

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2013**

Following training/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2013.

1. Specialized Training Program (STP) for newly inducted Commerce and Trade Group officers (22<sup>nd</sup> STP) of the Civil Services of Pakistan.
2. International Training on Commercial Law and Diplomacy at University of Bern World Trade Institute in Switzerland.
3. The POs were sent on country study tours to all provinces.
4. Spanish and French Language courses for the probationary officers from National University of Modern Languages (NUML) Islamabad.
5. Training for government/private sectors in following areas:
  - Research Methodologies
  - Trade and Economic Journalism for officers of Information Service of Pakistan
  - Joint WTI-PITAD course on International Trade Law and Commercial Diplomacy

### **FOLLOWING SEMINARS AND PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUES WERE ORGANIZED BY PITAD IN CONSULTATION WITH USAID (TRTA PROGRAM):-**

1. Enhancing Competitiveness and Export potential of livestock and dairy sectors.
2. Policy reforms to enhance benefits from EU GPS Plus Scheme.
3. Enhancing Trade opportunities for Pakistan in SAFTA with reference to improved trade relations with India
4. Technology up-gradation and foresight in surgical and pharmaceutical sectors.

### **RESEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE RESEARCH TEAM PITAD:-**

1. Evaluation of Pakistan-China FTA Report
2. Commercial Intelligence Report (First and Second Quarter)
3. Commercial Intelligence Report (Third Quarter)
4. Sectoral Studies in context of Pakistan India Trade Liberalization:
  - Agriculture Sector

- Fan Industry
- Glass Industry
- Pakistani Cutlery Industry
- Paper and paperboard industry
- Surgical Sector of Pakistan
- Leather Industry in Pakistan
- Plastic Industry
- Automobile Sector of Pakistan

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2014**

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2014.

1. Specialized Training Program for the probationary officers of 23<sup>rd</sup> STP.
2. Country Study Tour (CST) to all provinces where they visited Chambers, Associations and industrial units of leading export sectors.
3. Workshop on Data Extraction analysis and use of Excel and SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).
4. Workshop on “Overview of PTA Assessment Methods”.
5. Workshop on use of STATA (Statistical Software) and Trade sift (Statistical Software).

## **FOLLOWING SEMINARS AND PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUES WERE ORGANIZED BY PITAD IN CONSULTATION WITH USAID (TRTA PROGRAM):-**

1. Seminar on Policy Reforms to Maximize benefits from the proposed European Union GSP plus Scheme was conducted at Karachi
2. Seminar on Enhancing competitiveness and export potential of livestock and dairy sectors was organized at Lahore.
3. Public private dialogue on Enhancing trade opportunities for Pakistan in SAFTA with reference to improved trade relations with India was held at Lahore.
4. Public private dialogue on Technology up-gradation and foresight in surgical and pharmaceutical sectors at Islamabad.
5. Seminar on Enhancing Exports and Competitiveness in the Horticulture (Kinnows & Mangoes) at Lahore & Karachi

## **RESEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE RESEARCH TEAM PITAD:-**

1. Enhancing Dairy Sector Export Competitiveness
2. Enhancing Pakistan’s Trading Benefits From The Proposed EU GSP Plus Scheme
3. Enhancing Livestock Sector Export Competitiveness
4. Trade of Industrial Goods with India: Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan
5. Enhancing Pakistan’s Agricultural Sector Exports to India

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2015**

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2015.

1. Pre-departure training of the DPR/Minister (Trade), to be posted in Pakistan Permanent Mission to the W.T.O, Geneva.
2. Pre-departure training for Ministerial Staff (BS 1-5) of Ministry of Commerce.
3. PITAD was included in the list of training institutes under short term training component of PTAP for organizing capacity building training programs for regional partners.

**FOLLOWING SEMINARS AND PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUE WERE ORGANIZED BY PITAD IN CONSULTATION WITH USAID (TRTA PROGRAM):-**

### **SEMINARS ON**

1. EU GSP Plus Scheme: Market Entry Procedures (Karachi, Lahore, Sialkot and Faisalabad)
2. WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (Karachi, Lahore and Sialkot)
3. EU GSP Plus Scheme (in association with TDAP and Faisalabad Chamber)
4. Public Private Dialogue on Institutional and policy Reform for Export Success

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2016**

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2016.

1. Pre-departure training for a batch of 43 trade officers selected for posting in Pakistani Embassies/Missions.
2. Training for conversion of official language into Urdu (use of Urdu language in drafting/noting/reporting) for officers/officials of Ministry of Commerce.
3. Pre-Departure written Test and interview for the employees of Ministry of Commerce to be posted in Pakistani Embassies/Missions abroad.

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2017**

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2017.

