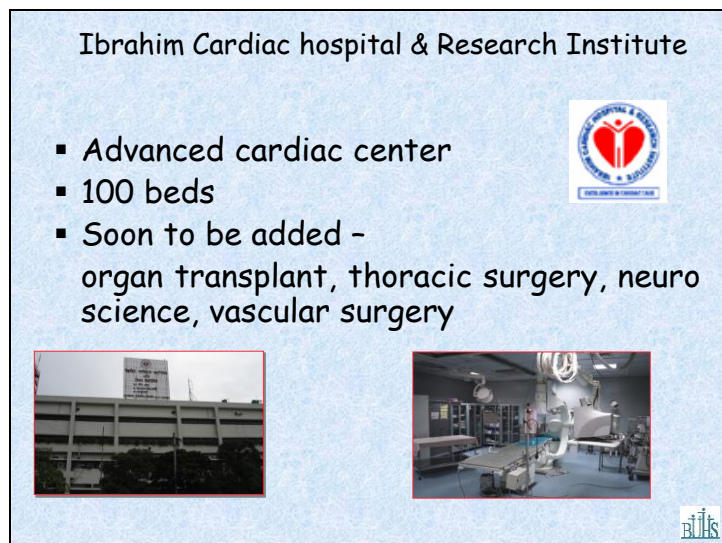


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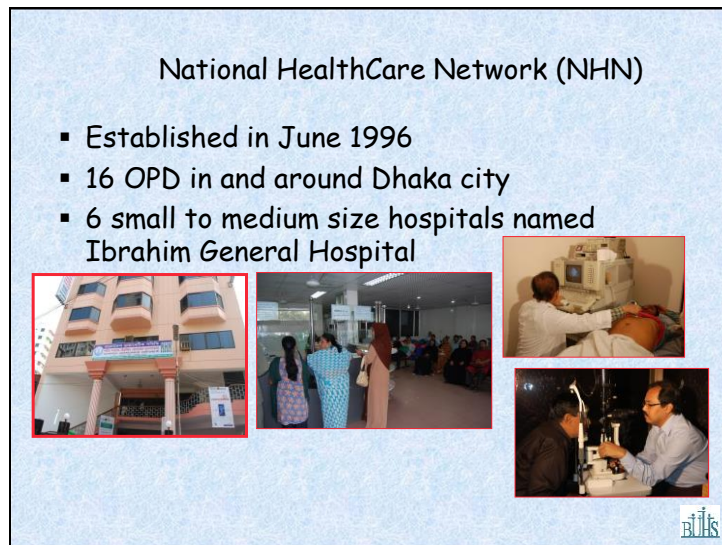


Figure 15. National HealthCare Network (NHN).



Figure 16. National HealthCare Network (NHN).

MPL-Ibrahim General Hospital

- A project of NHN, an institution of BADAS established with financial assistance of Meghnaghat Power Ltd.



Figure 17. MPL-Ibrahim General Hospital.

BADAS- Perinatal Care Project



The Perinatal Care Project (PCP) was established in 2002, as a joint collaborative project between the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS), Women and Children First (UK) and the UCL Centre for International Health and Development (UK), and is sponsored by the Big Lottery Fund

Figure 18. BADAS-Perinatal Care Project.

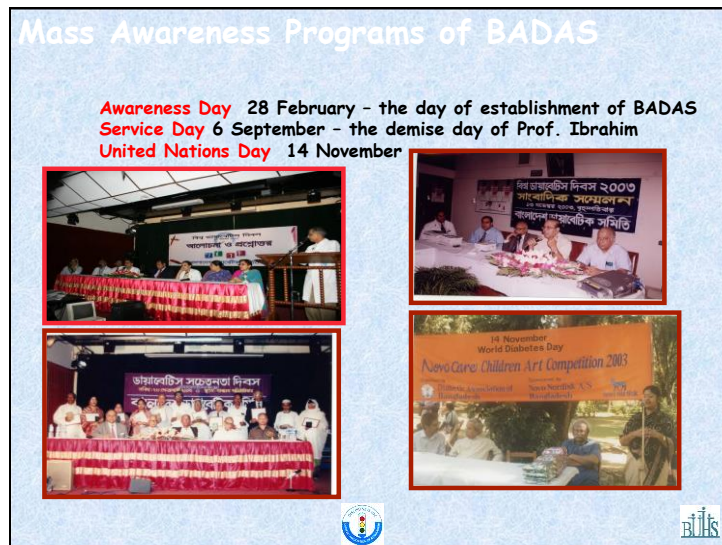


Figure 19. Mass Awareness Programs of BADAS.



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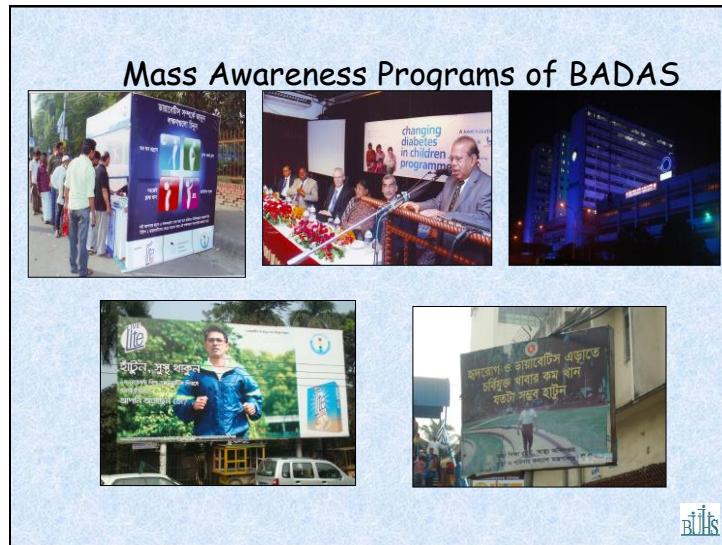


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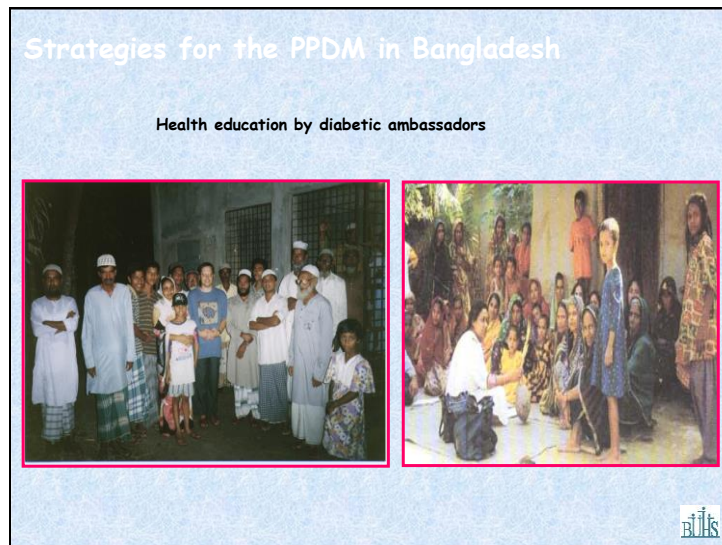
Figure 22. Mass Awareness Programs of BADAS - Child Camp.



Figure 23. Mass Awareness Programs of BADAS – WDD Radio Program.



Figure 24. Social Contacts for Awareness and Management.



**Figure 25. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh:
Health education by diabetic ambassadors.**



**Figure 26. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh:
Health education by community leaders.**



Figure 27. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh: Health education by folk singers.

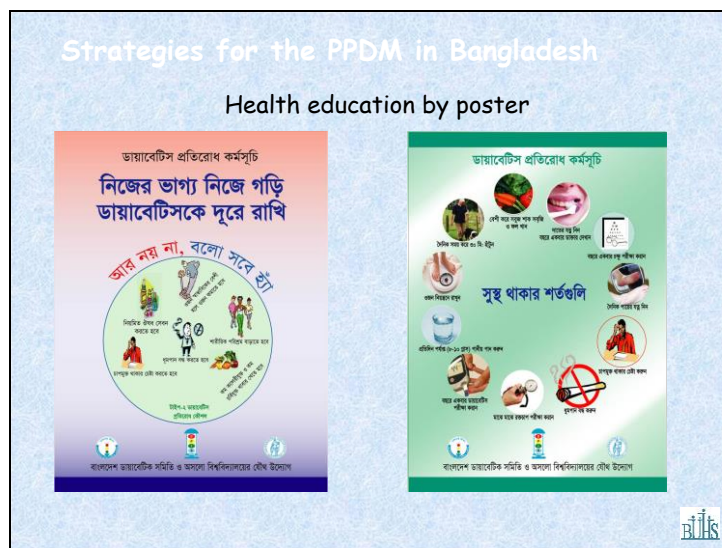
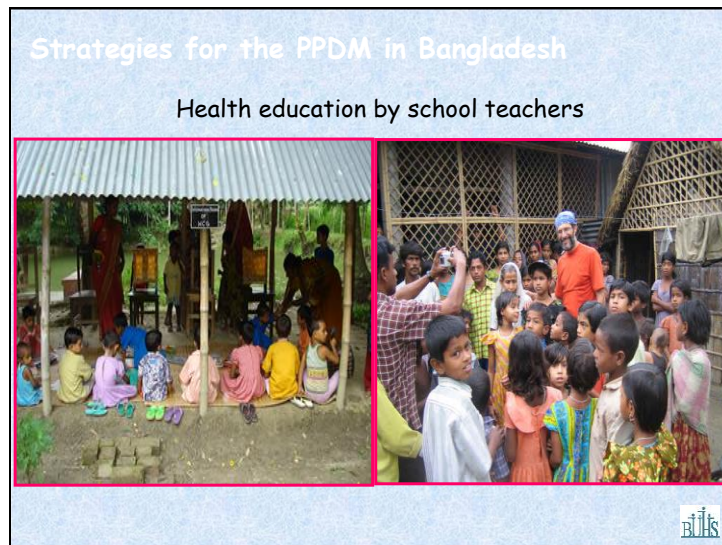
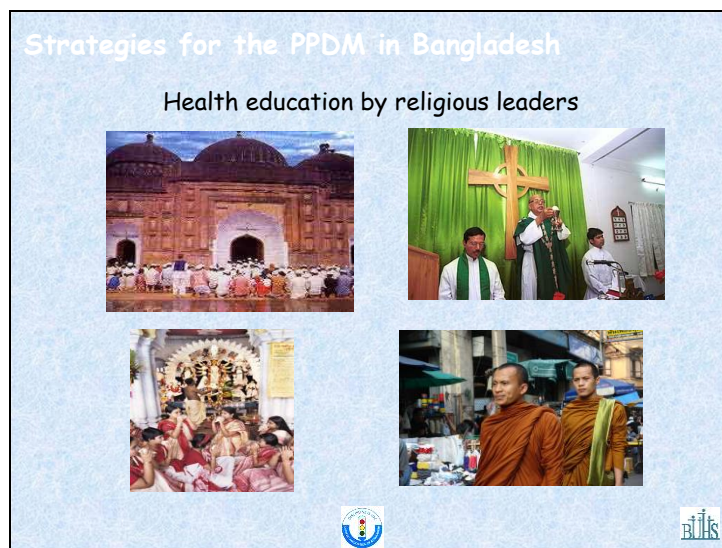


