

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)

17th Council meeting of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) was held on August 23, 2021 in Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad and convened by Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. After recitation from the Holy Quran chairperson appreciated the honourable members for sparing precious time and warmly welcomed all new members especially Vice Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Fauzia Yousaf. Later chairperson appreciated the efforts and services rendered by Ex-Vice Chairperson late Prof. Dr. Nadeem Abbassi for the growth and progress of NAEAC and requested honourable members to offer Fatiha. Afterwards Chairperson NAEAC presented the accomplishments of council during last financial year with future vision to upgrade and revitalize its working. He accentuated major challenges of financial sustainability of council and presented a plan for improving council financial health. Upgradation of evaluation tool kit is another milestone that he has taken up together with enhancement of evaluator pool especially for the new programs and hand holding of emerging HEIs to improve standard of education being dispensed. He announced that the council is going to issue first ever Professional Agriculturist registration card and Agricultural Graduate registration system is also in progress. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Council Secretary presented the regular agenda items in a phased manner. Council members appreciated efforts made by Secretariate and approved the minutes of 16th meeting, accreditation rating of different programs of various institutions awarded in year 2019-2020 and granted approval for annual work plan and new budget of 2021-22. In order to embrace latest innovations in different disciplines and to comprehend the minimum standards of new emerging disciplines the council also approved the revised evaluation manual. The new subjects including Dairy Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, Nutrition & Dietetics, and Wildlife Management were also approved to be accredited by NAEAC. It was also concluded that a comprehensive investment plan for council funds would be made and presented in next meeting. NAEAC also planned to adopt environment friendly paperless digital accreditation process which will reduce the time of reporting and improve quality of accreditation system. For this purpose Accreditation Automation System (AAS) is being developed and will be ready for implementation at the end of this year. During meeting new transfigured website was inaugurated and launched which is dynamic and user friendly.



In the concluding remarks chair reiterated the support provided by council members and appreciated the online participants as we'll.

In his concluding remarks Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana thanked all the participants for the participation and valuable suggestions.

