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## Comstech body approves joint ventures in higher education, research & health

By Our Staff Reporter

INLAMARAD: The steering committee on the implementation of the OIC science, technology and innovation on Thursday approved joint very turesin seems such as higher oducation and research, health, medicine

and vaccine development. Those decisions were taken on the sidelines of the exceptly concluded OIC Council of Foreign Ministers meeting as the Swering Committee for Implementation of the OIC. Science, Technology and Innovation Agenda 2026 held a daylong meeting at the Comstech Secretariat here: The purpose of the meeting was toreview the progress and to plan variout science and technology related

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Initiatives for OIC states approved at COMSTECH



All of the OIC's main institutions and specialized organizations that focus on diverse elds of science, technology, and innovation, as well as their applications to society, attended the meeting, which was organized and chaired by COMSTECH.

The OIC Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hosted by Pakistan), and the leaders and representatives of twelve OIC organizations attended in person, with two more participating

Areas of collaboration:

involving various member organizations and health, medicine, vaccine development, food organizing science competitions. The decision to focus heavily on the less developed African nations and implement programs to develop their personnel and relevant technology was a major point of discussion at the summit. The

Coordinator, COMSTECH: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, COMSTECH's General Coordinator, welcomed the attendees and reviewed the Committee's activity over the last several years and its future goals. He also showed the Committee prototypes from the current COMSTECH program to provide STI reports for each OIC member state. SESRIC's representative also delivered a thorough statistical report on the overall evolution of STI in member states, based on examining several typical parameters.

Assessment of member states' progress in It was decided to form expert committees to assess member nations' progress in STI during the last few years and to develop

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