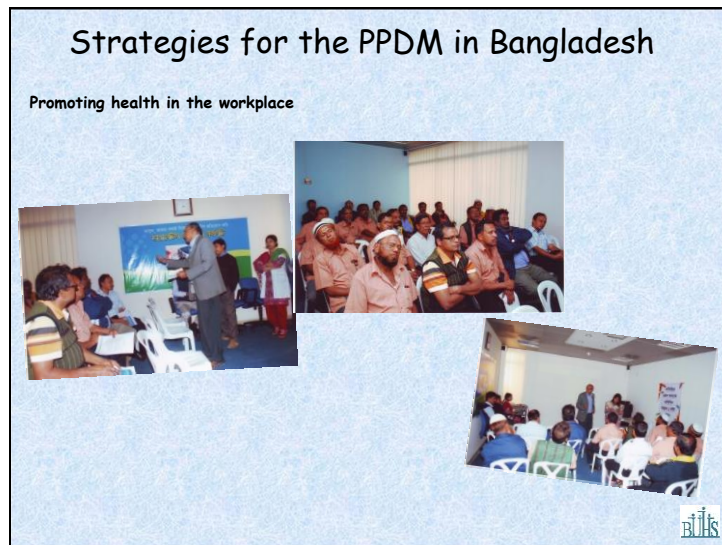
Figure 28. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh: Health education by poster.



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Health education by school teachers.**



**Figure 30. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh:
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**Figure 31. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh:
Promoting health in the workplace.**



**Figure 32. Strategies for the PPDM in Bangladesh:
Health education through cinema.**

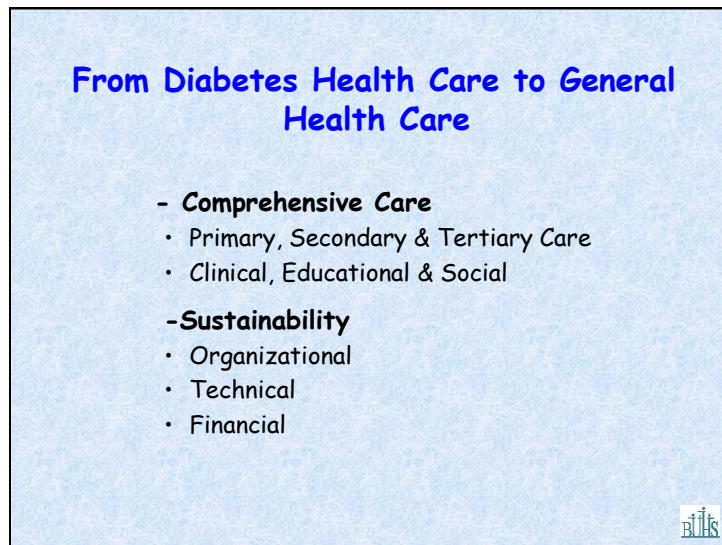


Figure 33. From Diabetes Health Care to General Health Care.

The unique diabetes health care model of BADAS stimulated the idea of developing a general health care model for comprehensive care in a developing country like Bangladesh with organizational, technical and financial sustainability. Comprehensive care means primary, secondary & tertiary as well as clinical, educational & social care.

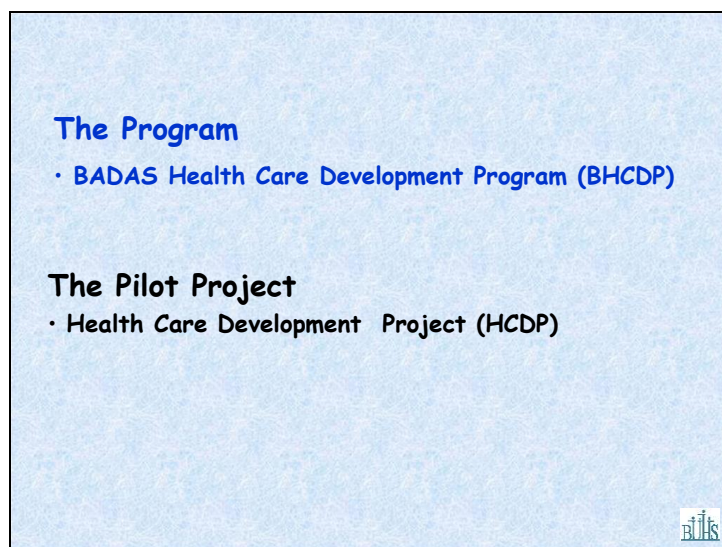


Figure 34. The Program/ Pilot Project.

With this Goal a Program, named as BADAS Health Care Development Program (BHCDP) was designed and it is now being piloted through a Project called Health Care Development Project or HCDP.

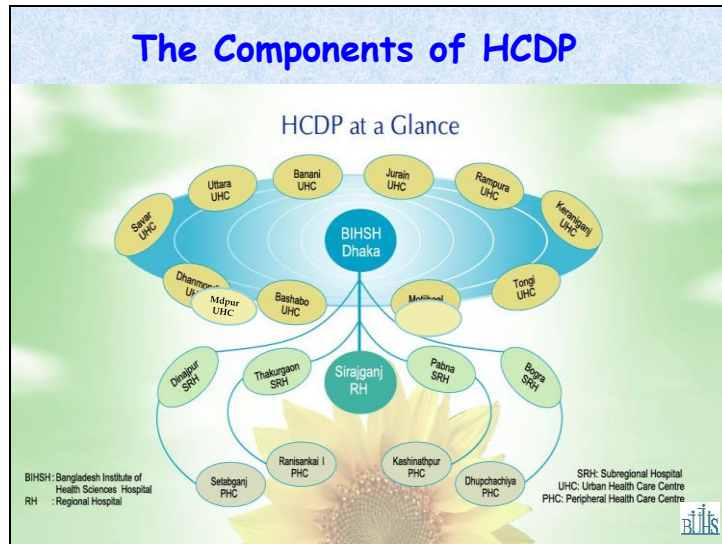


Figure 35. The Components of HCDP.

HCDP has been designed with a 4 Peripheral at sub district level, 10 UHC in an around the Capital of Dhaka city, 4 SRH and 1 RH Hospital at district level and 1 Apex hospital BIHS at Dhaka.

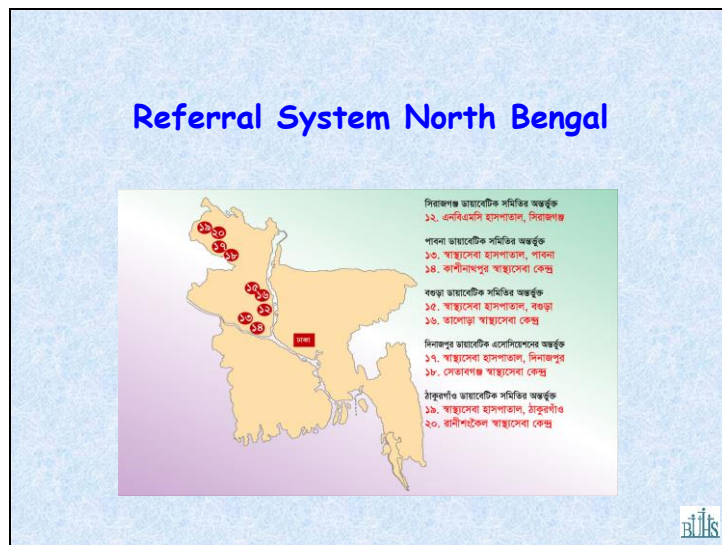


Figure 36. Referral System North Bengal.

These are the locations of Peripheral Health Centre and district level hospital in Northern Bangladesh.

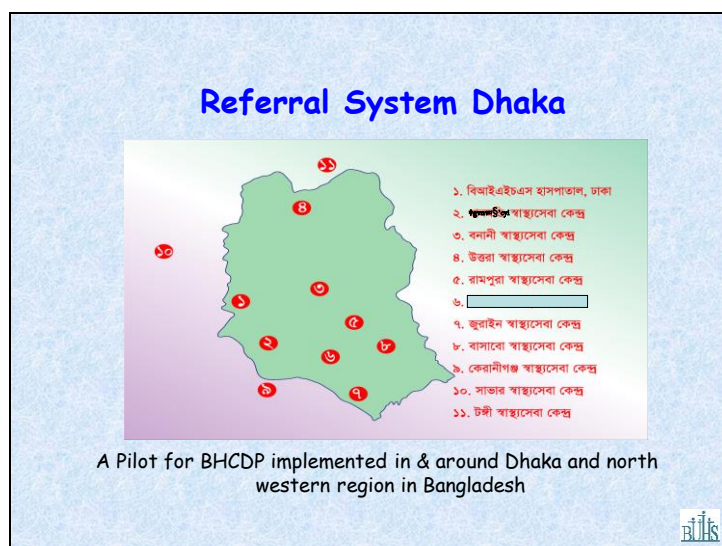


Figure 37. Referral System Dhaka.

These are the locations in and around Dhaka city.

Health Care Facilities under HCDP

Facility	Location	Services	Upgradable to
BIHS Hospital	Mirpur, Dhaka	250 bed	500 bed (phase-wise)
Regional Hospital (RH)/ NBMCH	Sirajganj	250 bed	300 bed
Subregional Hospital (SRH): BSH	Bogra	60 bed	100 bed
Subregional Hospital (SRH): PSH	Pabna	32 bed	100 bed
Subregional Hospital (SRH): DDSH	Dinajpur	54 bed	100 bed
Subregional Hospital (SRH): TSH	Thakurgaon	30 bed	100 bed
Peripheral Health Centre (PHC) & Urban Health Centre (UHC)		Out-patient & primary health care services	30 bed



Figure 38. Health Care Facilities under HCDP.

