



Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

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The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) presents its compliments to the esteemed Focal Points in Member States, Centres of Excellence, and Members of the COMSATS Centre for Climate and Sustainability (CCCS) and has the honour to convey information regarding funding opportunity announced by its International Partners, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), for organizing scientific conferences, meetings, and training courses under the 2026 Scientific Activities Calendar.

The ICTP Call for Proposals – 2026 Scientific Calendar has invited applications for high-impact scientific conferences, schools, and workshops that promote international collaboration and knowledge exchange. Priority will be given to innovative and interdisciplinary events that advance research in theoretical and applied sciences, particularly those benefiting scientists from the Global South and strengthening research networks in areas aligned with ICTP's mandate.

Similarly, the ICGEB Meetings and Courses 2026 – Call for Proposals aimed at supporting small-scale scientific meetings that foster research collaboration and capacity-building, with a focus on biotechnology, molecular biology, health sciences, and sustainable development. Selected events under both calls will receive logistical and financial support from ICTP and ICGEB, contributing to global scientific progress and institutional capacity-building.

The submission deadlines for these calls are:

- **ICGEB Meetings and Courses: March 14, 2025**
- **ICTP Scientific Calendar Activities: March 31, 2025**

Further details and application guidelines can be accessed at:

- **ICTP:** <https://www.ictp.it/news/2025/2/call-proposals-2026-scientific-calendar-activities>
- **ICGEB:** <https://www.icgeb.org/meeting-and-courses/call-for-proposal-meeting-and-courses/>

In light of these opportunities, COMSATS Secretariat intends to submit proposals for the following:

- Hands-on training workshop on “Functional Metagenomics for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): Advancing Surveillance, and Predictive Modelling”, under the ICGEB Meetings and Courses 2026. **The proposal is since ready, it is being enclosed for perusal.**



- Workshop/Seminar on “Quantum Physics and Its Role in Climate Action,” under the ICTP Scientific Calendar Activities, in alignment with UNESCO’s declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.

To strengthen these proposals, COMSATS Secretariat seeks expert advice and insights from its esteemed Centres of Excellence by **March 13, 2025** (Wednesday), in view of the approaching submission deadlines.

Furthermore, COMSATS invites interested Centres of Excellence to collaborate in joint proposal submissions under these calls.

Additionally, if any Centre of Excellence wishes to propose an alternative thematic area where it possesses expertise to serve as the Principal Investigator, COMSATS Secretariat would welcome such recommendations.

COMSATS avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the esteemed Focal points in Member States, Centres of Excellence, and CCCS Members, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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