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## A NOTE from the DG



Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak  
Director General (PNAC)

*Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) is an active international player striving for improvement in quality and conformity. PNAC plays a pivotal role in the economic growth of the country by facilitating credible trade. Its services are comprised of awarding accreditation and conducting trainings on national/international accreditation standards, which are internationally recognized.*

*Furthermore, I am glad to highlight and share the fact that we have decided to launch new accreditation schemes/scopes to support Government's initiatives of improving trade, commerce, security and environment from year 2021 onwards. I am proud of my team comprising of full time and part time employees working as assessors, technical experts, trainers and supporting staff. We strictly follow principles of impartiality, confidentiality, integrity, competence, commitment, continuous improvement and accountability in our work environment.*

*Ismat Gul Khattak*





## PNAC MISSION



Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) has the mission to strive actively for quality improvement, competence and integrity of Conformity Assessment Bodies such as Testing, Calibration, Medical Laboratories, Inspection Bodies, Management System & Halal Certification Bodies and Healthcare Systems by providing them internationally and nationally recognized accreditation services that benefit the consumers, producers, regulators and other stakeholders.

## PNAC VISION



To become the most competent & reliable accreditation body of the region.

## PNAC SERVICES

- Testing & calibration laboratories
- Certification bodies
- Medical Laboratories
- Inspection bodies
- Halal Certification Bodies
- Proficiency Testing Providers
- Product Certification Bodies
- Personal Certification Bodies

## WHY OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT

Worldwide acceptance of certificate and test reports issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by PNAC, helps the public and private business community to export locally manufactured goods and commodities to the international market with ease.

PNAC holds Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) and Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) with the following renowned regional and international entities:

- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
- Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)
- International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF)
- Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC)

These agreements have brought Pakistan an international recognition and it is now on the list of countries having harmonized and equivalence status for accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs).

## PNAC VALUES



- Impartiality,
- Confidentiality and Integrity,
- Competence,
- Commitment, and, Continuous Improvement,
- Accountability

# International Recognition of PNAC



International  
Accreditation Forum



International Laboratory  
Accreditation Cooperation



Asia Pacific Accreditation  
Cooperation (APAC)

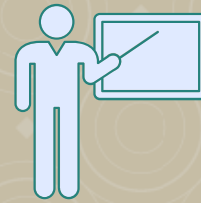


Standards and Metrology  
Institute for the Islamic  
Countries



International Halal  
Accreditation Forum

## TRAININGS



- Testing and Calibration labs according to ISO/IEC 17025
- Certification Bodies according to ISO/IEC 17021
- Inspection bodies according to ISO/IEC 17020
- Medical labs according to ISO 15189
- Halal Certification Bodies according to PS 4992
- Proficiency Testing according to ISO/IEC 17043
- Product Certification according to ISO/IEC 17065
- Personal Certification bodies according to ISO/IEC 17024.