Different Categorized Services	
• Primary Care:	Physicians Care, Counseling, Nutrition and Health Education, Dentistry and Dental Services, Eye Care Services, Delivery, Curative care & Pharmacy
• Secondary Care:	Laboratory Services, X-Ray, USG, Color-Doppler, ECG, ECHO, Endoscopy
• Tertiary Care:	Surgery, Ambulatory Service, MRI, CT Scan

Figure 39. Different Categorized Services.

Services presently provided in various components of HCDP	
PHCs	a) OPD Consultancy by general physicians and specialists in internal medicine, diabetes & endocrinology, gyne & obs, ophthalmology and cardiology
	b) Diagnostic services using advanced analyzers in the laboratory, X-ray, ultrasonography, autorefractometre and ecg. Labor and delivery services on process
	c) Pharmacy
UHCs	a) OPD Consultancy by general physicians and specialists
	b) Diagnostic services using advanced analyzers in BIHS laboratory, X-ray, ultrasonography, 4D color doppler, echocardiography, autorefractometre, ett and ecg
	c) At Savar: IPD Services (General surgery, Obs & Gyne, Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology etc)
	c) Pharmacy

Figure 40. Services presently provided in various components of HCDP.


Services presently provided in various components of HCDP	
SRHs	a) OPD Consultancy by general physicians and specialists in internal medicine, diabetes & endocrinology, gyne & obs, ophthalmology and cardiology
	b) Indoor services with surgical facilities
	c) Diagnostic services using advanced analyzers in the laboratory, X-ray, ultrasonography, 4D color doppler, ett, echocardiography, video endoscopy, CT Scan, autorefractometry, Physiotherapy and ecg
	d) Pharmacy; e) Ambulance Service
RH	a) OPD Consultancy by general physicians and specialists
	b) Diagnostic services using advanced analyzers in the laboratory, X-ray, ultrasonography, 4D color doppler, ett, echocardiography, video endoscopy, autorefractometry and ecg
	c) Two Hundred and Fifty beds indoor with surgical facilities
	d) Pharmacy; e) Ambulance Service
	

Figure 41. Services presently provided in various components of HCDP.

Services presently provided in various components of HCDP	
	
BIHSH	a) OPD Consultancy by general physicians and specialists
	b) Diagnostic services using advanced analyzers in the laboratory, Digital X-ray, ultrasonography, 4D color doppler, ETT, echocardiography, Video endoscope, Bronchoscope, EEG, autorefractometry, fundus photography, Physiotherapy
	c) IPD Services (General Surgery, Obs & Gynae, Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology, etc),
	d) Pharmacy; e) Ambulance Service
	

Figure 42. Services presently provided in various components of HCDP.

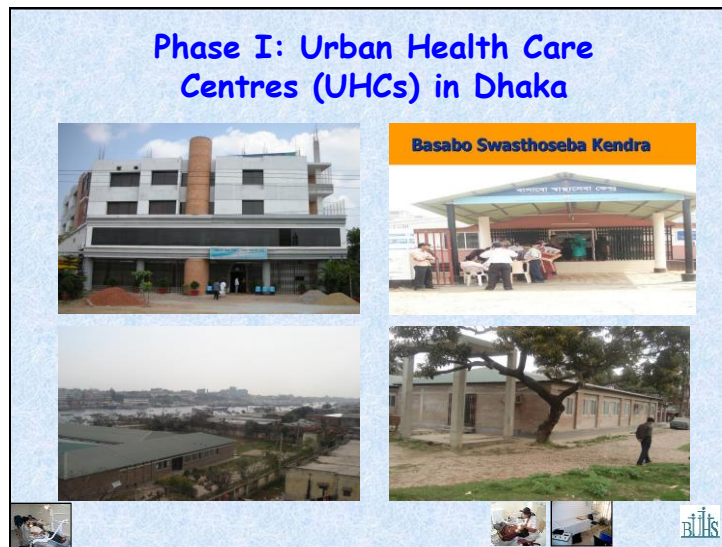


Figure 43. Phase I: Urban Health Care Centres (UHCs) in Dhaka.



Figure 44. Urban Health Centres – Dhaka.



Figure 45. Peripheral Health Centre – HCDP.



Figure 46. Sub regional Hospitals (SRHs) in Northern Bangladesh.



Figure 47. Phase II: SRH Dinajpur.



Figure 48. Phase II: SRH Bogra.

Phase II: SRH Pabna



Pabna Swasthoseba Hospital (PSH)



Figure 49. Phase II: SRH Pabna.

Phase III: Regional Hospital (RH) Sirajganj

- A 300 bed Medical College Hospital
- Renovation & New Construction
- 10000 SQM / 4000 SQM
- Situated at the hub of North - western Bangladesh, near Bangabandhu Bridge
- Almost all modern diagnostic and treatment facilities



NBMC: North Bengal Medical College Hospital



Figure 50. Phase III: Regional Hospital (RH) Sirajganj.

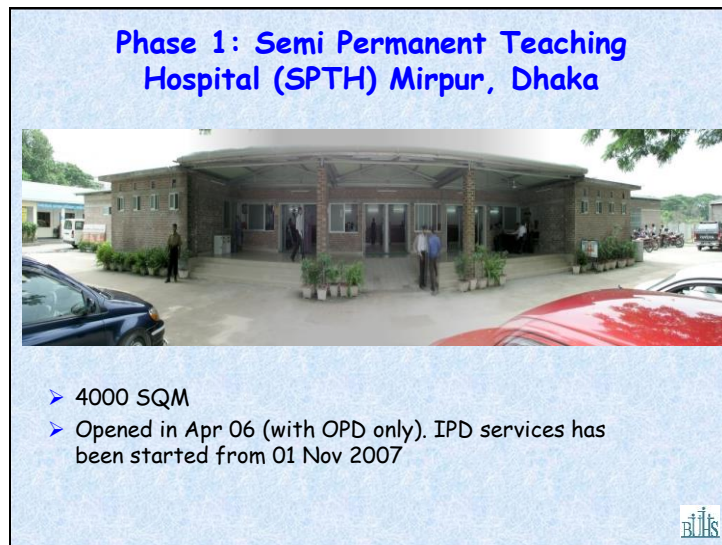


Figure 51. Phase I: Semi Permanent Teaching Hospital (SPTH) Mirpur, Dhaka.



Figure 52. Phase III: BIHS Hospital (under construction).

BIHS Hospital (under construction)



BIHSH: Bangladesh Institute of Health Sciences Hospital



Figure 53. BIHS Hospital (under construction).

Contd.



Figure 54. BIHS Hospital (under construction).



Figure 55. BIHS Hospital (under construction).

Sources of Fund for Implementation

Sl No	Sources	Amount in Mill Euro
1	ORET Grant	19.30
2	Bank Loan	20.04
3	Internal Source	18.76
Total		58.10

Figure 56. Sources of Fund for Implementation.

The total implementation cost of the Project is about 58.0 million Euro of which about 33% was supported by the Oret Grant of the Govt of Netherlands.

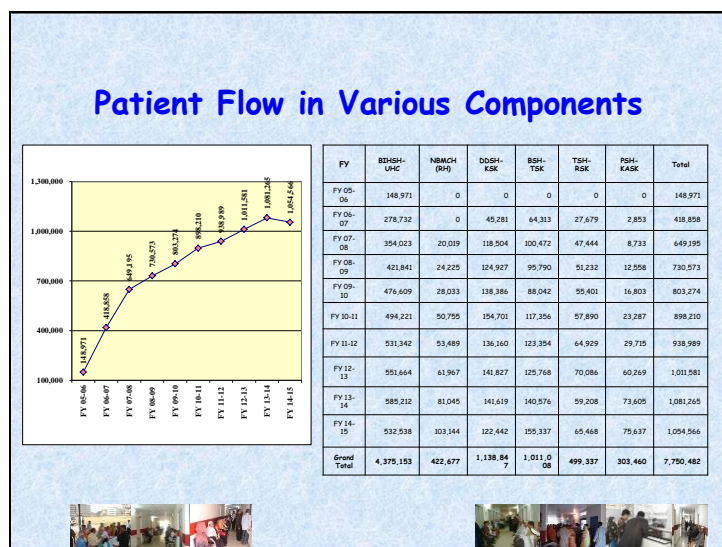


Figure 57. Patient Flow in Various Components.

The implementation started from mid 2004 and it will finish by 2015. However, limited operation started from some Dhaka centres in October 2005 and it expended and crystallized in a phasic manner in the subsequent years.

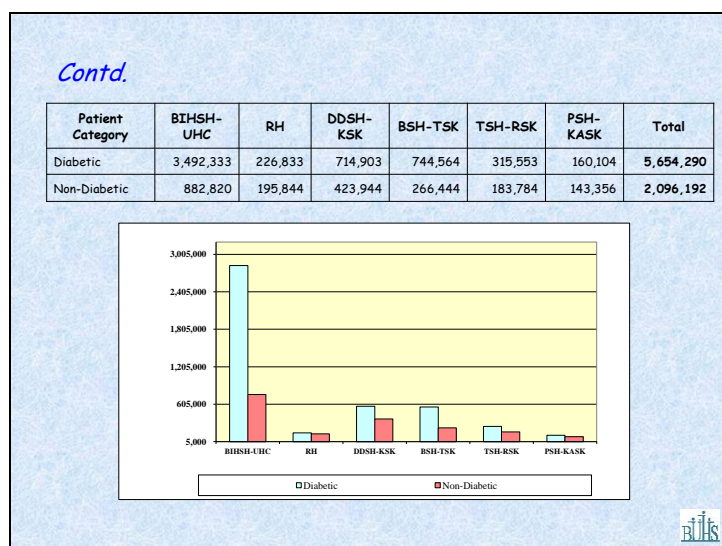


Figure 58. Patient Flow in Various components (contd).

Over these years the number of beneficiaries steadily increased with a cumulated patient visit 7.75 million by Jan 2015. Out of these patients about 44% were from outside Dhaka (i.e. northern Bangladesh). About 73% of the patients visiting HCDP facilities are diabetic and 46% are females.

