



## Press Release

### **ITU TO HOST FOUR DAY 9<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “ICTD Pakistan 2017” IN NOVEMBER**

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The Information Technology University (ITU), the Punjab will host four day 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information & Communication Technologies for Development (ICTD) Pakistan 2017 at Lahore from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November this year at Lahore. ICTD is the flagship conference is an ideal place for researchers and practitioners to present their work and form collaborations and networks. The ICTD is a research conference, which explores the role of information and communication technologies (ICT) in global development.

The Information Technology University (ITU) and the Punjab IT Board (PITB) have been pioneers in developing, testing and scaling up ICT applications in areas of healthcare, education, agriculture and livestock, and governance. The last decade has proven very significant in terms of progress for the IT industry in Pakistan. With the opening of incubators, accelerators and angel funding networks, there has been an exponential growth in tech startups coming out of Pakistan and raising venture funding from abroad.

The Conference reflects the multidisciplinary and multi sectorial nature of ICTD work, with representation from a broad range of areas (anthropology, communication, computer science, design, economics, electrical engineering, geography, global health, information science, political science, sociology, and many others), as well as participation from academia, industry, civil society, and government.

Since 2006 ICTD conferences were held at Berkeley, CA (USA), Bangalore (India), Doha (Qatar), London (United Kingdom), Atlanta, GA (USA), Cape Town, (South Africa), Singapore and Ann Arbor, MI (USA).

The international event being hosted in an environment of improved positive image of Pakistan is encouraging and an honor for the country. Dr. Umar Saif founding Vice Chancellor of ITU, Chairman PITB and Advisor to the CM Punjab will be General Chair of this mega event while Program Committee Chair include Dr. Richard Anderson, Professor University of Washington and Dr. Carleen Maitland, Professor Penn State University.

Above 100 international professors and researchers and more than 100 local professors and practitioners have confirmed their participation. Papers being presented at the international moot are categorized as full papers and notes and will be made available in the ACM Digital Library.