## Number of Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies



179

Testing &  
Calibration



7

Halal  
Certification



7

Certification  
bodies



1

Product  
Certification Bodies



11

Medical  
Laboratories



4

Proficiency  
Testing  
Provider



12

Inspection  
Bodies



1

Personal  
Certification Bodies

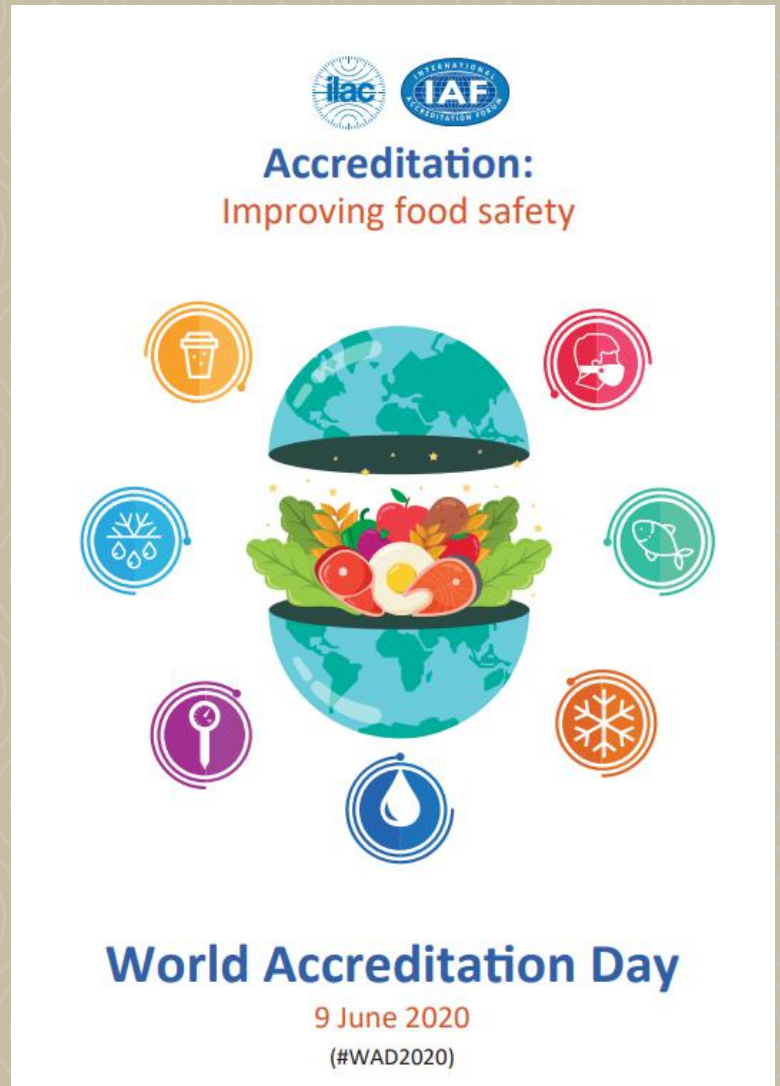


## Year 2020 Accreditation theme by IAF & ILAC: Improving Food Safety

World Accreditation Day is marked on 9 June every year as a global initiative jointly established by ILAC and IAF, to help raise awareness about the importance of being accredited. Year 2020 theme was focused on how accreditation process can improve food safety, support the confidence of consumers, suppliers, purchasers, regulators and specifiers in the quality and safety of food.

For consumers around the world, access to safe and nutritious food is an essential requirement for maintaining their overall health and well-being.

The term food safety describes all practices that are used to keep our food safe. Food safety relies on all players involved in the supply of food, from farmers and producers to retailers and caterers. Standards & accreditation are referenced in the WTO TBT Agreement & play an important role in trade facilitation.



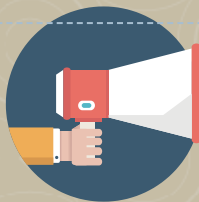
WTO reported that 30% of trade concerns discussed mentioned ISO, 12% mentioned IEC, and 10% mentioned ILAC. The appropriate application of standards & accredited conformity assessment therefore has the potential to resolve these concerns to the benefit of both industrialized & developing economies.

In April 2019, a Joint Statement issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) & the World Trade Organization (WTO) stated that : “Foodborne diseases have a significant impact on public health, food security, productivity & poverty. Accredited conformity assessment activities contribute to the prevention and treatment of the adverse effects of unsafe & Adulterated food.

PNAC is also contributing his role at international level through participation in the international meetings and casting more than 20 Votes/year regarding the MRA status and different policies of the following international organizations;

- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
- International Halal Accreditation Cooperation (IHAF)
- Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)
- Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)

# Important Announcements!



PNAC is planning to launch following new accreditation schemes in future;

- ISO 13485:2016 for Medical devices
- Food safety management system (FSMS)
- Information Security Management System (ISMS)
- GLOBALG.A.P. (Standards for good agricultural practices)
- Reference Material Producers (ISO 17034)
- Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)
- Pakistan Hospital Accreditation Standard
- Green Building Certification
- ISO 18788:2015 (Management system for private security operations)

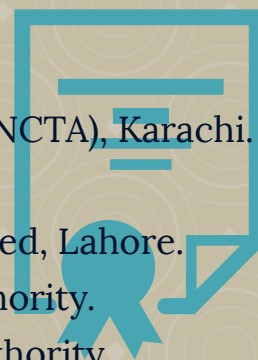
## ***Congratulations!*** **Latest Accreditations**



We would like to congratulate the following organizations for successfully achieving their accreditation with PNAC:



- NovaMed Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Limited.
- Pakistan Navy Central Testing Authority (PNCTA), Karachi.
- Leon Inspection Testingb Pvt LTD Karachi.
- Asian Environmental Services Private Limited, Lahore.
- District Food Laboratory, Punjab Food Authority.
- Mobile Food Laboratories, Punjab Food Authority.
- Environmental Services Pakistan.
- Doctors Hospital & Medical Centre (DHMC) Laboratory
- PEST Management Services (PVT) LTD



## ***Training calendar for courses offered by PNAC in 2021!***

Training calendar for the courses offered by PNAC in 2021 has been launched on our website. Please visit our website [www.pnac.gov.pk](http://www.pnac.gov.pk), or follow our social media accounts for updates.



# Launching of Pakistan Hospital Standard by PNAC

Standardized Healthcare sector is of paramount importance for any country which has a significant impact on its economy. Healthcare system of Pakistan consists of private and public sector. The private sector serves around 70% of population and 30% by public sector. However, there is no implementation of uniform/harmonized healthcare hospital standard to monitor and evaluate healthcare services delivered by Pakistan's extensive health care infrastructure.