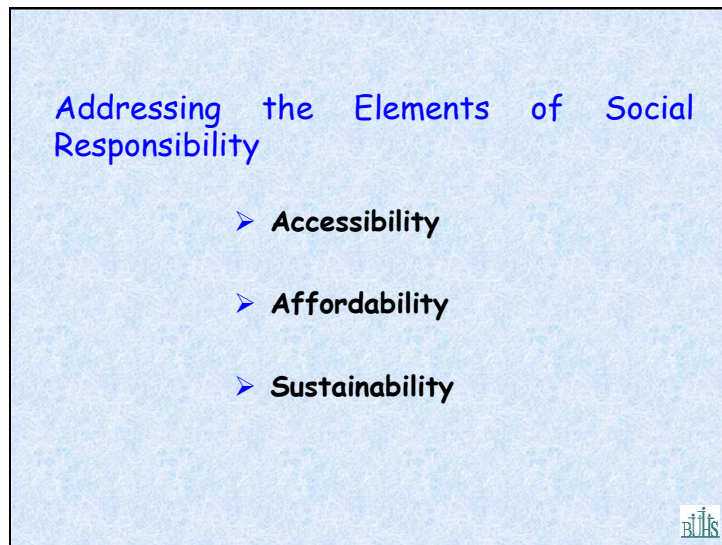


Figure 59. Addressing the Elements of Social Responsibility.

Let us now look at the elements of social responsibility in health care and how much this has been met in the Project. The elements are: Accessibility, Affordability and Sustainability

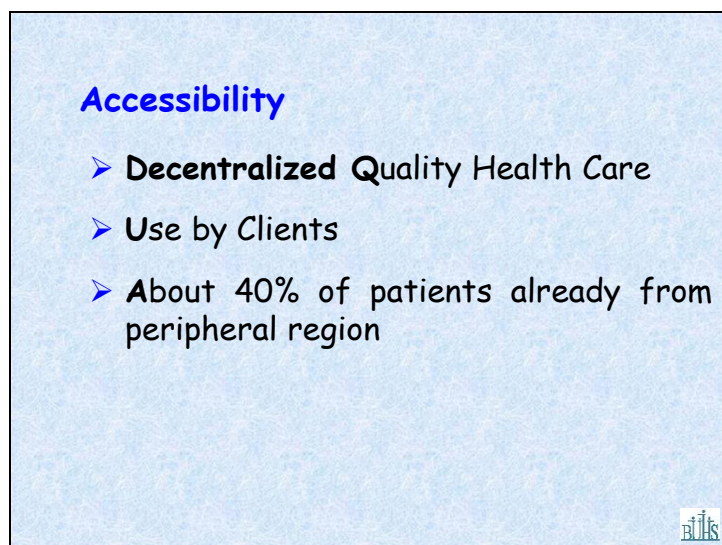


Figure 60. Accessibility.

First, the accessibility. The Project has been able to take quality health care up to the Upazilla and Union levels. The infrastructure for telemedicine has also been created which is visualized to increasing the accessibility to excellent care particularly in remote areas.

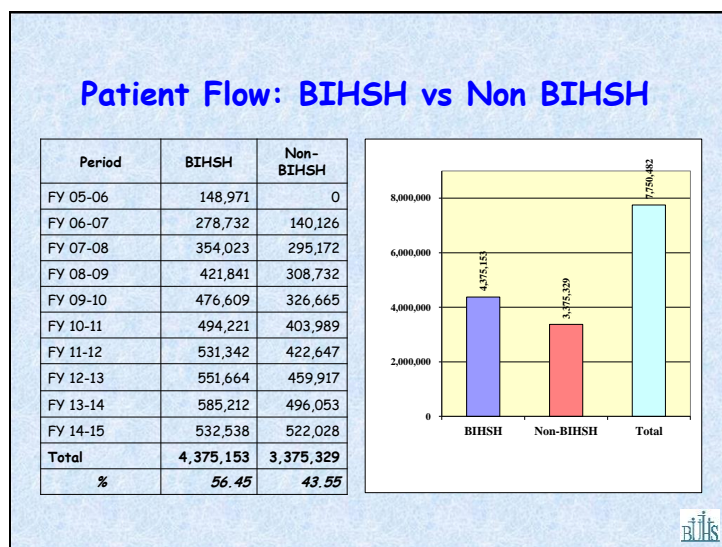


Figure 61. Patient Flow: BIHSH vs Non BIHSH.

About 44% of subjects were from the rural region. More important, the clients are using the facilities although a lot make remains to be done in near future.

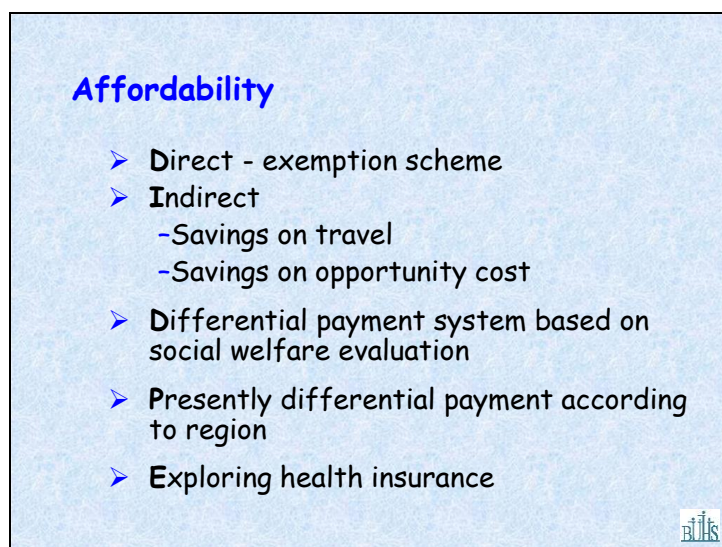


Figure 62. Affordability.

The Project has increased affordability of health care directly and indirectly. The direct contribution is through an exemption scheme based on perceived socioeconomic level of the locality and clients as evaluated by the social welfare unit of each HCDP facility. The indirect contribution is made by the savings on the travel and opportunity cost (for clients as well as attendants) creative through increased accessibility.

Differential service rate in various components

Test	BIHSH	RH	DDSH	BSH	TSH	PSH
Glucose, Fasting	130	80	80	90	60	60
Creatinine	250	300	150	150	120	150
HbA1C	600	450	400	400	400	250
Lipid Profile	1030	800	500	500	500	700
CBC	385	350	200	250	100	170
ALT (SGPT)	265	300	150	150	120	110
AST (SGOT)	265	300	150	150	120	110
Bilirubin (Total)	250	200	120	150	110	110
Whole Abdomen (USG)	900	500	400	400	300	350



Figure 63. Differential service rate in various components.

Social Welfare Service

Financial Year	Total (in Thous. Tk)
FY 05-06	14,782
FY 06-07	52,063
FY 07-08	71,895
FY 08-09	74,007
FY 09-10	78,512
FY 10-11	88,382
FY 11-12	100,678
FY 12-13	103,330
FY 13-14	99,353
FY 14-15	96,830

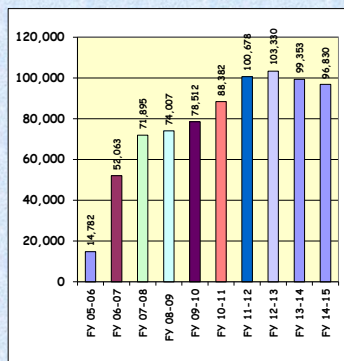


Figure 64. Social Welfare Service.



Figure 65. Sustainability.

On the sustainability issue we are concentrating on three aspects: Technical, Financial and Organizational.

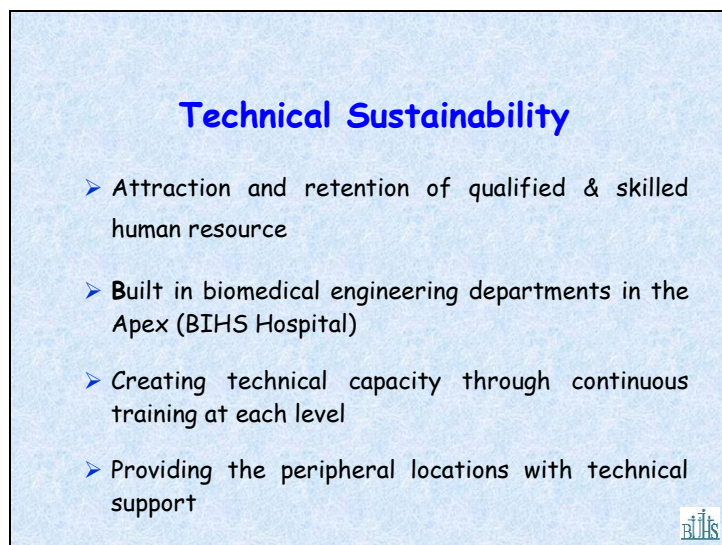


Figure 66. Technical Sustainability.

The technical sustainability was planned to be ensured through a built in biomedical engineering departments in the Apex (BIHS Hospital) of the Project which was also responsible for supporting the peripheral locations with some technical manpower at each level. The plan seems to be a workable one.

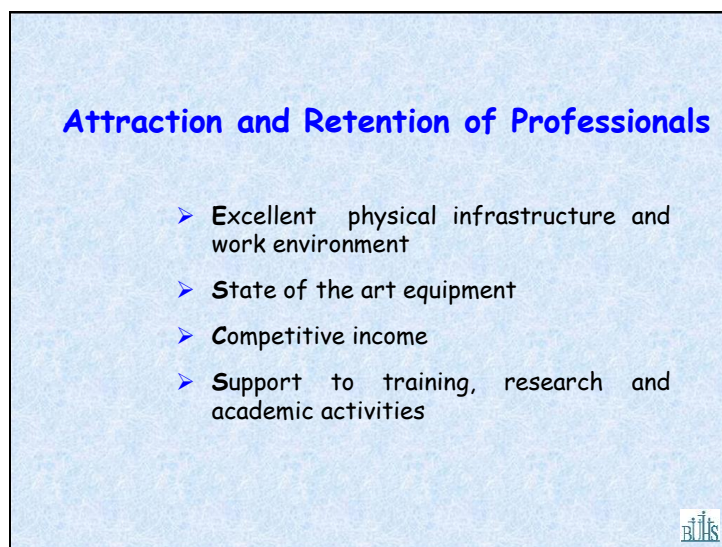


Figure 67. Attraction and Retention of Professionals.

