**INAUGURAL PROGRAMME**

**The 21st Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council**

**3-4 April 2018**

**Hosted by:** Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), Almaty, Kazakhstan

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| ***Tuesday, 3rd April 2018*** |
| **Inaugural Session**  |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Arrival of Guests and Registration of Participants  |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Welcome Speech by Prof. Dr. G. M. Mutanov,Rector, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), Kazakhstan |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Introductory Remarks by Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, Executive Director COMSATS |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. Ashraf Shaalan, President, National Research Centre, Egypt, and Chairperson COMSATS Coordinating Council |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest |
| 10:30 – 10:35 | Vote of Thanks |
| **10:35 – 10:45** | **Group Photo** |
| **10:45 – 11:00** | **Refreshments** |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | Plenary session of the International Farabi Readings |
| **13:00 – 14:00** | **Lunch** |

**TECHNICAL PROGRAMME**

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| ***Tuesday, 3rd April 2018*** |
| **Technical Session – I**  |
| **Agenda Item-1**14:00-14:05 | Approval of the Provisional Agenda of the Meeting |
| **Agenda Item-2** 14:05-14:15 | Approval of the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council |
| **Agenda Item-3** 14:15-14:35 | Implementation Status of the Decisions of the 20th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council [summary *by Advisor (Programmes) – COMSATS*] |
| **Agenda Item-4**14:35-15:15 | Presentation of COMSATS’ Annual Activity Report (May 2017-April 2018) [*by Executive Director – COMSATS*] |
| **Agenda Item-5** 15:15-15:30  | Presentation by Dr. Elias Bonilla, Chairman, Edibon International, Spain |
| **Agenda Item-6** 15:30-15:45  | Presentation on the Belt & Road Initiative of China by Prof. Lin Zhaohui, Director ICCES, China |
| **Agenda Item-7** 15:45-16:00 | A: Presentation by the Representative of Mohamed V University, Morocco, in support of the University’s application for the Membership to COMSATS’ NetworkB: Consideration of the induction of Mohamed V University, Morocco, as Network memberC: Presentation by the Representative of Tianjin Institute of Industrial Biotechnology (TIB), China, in support of its application for the Membership to COMSATS’ NetworkD: Consideration of the induction of TIB, China, as Network memberE: Re-designation of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) as COMSATS’ Centre of Excellence, in place of TUBITAK MAM, Turkey  |
| 16:00-16:10 |
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| **16:50 – 17:15** | **Tea/Coffee Break** |

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| **Technical Session – II (A)** |
| **Agenda Item-8** 17:15-18:30  (15 minutes each) | A: Presentation of the Programmes of Centres of Excellence related to South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation, and future plans for COMSATS’ Network:1. Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR), Bangladesh;
2. Embrapa Agrobiologia, Brazil;
3. International Center for Climate and Environment Sciences (ICCES), China;
4. Centro Internacional de Fisica (CIF), Colombia ;
5. National Research Centre (NRC), Egypt;
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| **19:00** | **Dinner** |

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| ***Wednesday, 4th April 2018*** |
| **Technical Session – II (B)** |
| **Agenda Item-8** (Continued)09:00-11:00(15 minutes each) | Presentation of the Programmes of Centres of Excellence related to South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation, and future plans for COMSATS’ Network:1. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ghana;
2. Iranian Research Organization for Science & Technology (IROST), Iran;
3. International Centre for Environmental and Nuclear Sciences (ICENS), Jamaica;
4. Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Jordan;
5. Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), Kazakhstan;
6. National Mathematical Centre (NMC), Nigeria;
7. International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), Pakistan;
8. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Pakistan;
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| **11:00 – 11:30** | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| **Agenda Item-8** (Continued)11:30-13:30(15 minutes each) | Presentation of the Programmes of Centres of Excellence related to South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation, and future plans for COMSATS’ Network:1. Al-Quds University, Palestine;
2. Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), Sri Lanka;
3. University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (UCAD), Senegal;
4. Industrial Research and Consultancy Centre (IRCC), Sudan;
5. Higher Institute for Applied Science and Technology (HIAST), Syria;
6. Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization (TIRDO), Tanzania;
7. Water Researches and Technologies Centre of Borj-Cedria (CERTE), Tunisia;
8. TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Center (MAM), Turkey.
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| **13:30 – 14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **Agenda Item-8** (Continued)14:00-14:30(10 minutes each) | B: Presentations by Representatives of Partner Organizations1. The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Italy
2. Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Turkey
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| ***Wednesday, 4th April 2018*** |
| **Technical Session – III** |
| **Agenda Item-9**14:30-15:30(10 minutes each) | A: Reports on COMSATS’ International Thematic Research Groups:1. "Climate Change and Environmental Protection" by **Prof. Lin Zhaohui, Director** ICCES, China;
2. “Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)” by Dr. Arshad Salim Malik, Head International Office, CIIT, Pakistan;
3. “Mathematical Modeling” byProf. Ejugwu Stephen Onah, Director/Chief Executive,NMC, Nigeria**;**
4. "Natural Products Sciences” by **Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Director** ICCBS, Pakistan;
5. “Agriculture, Food Security and Biotechnology” by Dr. Widad Hassan, Director General IRCC, Sudan;
6. “Renewable Energy” by Dr. Mahmoud Molanejad, Acting President for International Cooperation.

B: General Discussion on International Thematic Research Groups  |
| **Agenda Item-9** (Continued)15:30-15:45 |
| **Agenda Item-10**15:45-16:05 | Discussion on the ongoing programmes:1. MS and PhD scholarships
2. Post-doctoral fellowships
3. Telehealth Programme
4. Capacity building activities
5. Linking Programmes with SDGs
6. Publications
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| **Agenda Item-11**16:05-16:25 | Joint Projects by Centres of Excellence having regional significance in line with SDGs* Preparation of joint project proposals
* Possible funding by Governments of Member States and International Agencies
* Advocacy by COMSATS
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| **16:25 – 16:40** | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| **Agenda Item-12**16:40-17:00 | Formulation of Criteria for induction of new Centres of Excellence in COMSATS’ Network |
| **Agenda Item-13**17:00-17:15 | Role of Technical Advisory Committee in enhancing collaborations among Centres of Excellence and their upgradation |
| **Agenda Item-14**17:15-17:30 | Administrative and Financial Matters of COMSATS  |
| **Agenda Item-15**17:30-17:45 | Venue and Schedule for the next (22nd) Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council |
| **Agenda Item-16**17:45-18:00 | Approval of Communiqué/Any other item with the permission of the Chair |
| **Closing Session** |
| 18:00 – 18:05 | Vote of Thanks by Rector KazNU, Kazakhstan |
| 18:05 – 18:10 | Closing Remarks by Executive Director COMSATS |
| 18:10 – 18:15 | Distribution of Souvenirs |
| **19:00** | **Dinner** |

**TECHNICAL AND OTHER VISITS**

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| ***Thursday, 5th April 2018*** |
| **11:00 – 13:00** | **Visit to KazNU Laboratories** |
| **13:00 – 14:30** | **Lunch** |
| **14:30 – 17:30** | **City Tour** |