Pakistan National Accreditation Council (Ministry of Science & Technology) is carrying out Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) project of "Pakistan National Hospital and Healthcare Accreditation Awareness" to promote the implementation of Hospital Standard through seminars and trainings across Pakistan.

Now PNAC is preparing to launch Pakistan's hospital accreditation against Pakistan Standards, (PS: 5255, PS: 5256, PS: 5257) for primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitals and healthcare facilities. This Pakistan Standard was adopted by the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority; Standards Development Centre on 29-04-2013 after the draft finalized by the Joint Technical Committee on Primary Healthcare Facilities and Hospital Standards had been recommended by the National Standards Committee on Healthcare. This Pakistan standard on healthcare have been developed with the consensus of stakeholders i.e. private, public and NGO organizations, medical associations, basic health units, rural health centers district and teaching hospitals, and other hospital support service areas by the Department of Health to ensure that these standards were relevant, important, understandable, measurable and achievable in Pakistani context.

Hospital accreditation will help in achieving and maintaining the high-quality standards of medical care. This will benefit hospitals, patients and its staff by providing satisfaction, professional development, monetary reward, prestige.



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# Green Building Certification in Pakistan by PNAC

Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) is planning to launch a new scheme of “Green Building Certification” in coordination with national and international stakeholders in the future in order to robustly pursue PNAC’s vision of becoming the most competent & reliable accreditation body of the region.

Now the question arises, how does a building become ‘green’? This is possible through creation of green building rating systems that prompt the buildings to improve their environmental performance through sustainable design and operations. Once a building succeeds in achieving a set number of parameters, it will be certified as a ‘green building’.

According to the experts, the building and construction sector is responsible for almost 39% of the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Due to this massive carbon footprint, people have started to realize the importance of constructing green buildings. In simple terms, a ‘green’ building is a building that minimizes or eliminates negative aspects and has the ability to create positive impacts on our natural environment through its design, construction and operation. Almost all green buildings are sustainable, preserve precious natural resources and improve our quality of life. The most popular building certification models today are BREEAM (UK), LEED (US), and DGNB (Germany).

Listed below are the main components of green building:

1. Taking an intelligent approach to energy
2. Safeguarding water resources
3. Minimising waste - Maximising reuse
4. Promoting health and wellbeing
5. Keeping our environment green
6. Creating resilient & flexible structures
7. Connecting communities and people
8. Considering all stages of a building's life-cycle



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# **PNAC's Key Engagements with Public and Private Entities**

## **PNAC, PSQCA and Public Private Partnership Initiative (PPP)**

In continuation with the meeting held on 10th Sep, 2020 presided by Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan with Federal Minister of Science & Tech Ch. Fawad Hussain, Federal Secretary (Ministry of Science & Technology) and attended by DG PNAC, and DG PSQCA, follow up meetings were carried out on 01st and 2nd October, 2020 between PNAC and PSQCA. Director General PNAC Miss Ismat Gul Khattak explained the mechanism of Public Private Partnership for regulated products of PSQCA.

## **Visit of DG KRL to PNAC**

Director General KRL paid a visit to PNAC and had a meeting with DG PNAC on 6th Oct, 2020. Matters related to accreditation of KRL labs and training of KRL technical experts as assessors on relevant standards were discussed.

## **Meeting with Governor of Punjab Chief of Staff**

Ms. Rabia Zia Chief of Staff (Governor of Punjab) met with DG PNAC Miss Ismat Gul Khattak in her office on 13th Oct, 2020. Management system for private security operations based upon ISO 18788:2015 was discussed in the meeting. DG PNAC said that PNAC will be launching ISO 18788:2015 scheme in 2021 as it provides a framework for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and improving the management of security operations.

## **Management Meeting with Bureau Veritas & Intertek**

DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak had a meeting with Mr. Tariq Qamar (Manager Operations Bureau Veritas) in Lahore on 15th Oct, 2020 and with Mr. Shahid Salim (CEO Intertek) on 19th Oct, 2020 and in Karachi. Management of both certification bodies were briefed about to the Public Private Partnership of product certification scheme of PSQCA regulated products/items and invited to take part in this PPP initiative. They are interested to take part in it and looking forward to play effective role, which will result in massive improvements in Trade and commerce of the country.

## **CEO World Halal Trust, UK**

DG PNAC had a meeting with CEO World Halal Trust, UK in PNAC office Islamabad on 22nd Oct, 2020. CEO Mr. Ashfaq was visiting Pakistan discussed about the cooperation in accreditation of Halal products in UK

## **Online meeting with Institute of Quality & Technology Management, University of Punjab**

An online meeting was held between DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak and Director IQTM Dr. Muhammad Usman on 23rd Oct, 2020. DG PNAC emphasized that topics related to conformity, standardization & accreditation should be made part along with quality in the curriculum of IQTM University of Punjab. She further iterated that it will result in effective awareness of students about accreditation and its resultant benefits for the trade and economy.