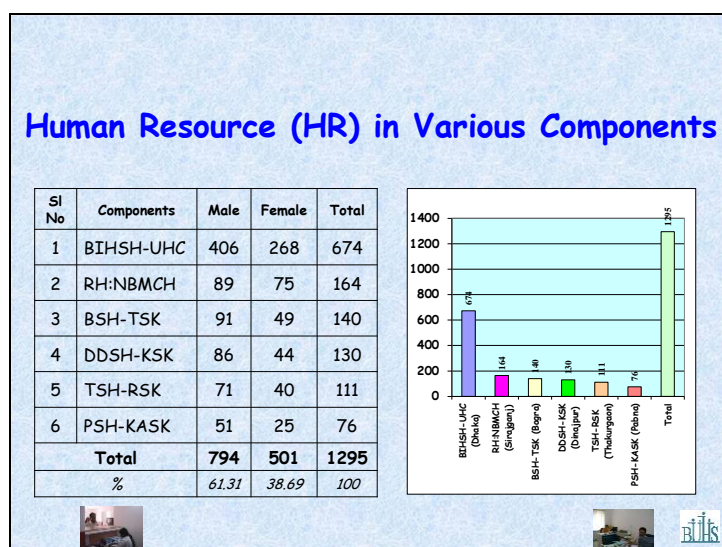


Figure 68. Human Resource (HR) in Various Components.

About 1295 employees have now been recruited in the Project of which about 48% are in the Periphery. of them about 50.42% are skilled professionals.

Category-wise HR in Various Components							
Sl No	Components	Physician	Nurse	Technician	Officer	Other Staff	Grand Total
1	BIHSH-UHC	141	65	135	144	189	674
2	RH (NBMCH)	29	22	46	10	57	164
3	BSH-TSK	17	13	41	14	55	140
4	DDSH-KSK	13	19	40	12	46	130
5	TSH-RSK	8	9	22	17	55	111
6	PSH-KASK	9	7	17	12	31	76
Total		217	135	301	209	433	1295
%		16.76	10.42	23.24	16.14	33.44	100.00

Figure 69. Category-wise HR in Various Components.

Financial Sustainability	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still a big challenge • Seems to be sustainable without debt servicing 	

Figure 70. Financial Sustainability.

Financial sustainability is still a big challenge for HCDP. Mainly due to debt servicing but it appears that it is perfectly sustainable financially if it can be implemented without any bank loan.

Year-wise Revenue Collection & Expenditure (in Hundred Thousand Tk)						
Particulars	FY 05-06 to FY08-09	FY 09-10 to FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	Total
Revenue Collection	7,637.81	11,987.08	4,055.11	5,242.92	5,502.05	34,424.97
Operating Expenditure	9,083.13	12,082.36	3,945.27	4,843.75	5,279.20	35,233.71
<i>Operating Balance</i>	<i>(1,445.32)</i>	<i>(95.28)</i>	<i>109.84</i>	<i>399.16</i>	<i>222.85</i>	<i>(808.74)</i>

Figure71. Year-wise Revenue Collection & Expenditure (in Hundred Thousand Tk).

Component-wise Financial Position				
Sl No	Particulars	BIHSH Component	Non-BIHSH Component	Total
1	Revenue Collection	2,504,341,835	938,154,890	3,442,496,725
2	Operating Expenditure	2,483,643,519	1,039,727,572	3,523,371,090
3	Operating Balance	20,698,316	(101,572,682)	(80,874,366)
4	Debt Servicing	446,007,649	230,840,140	676,847,790
5	Net Balance/(Deficit)	(425,309,333)	(332,412,822)	(757,722,155)
%	Collection vs Expenditure (without Debt)	100.83	90.23	97.70
	Collection vs Expenditure (with Debt)	85.48	73.84	81.96

Figure 72. Component-wise Financial Position.



Figure 73. Organizational Sustainability.

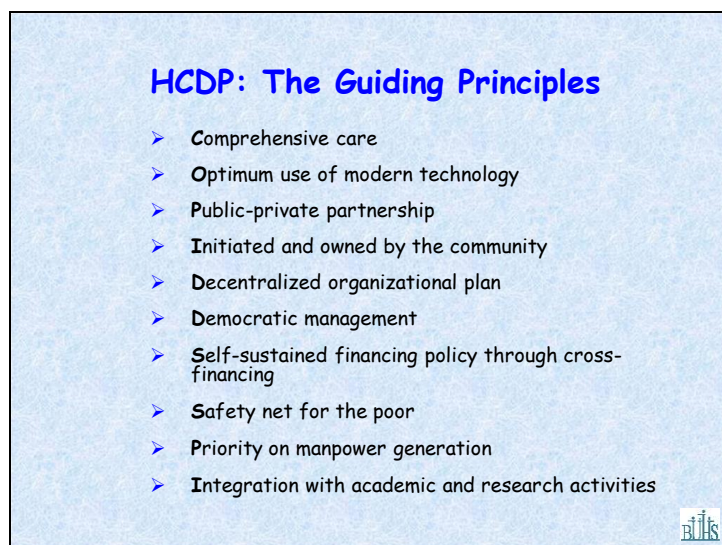


Figure 74. HCDP: The Guiding Principles.

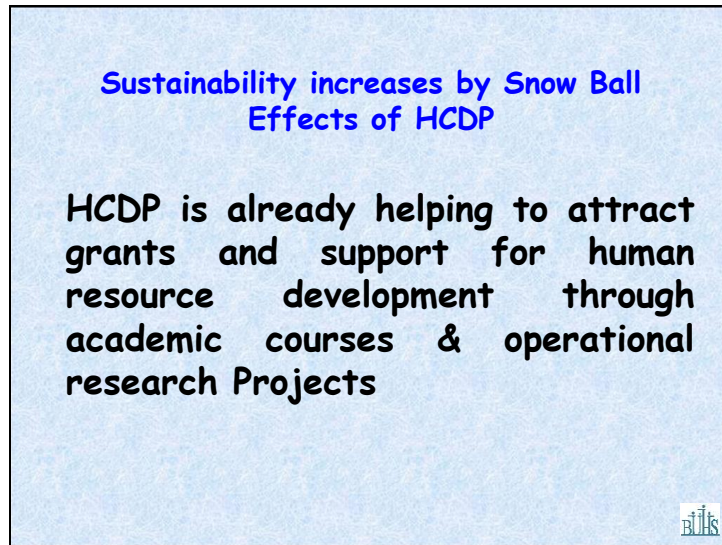


Figure 75. Sustainability increases by Snow Ball Effect of HCDP.

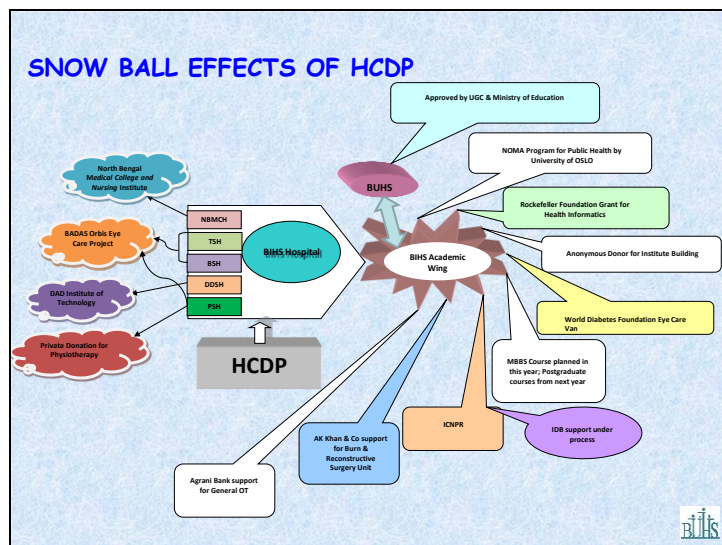


Figure 76. Snow Ball Effect of HCDP.

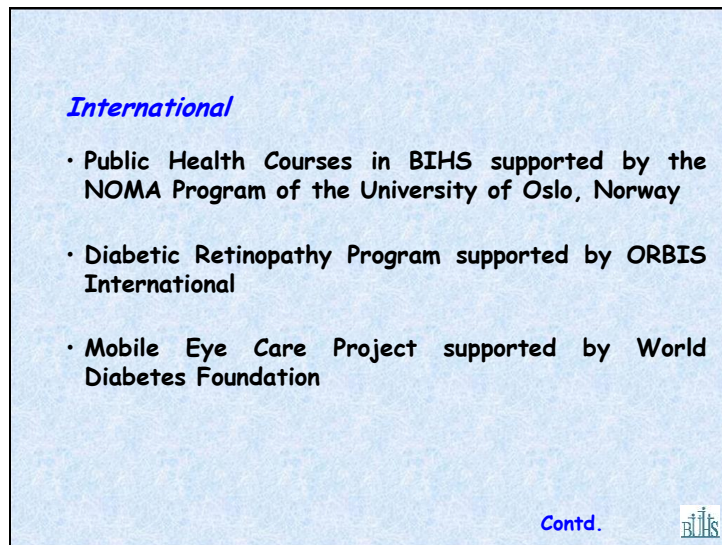


Figure 77. International.

Snow Ball Effects of HCDP is greatly contributing to increased sustainability.

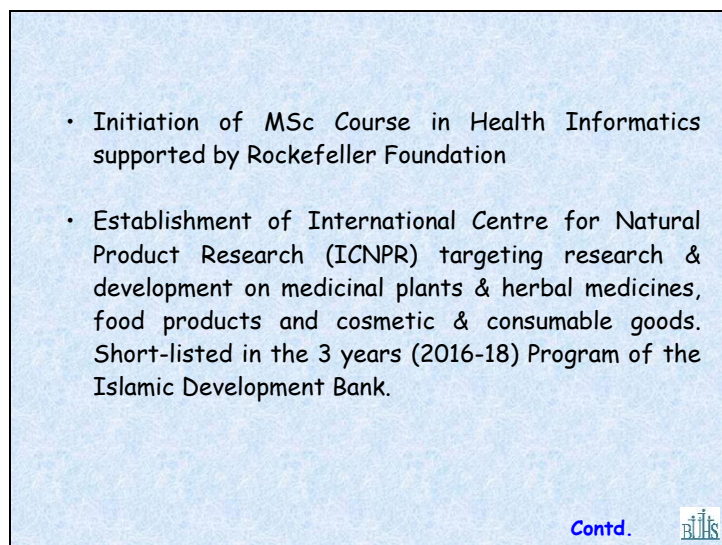


Figure 78.

<p>National</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Burn & Reconstructive Surgery Department supported by AK Khan Foundation Infrastructure development of BIHS academic part (supported by Anonymous local Donor) Establishment of Physiotherapy Centre in Pabna (supported by a local Donor, Mr Subhol Chandra Saha) Establishment of DAD Institute of Medical Technology under the Diabetic Association of Dinajpur 	
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Figure 79. National.

