BTBU-ECOSF JOINT TRAINING CENTER ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL & ECONOMIC
COOPERATION UNDER THE BELT AND ROAD
INITIATIVE

4TH JOINT TRAINING PROGRAM
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION POLICY AND TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE BELT AND ROAD COUNTRIES
DECEMBER 15TH, 2021
The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a massive global initiative aimed at connecting international trading partners in the east and the west. The BRI offers a tremendous potential to spur a new era of trade, economic and industrial growth for the countries in the Asia and beyond. In order to maximize the benefits of BRI, the participating countries require to develop adequate technological workforce and engage in an alliance for promotion of cross-border cooperation in the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) sectors.

Appreciating this need for skill development and capacity building in key economic sectors, the Beijing Technological and Business University (BTBU) in collaboration with Economic Cooperation Organization - Science Foundation (ECOSF) launched a BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center on Scientific, Technological and Economic Cooperation under Belt and Road Initiative in September 2020. The Center has won the financial support of China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) Program of International Collaboration Platform for Science and Technology Organizations in Belt and Road Countries.

BTBU is renowned as a one of the leading high-level research universities in Beijing. Having long been committed to promoting substantive exchanges and exchanges with overseas first-class universities and academic institutions, BTBU has achieved meaningful results in international exchanges and cooperation, personnel training, academic research, etc.

ECOSF is the specialized agency of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), an intergovernmental organization for scientific and technological cooperation, with its 10-member states (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). ECOSF has an extensive exchange and cooperation network with international scientific and technological organizations in Europe, Asia, Africa and other regions, as well as other international organizations.

BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center aims to promote the sustainable economic and social development of BRI countries through training in the fields of technology application, industrial economics, S&T standards and science communication.
Comprehensive and inclusive Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies are extremely critical to achieve the SDGs and can bring solutions to the global challenges in all economic sectors. Many regions and countries need to build capacity in STI policy in order to strengthen their national STI systems and thus foster STI for addressing the pressing health, economic and social challenges of the pandemic crisis.

The purpose of the short on-line training session by BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center is to build awareness and understanding concerning key aspects of STI policies and instruments, as well as innovation and entrepreneurship processes and how they relate to the SDGs.

This 4th Training Program on STI Policy and Tools is aimed at engaging participants in interactive discussions and practical reflection on existing approaches, case studies and national experiences in establishing and managing STI in the context of the global and unprecedented crisis.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The proposed on-line training session will introduce STI policy-makers, researchers and managers to theory and practice of STI policy in the current context of Belt and Road Countries.

The experts/resource person will deliver their lectures on the following specific objectives:

1. Sharing knowledge and practices using different methodological approaches to policy-making and implementation of STI policies

2. Recognizing the importance of transparent, participatory, inclusive and evidence-based STI policy-making processes

3. Understanding the importance of establishing appropriate and well-balanced policy mix of instruments and means that held address the global challenges

4. Appreciating the need to support innovation and entrepreneurship through government support, financing etc.
AGENDA OF THE TRAINING

The 4th Joint Training Program
Theme: Science Technology and Innovation Policy and Tools for Sustainable Development in the Belt and Road Countries

I. Time/Date

02:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Beijing Time – GMT +8), December 15th, 2021

II. Organizational structure

Hosted by
- Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU)
- Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF)

Organized by
- BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center on Scientific, Technological and Economic Cooperation under Belt and Road Initiative
- School of International Economics and Management, BTBU
- Pakistan Study Centre of Science & Technology and Economy, BTBU

Co-organized by
- Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development (CASTED)
- Isfahan Regional Center for Technology Incubators and Science Park Development (IRIS) Iran
- Mehran University Institute of Science & Technology Development (MUISTD)

Venue: Zoom

Zoom LINK https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87039320471
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Target audience/participants

We welcome the participation of relevant government officials, STI policy makers, practitioners, researchers, executives, entrepreneurs, technologists and specialists, and policy research institutes.
# TRAINING PROGRAM

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<td>The Policy Framework for STI in National High Tech Zones of China</td>
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