# PNAC's Key Engagements with Public and Private Entities

## **Meeting with Intertek Pakistan & SGS Pakistan in Karachi on Public Private Partnership Initiative (PPP)**



From 2nd to 3rd November, 2020 Director General Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak conducted meetings with CEO Intertek Pakistan Mr. Shahid and CEO SGS Pakistan Mr. Razzak Lakhani regarding product Certification of regulatory items of Pakistan Standard & Quality Control Authority in Karachi.

A follow up meeting with DG PSQCA, Karachi was also carried out in this regard.

## **Visit of CEO Murree Brewery Company to PNAC office**



Chief Executive of Murree Brewery Company Mr. Isphanyar Bhandara visited PNAC office in Islamabad on 11th Nov, 2020 & apprised DG PNAC about his company's interest towards accreditation process.

## **DG PNAC as a member of Technical Committee of KPK Healthcare Commission**

Director General PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak have been nominated as the Member of KPK Healthcare Commission and she participated in the 1st meeting (online) of KPK Healthcare commission on 12th Nov, 2020. After formulation of multiple technical committees, another consultative meeting was held on 26th Nov, 2020 regarding aspects of improvement in healthcare sector of KPK and the role PNAC can play in it. DG PNAC joined the meeting via video link from Islamabad.

## **Interactive meeting with Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) on economic cooperation in Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.**



A meeting was held in Ministry of Commerce Islamabad with Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) on economic cooperation between two developing economies on 13th Nov, 2020. Areas of common interests were discussed with the visiting dignitaries



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## **Meeting with delegation from ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**



**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

Delegation of ADB visited PNAC office in Islamabad on 16th Nov, 2020. Director (IL) Mr. Azhar Iqbal represented PNAC in the meeting. In order to enhance the acceptability of the Pakistani Products, Asian Development Bank has recognized the key role of PNAC in increasing the Pakistani Exports and has developed 02 years plan for supporting and facilitating PNAC multiple areas including Automation of PNAC accreditation systems and processes.

## **Surveillance Assessment of NPSL being monitored by DG PNAC**



Surveillance Assessment was carried out for National Metrology Institute (NMI) National Physical and Standards Laboratory (NPSL), Islamabad on 18th November, 2020. Moreover witnessing of assessor in NPSL was also carried out.

## **Ceremony of award of accreditation to Murree Brewery Company Laboratory**



Murree Brewery Company have achieved a milestone of getting the accreditation of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 from PNAC for their lab. Director General PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak



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inaugurated accredited Laboratory of Murree Brewery Company Limited. She presented accreditation certificate and appreciated the whole team of Central Laboratory. Director (IL) Mr. Azhar Iqbal and Deputy Director Mr. Muhammad Imran also accompanied her during the visit.

## **Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) facilitated collaboration between Dubai Central Labs UAE and National Physical and Standards Laboratory (NPSL) Pakistan**

DG PNAC held a meeting with management of National Physical and Standards Laboratory (NPSL) on 01 Dec, 2020.

Agenda of the meeting was to facilitate National Physical and Standards Laboratory (NPSL) for resolving Proficiency Testing/ILC calibration issues in collaboration with Dubai Central Labs.

## **Head of Pakistan Innovation and Testing Centre (PITC) from Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) visited PNAC**



**Pakistan Engineering Council**  
Regulating the Engineering Profession

Head of Pakistan Innovation & Testing Centre (PITC) Brig (R) Tariq Javed from PEC visited PNAC office in Islamabad on 02 Dec, 2020.

Matters related to accreditation of certification bodies (CB) for Medical Devices were discussed. Mr. Tariq Javed apprised DG PNAC that Pakistan Engineering Council has taken initiative to promote inventors by standardizing and testing Electro Medical Equipment/ Engineering Products to meet the emergency of COVID 19.

## **Chairman DESCON Mr. Taimoor Dawood visited PNAC office Islamabad**



Mr. Taimoor Dawood, Chairman DESCON visited PNAC office in Islamabad for a meeting with Director General PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak on 10th Dec, 2020. It was discussed in the meeting that in order to tap the potential of export of skilled manpower to GCC and other developed countries, scheme of Personnel certification to be utilized for global acceptance of skilled manpower from Pakistan.



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### **Online meeting of DG PNAC with Dr. Khalid Saeed, Chief - Qarshi Research International (QRI)**

DG PNAC held an online meeting Dr. Khalid Saeed, Chief - Qarshi Research International (QRI) on 14th Dec, 2020. Dr. Khalid Saeed inquired about the accreditation scheme for Certified Reference Material (CRM) producer and expressed his interest that if PNAC launches this scheme, QRI would like to accredit accordingly.

DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak informed Dr. Khalid Saeed in the meeting that PNAC will be launching new scheme for CRM by Jul-2021. In this regard PNAC concerned technical officers will attend an online international training on ISO-17034.

### **Review of Halal Standard Draft by PNAC Review Committee on the draft shared by PSQCA**

PSQCA had initiated the process of revising Halal Standard. Draft of Halal Standard was received to PNAC for review from PSQCA. Review committee included DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak, DDG Mr. Ateeq Ur Rehman, Director (CB) Muhammad Sulaiman, and Director (IL) Mr. Azhar Iqbal from PNAC.

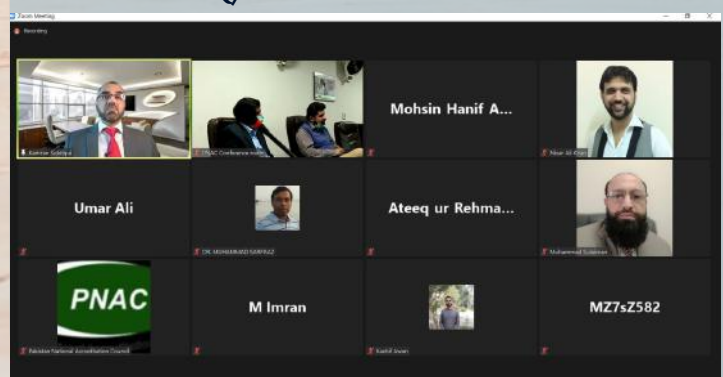
Review was carried out by review committee while keeping in view the requirements of ISO-17065:2012 & ISO-17021:2015. The said exercise was spanned over the period of two weeks from 14th Dec, 2020. Reviewed draft was with PSQCA for finalization.

### **Specialized Online training session for PSQCA Personnel on Product certification scheme**

On the directions of DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak, a specialized online training session was arranged for PSQCA personnel on 21st December, 2020. Mr. Victor from a Product Certification Body (GulfTIC Certification L.L.C) in UAE was the Trainer. Overall 50 participants attended the Online session and almost 30 personnel were from PSQCA. Mr. Victor carried out the session on development and implementation of Product certification scheme based upon Public Private Partnership.

### **Motivational lecture for PNAC employees by an International Motivational speaker**

Online Motivational lecture was organized for PNAC employees on 22nd Dec, 2020. Famous motivational speaker Mr. Kamran Siddiqui from UAE spoke in the session & shared his thoughts on Challenges of Life and career. Staff & officers remotely interacted with Mr. Kamran in Q/A session.





# **PNAC's Key Engagements with Public and Private Entities**

## **PNAC delegation's Visit to National Forensic Science Agency (NFSA), Islamabad**

PNAC delegation headed by DG PNAC visited the Forensic lab of National Forensic Science Agency (NFSA) in Islamabad on 23rd Dec, 2020. Management of the Forensic lab are committed to get their facility accredited from PNAC on ISO/IEC-17025:2017.

PNAC delegation was briefed about the operations of the lab which is, assisting the investigation officers of various Law Enforcement Agencies through scientific examination of evidence by linking a suspect to a crime. Hence, improving detection of crime and provision of justice.

## **Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), Pakistan's national news agency conducted interview of DG PNAC**

Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), Pakistan's national news agency conducted interview of DG PNAC on 24th Dec, 2020. DG Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak expressed her views about accreditation, its importance and benefits for enhancement of trade and commerce in Pakistan.

Moreover, she also expressed satisfaction about the progress and productive results of PSDP projects of 'Pakistan Halal accreditation' and 'Awareness on Pakistan National Hospital & Healthcare Accreditation' carried out by PNAC.

## **Meeting Chaired by Federal Minister Ch. Fawad Chaudhry in Ministry's Committee Room regarding maintenance of ministry's and its Organization websites**

Honorable Federal Minister for Science and Technology Ch. Fawad Hussain chaired a meeting on 24th December, 2020 in ministry's committee room. Agenda of the meeting was to maintain and regularly update the websites of Ministry of Science and Technology and its organizations. Director (IL) Mr. Azhar Iqbal represented PNAC in the meeting. Honorable minister appreciated the efforts made by PNAC team and instructed to further improve the regular maintenance of website.

## **PNAC's Management review meeting**

Management review meeting was held on 28th December 2020. DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak presided over the meeting. Deputy Director General Mr. Ateeq Ur Rehman Memon, Director (CB) Mr. Muhammad Sulaiman, Director (IL) Mr. Azhar Iqbal, Project Director (PNHHA) Dr. Muhammad Sarfraz, Project Director (Halal Accreditation) Mr. Umer Qureshi and Deputy Director Mr. Muhammad Imran were among the attendees.

Overall PNAC activities were reviewed and future plan of actions were identified, including launching of new accreditation schemes.