BADAS-ORBIS Eye Care Project				
Capacity Building				
YEAR	TSH	BSH	PSH (up to July 2011)	REMARKS
2008	11,505,140			Micro Bus,Digital Fundus camera,A-scan,B Scan,Operaing Microscope,Karatometer,Auclav e Machine,Laser, Indirect Microscope,Slit lamp etc.
2009	3,351,349			
2010		10,728,500		Digital Fundus camera,A-scan,Operaing Microscope,Karatometer,Auclav e Machine,Laser, Indirect Microscope,Auto Lens Meter,Auto Refractometer,Slit lamp etc.
2011			7,583,000	Operating Mirroscope,Digital Fundus Camera,Laser,Auto Lens Meter,B-scan
Total	14,856,489	10,728,500	7,583,000	33,167,989

Figure 80. BADAS-ORBIS Eye Care Project: Capacity Building.

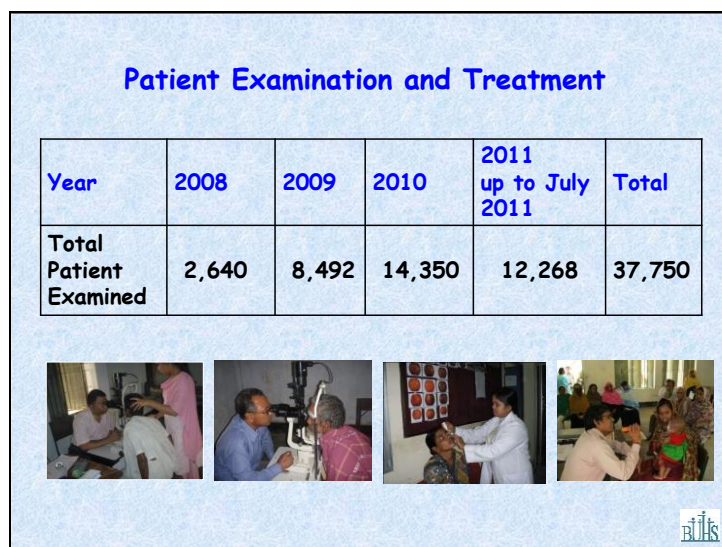


Figure 81. Patient Examination and Treatment.



Figure 82. Ophthalmological Surgery during Jan 2011-July 2011.

Human Resource Development				
Year	Doctors	Nurse	JTA	Others
2008	1. Refrashers training on Clinical Ophthalmology 2. Refractionist Asst Training	1. Refrashers training on Clinical Ophthalmology 2. OT Asst Training	1. Paramedics Asst Training 2. Spectacle Dispensing	1. India Visit, 2. Community Outreach & Social Marketing of Eye Care Service
2009	Short term fellowship on Vitreo-Retina at LVPEI, Long term on fellowship on Vitreo-Retina 2. Training on SICS at Islamia Eye Hospital 3. HBP 4. Flying Eye Hospital 5.	1. Operation Theater Management Course 2. OT Management 3. Refraction Techniques	1. Short term training on Optical Dispensing	1. training programme to understand Aravind initiatives in Diabetic Retinopathy Project, stuff structure and capacity building for running project 2. Community Outreach and Social Marketing of Eye Care Service 3. Out Reach Camp
2010	1. Long Term Fellowship on Vitreo-Retina 2. Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy Management* at Lions Arvind Institute of Community Ophthalmology		1. FFA, CEP 2. Spectical Despensing Training 3. Training of DECP	1. Management Training for Eye Care Programme Managers, LAICO, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai
2011	1. Long Term Fellowship on Vitreo-Retina	1. OT Management		

Figure 85. Human Resource Development.



Figure 86. Mobile Eye Care Project (MECP).



Figure 87. DR Camp & Services.

Ophthalmological Diagnosis/ Treatment Surgery during Dec 2012-August 2015

Particulars	Qty
Diabetes patients screened for DR	42,966
Visits made to fixed diabetes centres by mobile buses	78
Diabetic Patients have received diagnostic and laser therapy in Mobile Buses	8,645
Diabetic patients have undergone laser therapy or surgery	447

Figure 88. Ophthalmological Diagnosis/ Treatment Surgery during Dec 2012-August 2015.

Training	
Particulars	Qty
Training on Laser in Diabetic Retinopathy Management	1 Dr at Aravind Eye Hospital, India
Paramedics Asst. Training	22 Paramedics, 29 Technicians and 2 Fundus Photographers
Hands on Training provided	26 Doctors

Figure 89. Training.

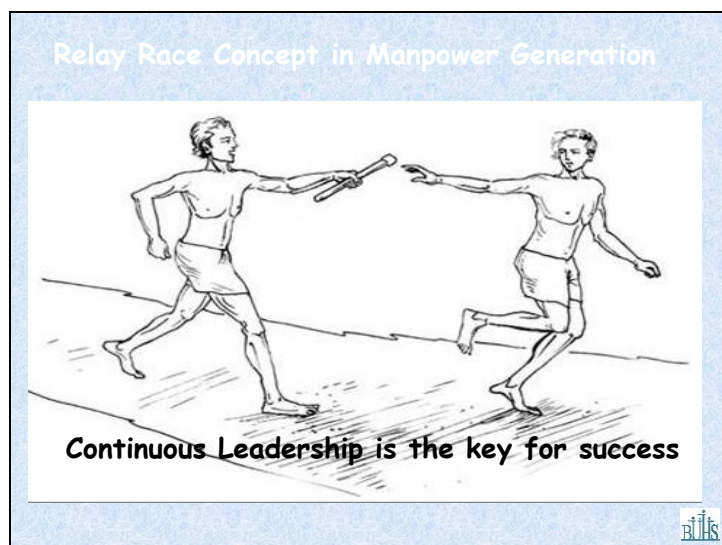



Figure 90. Relay Race Concept in Manpower Generation.

Manpower Development initiatives of DAB



Structured

- Postgraduate courses : DEM, M.Phil, MS, MD, PhD from BIRDEM Academy under university of Dhaka
- Three Medical Colleges – for undergraduate manpower development
- Bangladesh Institute of Health Sciences – UG&PG
- **Bangladesh University of Health Sciences – UG&PG**

Individualized

- WHO workshops for doctors, nurses & paramedics Training of doctors & medical students, other health professionals - lab.tech, nurses, social workers & students, dieticians.




Figure 91. Manpower Development Initiatives of DAB.

Courses conducted by BIRDEM Academy

• PhD	• MPhil (Biochemistry)
• MD (EM)	• MPhil (Radiology & Imaging)
• MD(Radiology & Imaging	• MPhil (Immunology)
• MD(Gastroenterology)	• Diploma in Ophthalmology
• MS (Gynae & Obs)	• Diploma in Anesthesiology
• MS (General Surgery)	• Diploma in EM
• MS (Ophthalmology)	
• MD (Neonatology)	




Figure 92. Courses Conducted by BIRDEM Academy.

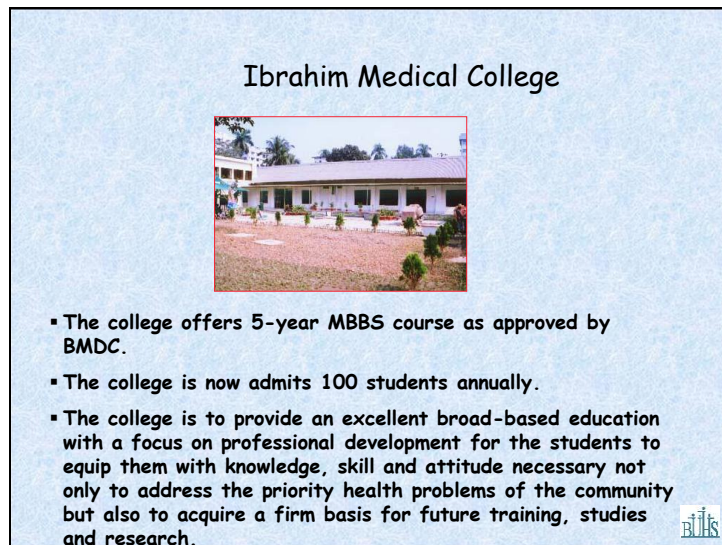


Figure 93. Ibrahim Medical College.



Figure 94. Manpower Development in Affiliated Associations.

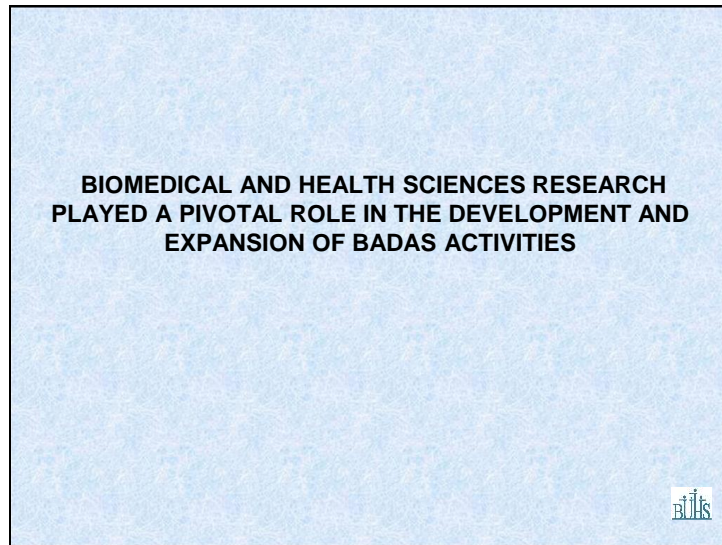



Figure 95.

THE ROOT



- Prof M Ibrahim, (Photo) the Founder of the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh
 - Basically a philanthropist clinician
 - Uncommonly, had a high interest in research
 - DAB itself started in 1986 through a research grant from the Pakistan Medical Research Council

BUHS

Figure 96. The Root.

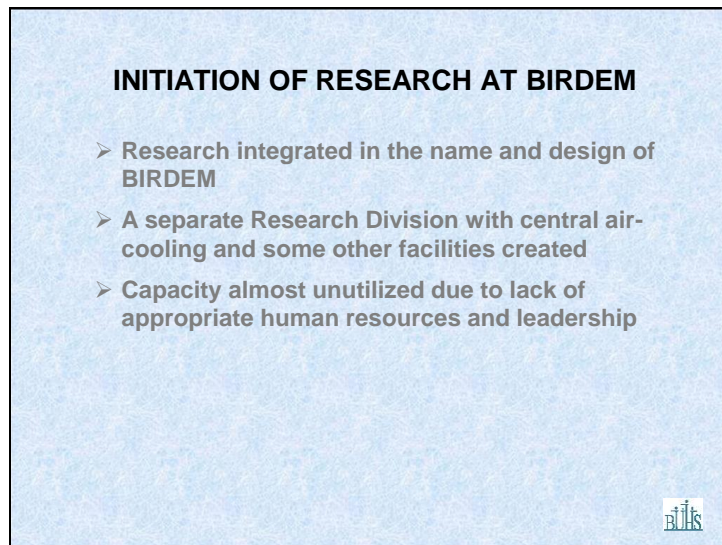


Figure 97. Initiation of Research at BIRDEM.