1. International Training course for 10 Afghan Commerce officers/ business professionals under Pakistan Technical Assistant Program (PTAP).
2. Specialized training Program for newly inducted Commerce & Trade Group officers, of 24<sup>th</sup> STP.
3. The probationary officers were sent on country study tour (CST) to all Provinces where they visited PNAC, PSQCA, NICL, TDAP, TCP, Chambers, Industrial units and various other departments.
4. Chinese language course for the Probationary officers.
5. Training workshop on PPRA rules.
6. Pre-Departure written tests for the employees of Ministry of Commerce for their selection as trade officials to be posted abroad.
7. Short term capacity building program was arranged for the officers of National Tariff Commission of Pakistan (NTC), Islamabad.
8. Interactive sessions with the trade missions of various trade partners posted in Pakistan.
9. PITAD was nominated as economic think tank by Ministry of Commerce to be included in SCO Economic Think Tank Alliance (ETTA) and has also represented Pakistan in SCO forum.

## **FOLLOWING SEMINAR WAS ORGANIZED**

1. Seminar on ECO-Regional Trade was organised by PITAD in collaboration with ECO secretariat Tehran in which delegates from six member countries participated.

## **RESEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE PROBATIONARY OFFICERS AT PITAD:-**

1. Pharmaceuticals
2. Kinnow
3. Meat
4. Engineering goods
5. Vegetables

6. Surgical goods
7. Mango
8. Rice
9. Plastic products
10. Chemicals
11. Cement

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2018**

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2018.

1. 25<sup>th</sup> Specialized Training Programs (STP) for the newly inducted Officers of Commerce & Trade Group.
2. Trainings on PPRA rules, HS codes classification, project management.
3. Workshop on Data Extraction analysis and use of Excel and SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences), for the officers of Commerce and Trade group.
4. Pre-Departure tests and training of trade official to be posted abroad
5. Development of modules for training of Kyrgyz officers on GSP plus and shared with Ministry of Commerce

## **FOLLOWING PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUES WERE ORGANIZED BY PITAD**

1. Public private consultation on WTO's information Technology Agreement (ITA-I) - opportunities for Pakistan and Trade Facilitation Agreement.
2. Public private dialogue on Gender Mainstreaming in Trade Policy.

## **RESEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE PROBATIONARY OFFICERS AT PITAD:-**

1. Furniture
2. Footwear
3. Cotton
4. Cutlery
5. Precious and semi-precious stones
6. Sugar and sugar confectionaries
7. Cereals
8. Marble and granite
9. Financial services



## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2019**

(July – October, 2019)

Following trainings/activities/workshops were conducted by PITAD in 2019.

1. Workshop on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules for the officers of Commerce and Trade Group.
2. Workshop on Project Management for the Probationary Officers of Commerce and Trade Group.
3. French Language course for the Probationary officers of Commerce and Trade Group.
4. Consultative Session on Counter Intelligence and Security with the Commandant Intelligence Bureau.
5. Workshop on Data Extraction tools for the Probationary Officers of Commerce and Trade Group.
6. Keeping in line with the global fight against climate change, a plantation drive was carried out in July 2019, in which 20 – 30 saplings were planted.
7. An interactive session with the faculty and high achievers of COMSATS University to explore Government-Academic linkages.
8. A Country Study Tour (CST) of KPK for probationers of 26<sup>th</sup> STP.
9. Pre-departure training for the 42 trade & Investment officers was organized.

### **RESEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE PROBATIONARY OFFICERS AT PITAD:-**

1. Dairy products
2. Knitted apparel
3. Home textiles
4. Leather garments
5. Fans
6. Tractor
7. Poultry
8. Carpets
9. Dates

## **FUTURE PLAN**

### **Issues & Challenges**

- Completion of PITAD's Project
- Shortage of officers
- Requirement of additional budget/funds for conducting routine activities

Budget Allocated (2018-19): Rs.57 M

Budget Demanded (2019-20): Rs.110 M

- Revival of Research Wing to activate PITAD as economic think tank .Case under process in MOC
- Incentive structure for PITAD to match with its revised mandate

### **Activities Planned During**

#### **Current Year**

- 26th Specialized Training Program (STP) for Officers of Commerce & Trade Group started w.e.f. 7<sup>th</sup> May,2018.
- Capacity building training of Kyrgyz officers on GSP Plus is planned in collaboration with EAD
- Capacity building /training of the Provincial Government officers in Domestic Commerce
- IT related training workshop for officials of Ministry of Commerce
- Short term trade related capacity building courses for public/private sectors
- Conferences and awareness sessions on “Emerging Pakistan”
- Seminar on Gender and Trade is planned in the first week of July,2018 in collaboration with USAID
- Seminars/Symposia/joint studies planned as per the work plan of SCO (ETTA) in this regard

## **Research & Development Activities Plan During Current Year**

- Research would be conducted on the following topics:
  - Enhancing Pakistan’s Agricultural Sector Exports: issues challenges and solutions
  - Food processing industry: Exports potentials and way forwards
  - CPEC a lynchpin for trade enhancement – prospects & challenges
  - An appraisal of Pakistan’s trade regime viz – a- viz the changing paradigm of global trade
  - Declining exports – persistent challenge for policy makers
  - Identifying the broad policy steps (trade policy reforms) to encourage the participation of Pakistan in the regional or global value chain.
  - Identifying the sector specific policy incentives to be offered by Pakistan in special economic zones under CPEC.