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### **DG PNAC Meeting with Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) Officers in Islamabad**

Management officials from Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) visited PNAC office in Islamabad for a meeting with DG PNAC on 29th Dec, 2020. PAEC senior officials requested DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak to arrange dedicated training sessions for PAEC personnel on calibration of equipments and accreditation of their labs on relevant ISO standards.

### **DG PNAC Meeting with Management of Technology Upgradation and Skill Development Company (TUSDEC), Lahore**

Management officials from Technology Upgradation and Skill Development Company (TUSDEC) visited PNAC office in Islamabad for a meeting with DG PNAC 29th Dec, 2020.

Matters related to PSQCA regulated items and enhancement of overall trade were discussed. DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak suggested TUSDEC Management to develop a complete testing facility for products of regulatory bodies.

## **Global and Regional Importance of PNAC**



As international trade has grown so too has the number of national and international voluntary and mandatory technical regulations, standards, testing, inspection and certification procedures. This is seen as a trend across all market sectors which apply to samples, products, services, management systems or personnel. PNAC helps meet the regulatory requirements of quality and safety that consumers, businesses, regulators and other organizations demand in the case of goods and services irrespective of the country of origin. PNAC accreditation services help with export of products and services across borders to meet global demand without causing undue risk to the health and security of individuals or the environment. Hence, the role that PNAC plays is not only important for individuals and organizations but for national and international economic health.



## NATIONAL AWARENESS (PSDP) PROJECTS & OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Pakistan National Accreditation Council has been conducting awareness and training sessions across Pakistan to spread awareness about the importance of accreditation. Following are details of the seminars, events and workshops held during the 4th quarter of 2020.



## Seminar - Accreditation of Hospitals, Medical Labs & Healthcare facilities

Agha Khan Health Service Pakistan (AKHSP-Gilgit Baltistan) Gilgit



Pakistan National Accreditation Council is ambitious to extend its outreach to far flung areas of Pakistan and raise awareness among the local healthcare professionals about the latest standards in healthcare. PNAC team in collaboration with Agha Khan Health Service Pakistan (Gilgit, GB) on 27th October 2020 organized an awareness session on 'Accreditation of Hospitals, Medical Laboratories, primary and tertiary healthcare facilities'. Seminar was attended by the staff of AKHSP Gilgit hospital and local healthcare government officials such as PHQ Gilgit, RBC Gilgit, Govt City Hospital Gilgit, Drug & Food testing lab Gilgit etc.

Mr. Habib ur Rehman (Manager Labs AKMC Gilgit) welcomed the audience on behalf of AKHSP. Dr. Asad Khalid of Agha Khan Medical Centre Gilgit, gave welcome speech. Mr. Mohsin Hanif (Deputy Director, PNAC) spoke on the importance of accreditation and its role in improving Healthcare sector of the country. Dr. Sarfraz (Project Director, PNAC) gave an overview of the accreditation requirements for ISO 15189:2012 and Pakistan Hospital Standards. Mr, Sajid Hussain (Clinical Manager, Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral, AKHSP) distributed certificates of participation among the participants and thanked the PNAC delegation for conducting collaborated seminar. He further expressed that as overall head of AKHSP GB Chitral region, he will include in next year's organization future plan, accreditation plan of their healthcare facilities. Attendees requested PNAC to further conduct a full training session on the hospital and medical lab accreditation standards in Gilgit.





## Seminar - Accreditation of Hospitals, Medical Labs & Healthcare facilities

Agha Khan Health Service Pakistan (AKHSP-GB) Hunza



Continuing with PNAC outreach to far flung areas of Pakistan to raise awareness on accreditation of healthcare facilities standards, PNAC team in collaboration with Agha Khan Health Service Pakistan (Hunza, GB) on 29th October 2020 organized an awareness session on 'Accreditation of Hospitals, Medical Laboratories and Primary healthcare facilities'. Seminar was attended by the staff of AKHSP Comprehensive Health Centre Ali Abad Hunza, Incharge and staff from Civil Hospital and Ali Abad Ismaili Council President.

Mr. Ghulam Qadir (Administrator AKHSP CHC Ali Abad) welcomed the audience on behalf of AKHSP. Dr. Fahad Rehman of AKHSP Comprehensive Health Centre Ali Abad Hunza, gave welcome speech. Mr. Mohsin Hanif (Deputy Director, PNAC) spoke on the importance of accreditation and its role in improving Healthcare sector of the country. Dr. Sarfraz (Project Director, PNAC) gave an overview of the accreditation requirements for ISO 15189:2012 and Pakistan Hospital Standards.

Chief guest President Ismaili Regional Council for Hunza Col. (Retd) Imtiaz ul Haq distributed certificates of participation among the participants and thanked the PNAC delegation for conducting collaborated awareness seminar in Hunza. He told that Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) has announced to construct a 40 bed teaching hospital similar to The Aga Khan University Hospital Karachi and would recommend accreditation of available medical facilities on healthcare standards. Attendees requested PNAC to further conduct a full training session on the hospital & medical lab accreditation standards in Hunza.