Figure 98.

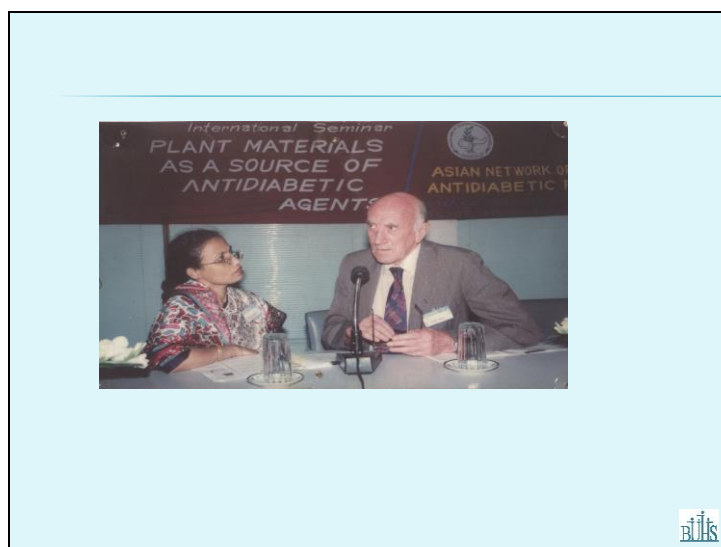


Figure 99.

STUDENTS (UNTIL 2003)	
PhD	
× Male	:11
× Female	:15
MD/MS/Mphil/MSc	
× Male	:48
× Female	:97

Figure 100. Students (until 2003).



Figure 101. Publications and Conference Reports (until 2003).

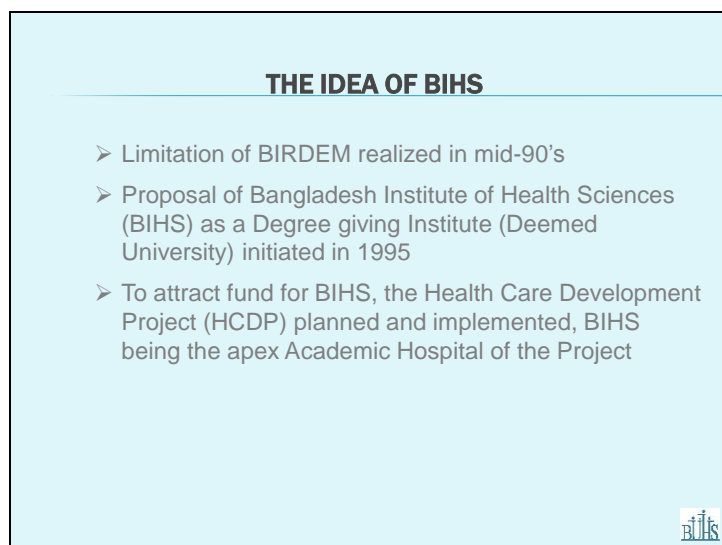


Figure 102. The Idea of BIHS.

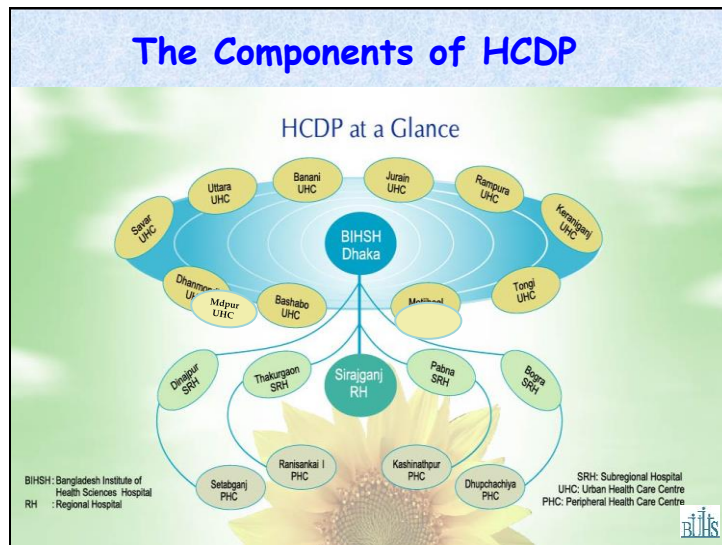


Figure 103. The Components of HCDP.

HCDP has been designed with a 4 Peripheral at sub district level, 10 UHC in an around the Capital of Dhaka city, 4 SRH and 1 RH Hospital at district level and 1 Apex hospital BIHS at Dhaka

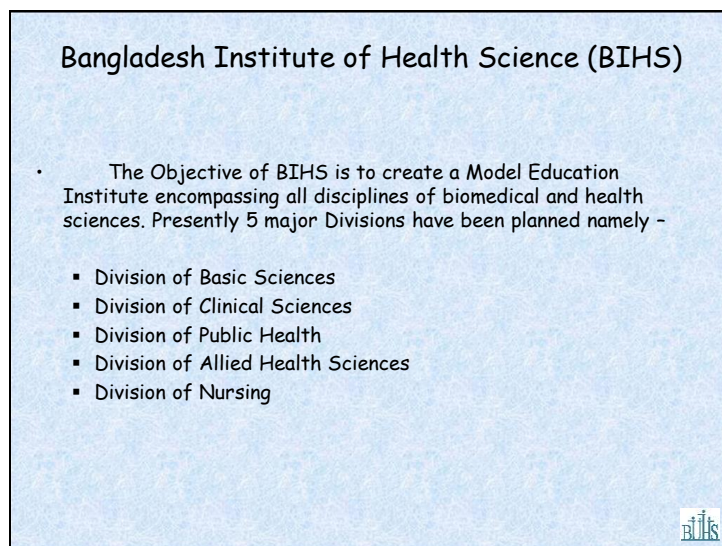


Figure 104. Bangladesh Institute of Health Science (BIHS).

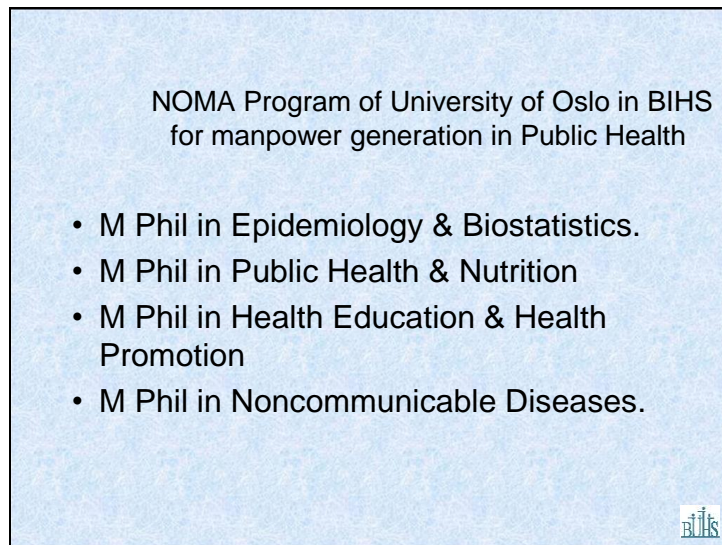


Figure 105. NOMA Program of University of Oslo in BIHS for Manpower Generation in Public Health.

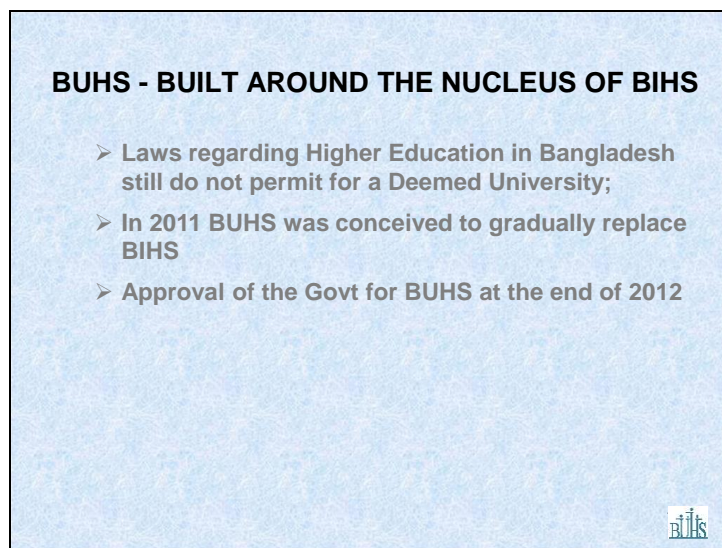


Figure 106. BUHS – Built Around the Nucleus of BIHS.

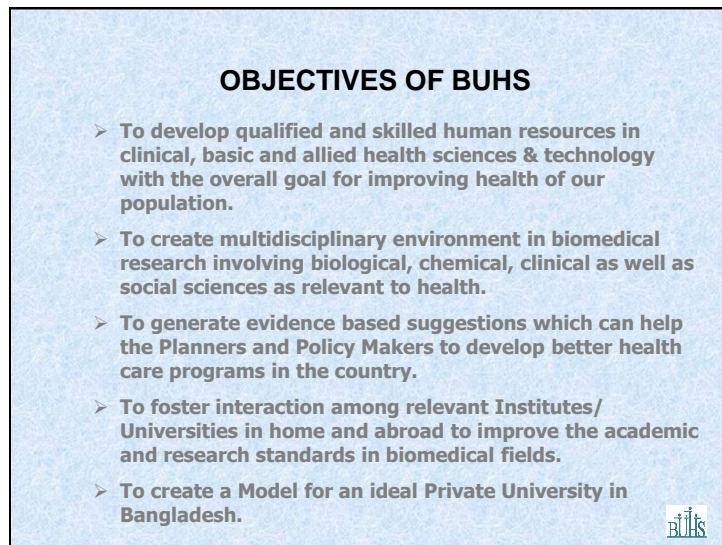


Figure 107. Objectives of BUHS.

