Introduction:

United Nations University - MERIT is a research institute working primarily on science, technology and innovation for developing countries. Beside its several research programs undergoing, one of the most relevant to developing countries is a training program namely Design & Evaluation of Innovation Policy (DEIP). Now, the UNU-MERIT plans to have the training session in-collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan during March 10-15, 2008.

Objectives:

After attending the course, participants will be able to:

1- Better appreciate the various components of an innovation policy and especially to distinguish between financial and non-financial instruments and their impact;
2- Understand the importance of policies to increase the supply of technically trained human resource for R&D and other innovation activities;
3- Improve the collection and presentation of conventional indicators so as to use them to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of specific instruments of innovation policies; and
4- Take explicit cognizance of the existence of new innovation indicators such as community innovation surveys and also understand the limitations of replicating such efforts in developing countries.

Curriculum and Structure of the Programme:

The course adopts an innovation systems perspective to the analysis of innovation policy. It is spread over five working days with an opportunity for informal meetings between the participants. The programme is structured into two modules. Module one deals with policy design issues, while module two offers lectures on issues and techniques related to the monitoring and evaluation of innovation policies. Approximately two hours are scheduled for country case preparation in one of the morning sessions. An issue-oriented roundtable will enable the participants to discuss innovation policy initiatives in their own countries. The workshop emphasizes cross-country dialogue on innovation policies.

Dates: March 10-15, 2008

Duration: The programme will be spread over five working days (Monday to Friday)

Target clientele: 35-40 senior and middle level officials of Ministries of Science and Technology, Ministries of Industry and other technology supporting institutions and agencies.

Course completion certificate: All participants who successfully complete the course will be given a course completion certificate.
**Reading Materials:** Participants will be provided with a compilation of key reading materials.

**Course Fee:** No course fee will be charged for participants.

**Application:** Application forms can be downloaded from the links below. Application deadline is 20th December 2007.

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