## Seminar – Halal Accreditation

Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Karachi



Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) Ministry of Science and Technology conducted Awareness Seminar on Halal Accreditation in collaboration with Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry on 3rd November 2020 at Majeed Bawany Hall KCCI, Karachi to promote and highlight the role of PNAC, accreditation and its need, Importance and Benefits of Halal Accreditation with the theme "Halal Accreditation; A Gateway to International Trade".

Chief guest President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Mr. Shariq Vohra, Director General Pakistan National Accreditation Council Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak, Sr. Vice President KCCI Mr. Saqib, Vice President KCCI Mr. Shamsul Islam Khan and Mr. Muhammad Omer Quereshi Project Director PNAC gave speeches in inaugural session. KCCI leadership appreciated the efforts of PNAC and KCCI for raising the awareness among the stakeholders.

Deputy Director (PNAC) Mr. Abdus Sami gave presentations on different topics of Halal Accreditation.

President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Mr. Shariq Vohra presented souvenir to DG PNAC. Stakeholders from Regulatory Bodies, Certification Bodies, Industries professionals from versatile market segments participated in the seminar.

Director General PNAC also distributed certificates among the participants of the seminar.





## Seminar - Halal Accreditation

Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Karachi



Under the auspices of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Karachi, an awareness seminar titled 'Halal Accreditation; A Gateway to International Trade' was organized on 04th November 2020 at FTC building TDAP. Seminar was conducted to promote and highlight the role of PNAC. Furthermore, the seminar was organized to create awareness about need, Importance and Benefits of Halal Accreditation with the theme "Halal Accreditation; A Gateway to International Trade".

DG TDAP Mr. Abdul Karim Memon was Guest of honor and Director General PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak was Chief Guest in the event. Chief Guest Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak told the audience that PNAC is facilitating the requirements of WTO in Pakistan which reduces the technical barriers in trade. Engr. Muhammad Omer Qureshi Project Director (PNAC) and Mufti Zeeshan gave speeches in inaugural session.

During the technical session Mr. Abdus Sami (Deputy Director, PNAC) covered different aspects of Standard for Halal Accreditation. TDAP management appreciated the collaborated effort of PNAC and TDAP for raising the awareness among the stakeholders. Deputy Director PNAC Mr. Abdus Sami gave presentation on importance and benefits of Halal Accreditation. During the technical session, Engr. Omer Qureshi (Project Director, PNAC) and Abdus Sami (Deputy Director, PNAC) covered different aspects of Halal Accreditation.

All relevant stakeholders from regulatory, certification bodies, and industries professionals from different market segments attended the seminar. DG PNAC also distributed the certificates to the participants of the seminar.





## Seminar - Halal Accreditation

Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Bahawalpur



PNAC conducted awareness seminar on Halal Accreditation in collaboration with BCCI on 11th Nov, 2020 on Halal Accreditation in BCCI. Secretary BCCI Mr. Abeer Haider was the stage secretary of the event and started the session with opening remarks. President BCCI Mr. Tanveer Mohammad was Chief guest. Guest of honor PD PNAC Engr. M Omer Qureshi, focused on importance of Halal Accreditation and its economic impact. Mr. M Farooq Azam from PNAC presented technical requirements of Halal Accreditation. Shariah Expert Mufti Umer Imamdd u Din in his speech explained shariah aspects of Halal.

## Seminar - Halal Accreditation

Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Multan

In collaboration with MCCI, PNAC conducted awareness seminar on Halal Accreditation on 12th Nov, 2020 in MCCI Hall, Multan. Secretary BCCI Mr. M Shafique was the stage secretary of the event and started the session with opening remarks. PD PNAC Engr. M Omer Qureshi was chief guest of the event and emphasized that Pakistan has no share in world Halal market of more than 3 trillion dollars. Halal market is growing at fast pace. Development, initiative, strategies and controlling mechanisms are essential for the promotion of Halal economy in Pakistan. Sr. Vice President MCCI Mr. Syed Iftikhar Ali Shah Guest of honor said in his speech that Pakistan's business community can play an effective role in Halal market by following the International standard of Halal which will open new avenues for export and will create employment opportunities. Deputy Director PNAC Mr. M Farooq Azam gave presentation on importance and benefits of Halal Accreditation.





## Seminar - Accreditation of Hospital on PS-5257 & Medical Labs on ISO-15189

Chandka Medical College Teaching Hospital, Larkana



PNAC successfully organized an awareness seminar to educate healthcare professionals about the importance & benefits of Accreditation of Medical Labs & Hospitals. Seminar was held in collaboration with Chandka Medical College Teaching Hospital Larkana on 18-November-2020. Dr. Muhammad Sarfraz (Project Director PNAC) and his team conducted presentations on importance of accreditation and its role in healthcare sector. Management of CMCTH Larkana appreciated PNAC team visit and committed to prepare for accrediting their multiple healthcare facilities on ISO-15189 and PS-5257.