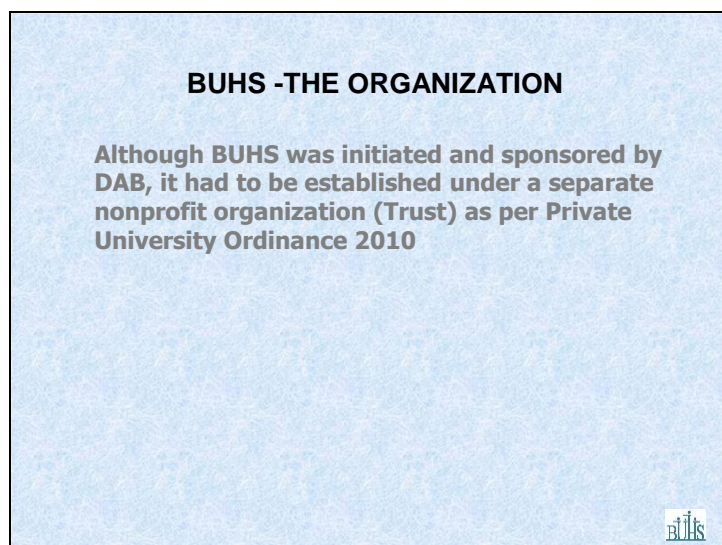


Figure 108. BUHS – The Organization.

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>A. Faculty of Basic Sciences</i>		
Sl No	Degree	Program
Dept of Chemistry		
1	MS	MS in Medicinal Chemistry
Dept of Biochemistry & Cell biology		
2	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry and Cell Biology
3	MS	MS in Biochemistry
4	MS	MS in Cell Biology
Dept of Genetics & Molecular Biology		
5	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Genetics and Molecular Biology
6	MS	MS in Molecular Biology
7	MS	MS in Genetics
Dept of Microbiology & Immunology		
8	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Microbiology and Immunology
9	MS	MS in Microbiology
10	MS	MS in Immunology

Figure 109. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Basic Sciences.

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>B. Faculty of Public Health</i>		
Sl No	Degree	Program
Dept of Community Medicine		
11	Masters	Masters in Community Medicine
12	Masters	Masters in Noncommunicable Diseases
Dept of Community Nutrition		
13	Bachelor	Bachelor in Community Nutrition
14	Masters	Masters in Community Nutrition
Dept of Health Promotion and Education		
15	Bachelor	Bachelor in Health Promotion and Education
16	Masters	Masters in Health Promotion and Education
Dept of Epidemiology		
17	Masters	Masters in Epidemiology
Dept of Reproductive and Child Health		
18	Bachelor	Bachelor in Reproductive and Child Health
19	Masters	Masters in Reproductive and Child Health

Figure 110. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Public Health.

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>B. Faculty of Public Health (contd)</i>		
Sl No	Degree	Program
Dept of Occupational Health and Safety		
20	Bachelor	Bachelor in Occupational Health and Safety
21	Masters	Masters in Occupational Health and Safety
Dept of Environmental Health and Safety		
22	Bachelor	Bachelor in Environmental Health and Safety
23	Masters	Masters in Environmental Health and Safety
Dept of Community Dentistry		
24	Masters	Masters in Community Dentistry
Dept of Community Ophthalmology		
25	Masters	Masters in Community Ophthalmology

Figure 111. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Public Health (contd).

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>B. Faculty of Public Health (contd)</i>		
Sl No	Degree	Program
Dept of Public Health Nursing		
26	Masters	Masters in Public Health Nursing
Dept of Family Medicine		
27	Masters	Masters in Family Medicine
Dept of Podiatrics		
28	Masters	Masters of Podiatrics
Dept of Gereontology		
29	Masters	Masters of Gereontology
Dept of Community Dermatology & Venereology		
30	Masters	Masters of Dermatology & Venereology

Figure 112. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Public Health (contd).

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>C. Faculty of Allied Health Sciences</i>		
Sl No	Degree	Program
Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology		
31	Bachelor	Bachelor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
32	Masters	Masters in Biostatistics
Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology		
31	Bachelor	Bachelor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
32	Masters	Masters in Biostatistics
Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology		
31	Bachelor	Bachelor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
32	Masters	Masters in Biostatistics
Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology		
31	Bachelor	Bachelor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
32	Masters	Masters in Biostatistics
Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology		
31	Bachelor	Bachelor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology

Figure 113. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

PROGRAMS UNDER DIFFERENT FACULTIES		
<i>D. Faculty of Health Engineering & Technology</i>		
Dept of Applied Laboratory Sciences		
37	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Applied Laboratory Sciences
38	MS	MS in Applied Laboratory Sciences
Dept of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering		
39	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
40	MS	MS in Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
Dept of Radiology & Imaging Technology		
41	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Radiology & Imaging Technology
42	MS	MS in Radiology & Imaging Technology
Dept of Biomedical Engineering		
43	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Engineering
44	MS	MS in Biomedical Engineering
Dept of Medical Physics		
45	MS	MS in Medical Physics

Figure 114. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Health Engineering and Technology.

E. Faculty of Pharmacy

Bills

Figure 115. Programs Under Different Faculties: Faculty of Pharmacy.

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Figure 116. BUHS Campus.

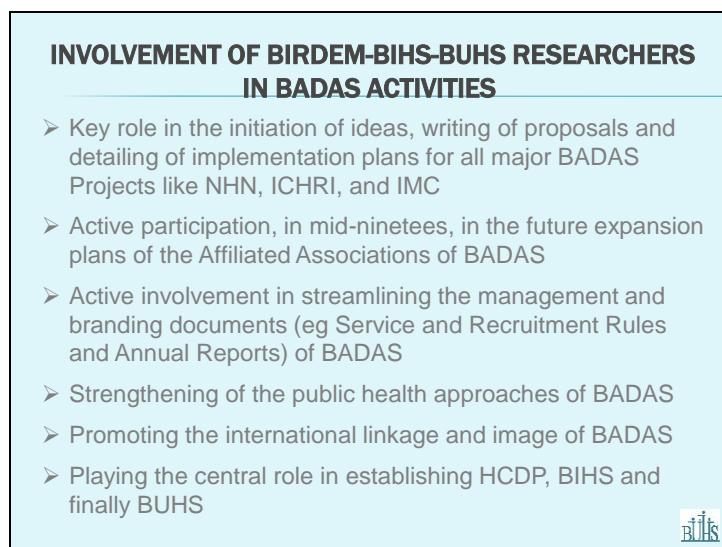


Figure 117. Involvement of BIRDEM-BIHS-BUHS Researchers in BADAS Activities.

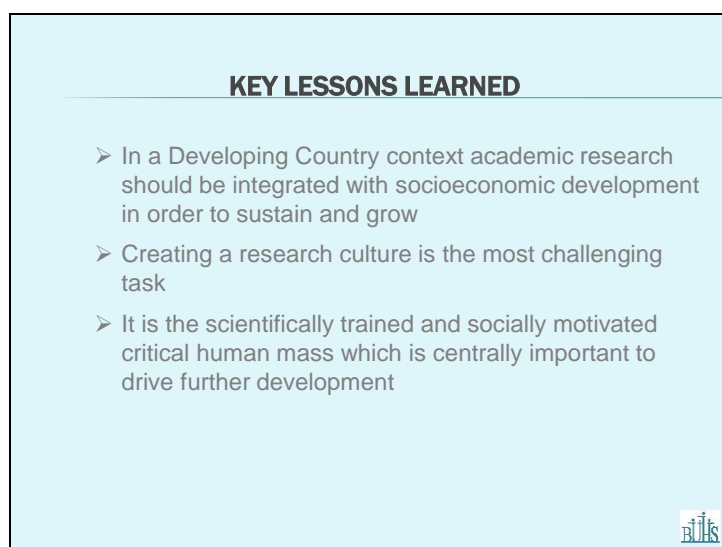


Figure 118. Key Lessons Learned.

APPENDIX A

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56.	Prof. Idriss Khalil	Morocco
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Prof. Mohammed Manna Al-Qattan	2007	Saudi Arabia.
Dr Faris Gavrankapetanovic	2009	Bosnia.
Dr Saima Riazuddin	2011	Pakistan.
Prof. Liaquat Ali	2013	Bangladesh.
Prof. Jackie Ying	2015	Singapore.

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APPENDIX H

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- *The Islamic Academy of Sciences*. Proceedings of the Founding Conference (1986). Published by the Islamic Academy of Sciences, **Editor: A. Kettani (Morocco)**.
- *Food Security in the Muslim World*. Proceedings of the first international conference, Amman (Jordan) (1987). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editor: S. Qasem (Jordan)**.
- *Science and Technology Policy for Self-Reliance in the Muslim World*. Proceedings of the second international conference, Islamabad (Pakistan) (1988). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: F. Daghestani (Jordan), H. El-Mulki (Jordan), and M. Al-Halaiqa (Jordan)**.
- *New Technologies and Development of the Muslim World*. Proceedings of the third international conference, (Kuwait) (1989). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: F. Daghestani (Jordan), and S. Qasem (Jordan)**.
- *Technology Transfer for Development in the Muslim World*. Proceedings of the fourth international conference, Antalya (Turkey) (1990). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: F. Daghestani (Jordan), A. Altamemi (Jordan), and M. Ergin (Turkey)**.
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- *Environment and Development in the Islamic World*. Proceedings of the sixth international conference, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) (1992). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: S. Al-Athel (Saudi Arabia), and F. Daghestani (Jordan)**.
- *Health, Nutrition and Development in the Islamic World*. Proceedings of the seventh international conference, Dakar (Senegal) (1993). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: N. Bor (Turkey), A. Kettani (Morocco), and Moneef R. Zou'bi (Jordan)**.
- *Water in the Islamic World: An Imminent Crisis*. Proceedings of the eighth international conference, Khartoum (Sudan) (1994). Published by the Islamic

World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: M. Ergin (Turkey), H. Dogan Altinbilek (Turkey), and Moneef R. Zou'bi (Jordan).**

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- *Information Technology for Development in the Islamic World*. Proceeding of the tenth international conference, Tunis (Tunisia) (2000). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: M. Ergin (Turkey), M. Doruk (Turkey), and Moneef R. Zou'bi (Jordan) (ISBN 9957-412-03-5).**
- *Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering for Development in the Islamic World*. Proceedings of the eleventh international conference, Rabat (Morocco) (2001). Published by the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, **Editors: A. S. Majali (Jordan), M. Ergin (Turkey), and Moneef R. Zou'bi (Jordan) (ISBN 9957-412-07-8).**
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