



Newsletter October/November 2016

Holistic and inclusive Early Child Development access for every child of Pakistan.

Greetings from ECDNP

ECD Network, Pakistan (ECDNP) is a partnership of all ECD stakeholders in Pakistan. It was established in April 2014, and registered under the Societies' Act of 1860. Currently, ECDNP has 12 member organizations and 100 individual members/ECD practitioners, working across the Pakistan. ECDNP has already organized a number of dialogues meetings by bringing together professional organizations, individual ECD experts and other stakeholders across the country. ECDNP strives to promote ECD as a foundational tool of national development.

The First National Conference on ECD in Pakistan is planned in March 2017 in Islamabad

Formation of Academic Committee to Review and finalization of Conference Papers

To place renewed focus and articulate a vision and an integrated approach to promote ECD in Pakistan, the ECDNP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training and development and other partners, is planning to organize a national conference on ECD in Pakistan. The two-day national conference will be held in Islamabad on March 27-28, 2017. The major purpose of the national conference is to bring together local and international experts and practitioners to provide a platform for sharing experiences and highlighting the ECD needs in Pakistan. The conference will identify and recommend strategies and actions to consolidate and expand ECD services in the country. To promote ECD academically, an Academic Committee of renowned scholars from reputable institutions/ ECD professionals has been formed to review ECD National Conference papers.

Glimpses of first Academic committee meeting at Islamabad, Pakistan





Chief Guest, Vice Chairperson ECDNP and participants from Academic Committee



Academic Committee members discussing the conference theme

Conference Theme

After a detailed discussion on the conference concept The ECDNP Academic Committee has proposed the following theme for the National Conference:

**Envisioning Holistic Early Childhood Development for Pakistan
Creating an Equitable, Pluralistic and Sustainable Society**

Upcoming Events/Activities:

To discuss the National conference themes/subthemes with different stakeholders, number of consultative dialogue meetings are planned in multiple cities

A consultative Dialogue meeting is planned at Peshawar in Nov 2016

A consultative Dialogue meeting is planned at Islamabad in Nov 2016

A consultative Dialogue meeting is planned at Lahore in Dec 2016

A consultative Dialogue meeting is planned at Karachi in Dec 2016

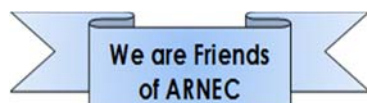
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