## Seminar - Accreditation of Hospital, Medical Labs and Healthcare facilities

Ghulam Muhammad Mahar Medical College, Sukkur (SMBBMU)



PNAC in collaboration with GMC Sukkur, held a one day awareness seminar on 19th November 2020, in Sukkur. Principal GMC Sukkur, Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Soomro expressed his gratitude to the PNAC for organizing an extremely beneficial awareness seminar and presented traditional Ajrak to PNAC team. Dr. Muhammad Sarfraz (Project Director, PNAC) and Mr. Mohsin Hanif (Deputy Director, PNAC) conducted technical sessions on accreditation, ISO-15189 and Pakistan Hospital standards. Mr. Kashif Ahmad (Deputy Director, PNAC) briefed the audience about complete accreditation cycle from initial inquiry about accreditation till re-assessment.




## Media Awareness Seminar – Halal Accreditation & Certification

Hill View Hotel, Islamabad



PPNAC conducted media awareness seminar on Halal Accreditation in Hill view Hotel, Islamabad on 17th Dec, 2020. Media personnel and journalists from various media outlets (electronic and print media) attended the session. Chief Guest was DG PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak, she emphasized accreditation system, role of PNAC and importance of accreditation for economy of Pakistan. Project Director Engr. M Omer Qureshi explained the role of Halal accreditation. DG Pakistan Halal Authority was Guest of honor. He highlighted the need and importance of halal certification. Deputy Directors from PNAC Mr. Abdus Sami, Mr. Farooq Azam and Mr. Rizwan Janjua gave speeches on different aspects of Halal accreditation. During the Q/A session journalists queries were answered by DG PNAC and DG PHA.

## Progress Overview meetings related to PSDP projects



Multiple meetings were carried out in the last Quarter of 2020 for progress review of the PSDP projects. Federal Minister for Science and Technology Ch. Fawad Hussain chaired a meeting on 19th Oct, 2020 to review the progress status two projects being carried out by PNAC i.e. 'Halal Accreditation' and 'Awareness on Pakistan National Hospital & Healthcare Accreditation'. Project directors of both projects presented the progress details in the meeting. Federal Minister appreciated about project activities and directed project teams to involve all stakeholders while carrying out activities to achieve the desired results.

On 08th Dec, 2020 Director General PNAC Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak called a meeting to review last quarter (Q4-2020) progress of PSDP projects with PD's of both projects. She inquired about the bottlenecks in project and issued direction to carry out project activities all over Pakistan while following COVID-19 guidelines of Health Advisory Platform By Ministry Of National Health Services.



## What PNAC can do for you !



Accreditation from Pakistan's national accreditation body i.e. PNAC provides peace of mind and assurance to both business and consumers that the products and services they are using in daily life have been verified by conformity assessment bodies against national and international standards. The ongoing work of the IAF and ILAC as the appointed authorities to which accreditation bodies comply, provides additional reassurance and confidence that transcends frontiers and the subsequent acceptance of accredited certification in multiple markets, based on one accreditation. With confidence in the conformity assessment process underpinned by accreditation, standards can be used to support a lighter lower monitoring to regulation, which in turn means that businesses spend less time tied up with bureaucracy. Multilateral arrangements between national accreditation bodies have also helped make accreditation an internationally-recognised 'stamp of approval' to demonstrate compliance against agreed standards and requirements

## A NOTE from the Editor -in-Chief

PNAC welcomes you to its last quarterly newsletter of 2020. We hope that you find it useful and informative. In this edition, we have covered main services and activities of PNAC to give its stakeholders an idea of the scope of our work and the efforts being exerted to make PNAC into a world class organization.

We are very grateful for the leadership and vision being provided by Honorable Federal Minister for Science and Technology Ch. Fawad Hussain, Federal Secretary Capt. (Rtd) Nasim Nawaz and Director General Pakistan National Accreditation Council Ms. Ismat Gul Khattak in these tough times for economy and health. I would like to mention here that the COVID-19 pandemic pushed economies into a Great Lockdown, which helped contain the virus and save lives, but also triggered the worst recession since the Great Depression.

I hope that Pakistan will emerge out of Covid 19 crisis resilient, resurgent, and reenergized. In case you would like us to cover any topic of interest to you related to PNAC services, kindly reach out to us at [ddtraining@pnac.gov.pk](mailto:ddtraining@pnac.gov.pk). We look forward to a fruitful journey with our stakeholders. Wishing you and your loved ones a happy new year.

Sincerely ,

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