

ISNET / INSTP Hybrid Training on Guidelines for Space Technology Parks in Emerging Economies; 6–7 January 2026; Hybrid

The Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET), in collaboration with the Inter-Islamic Network on Science and Technology Policy (INSTP), Iran, successfully organized a two-day hybrid training program titled “*Guidelines for Space Technology Parks in Emerging Economies*” on 6–7 January 2026. The training brought together policymakers, academia, industry professionals, and innovation managers to deliberate on institutional frameworks and best practices for establishing and managing space and science technology parks in developing countries.

The program commenced with an inaugural session that included opening remarks by the Stage Secretary, recitation from the Holy Quran, and statements from senior leadership. Remarks were delivered by the Secretary General of INSTP (Iran) and the Director General SPARC-K from SUPARCO, Pakistan, followed by a video message from the Coordinator General COMSTECH. The formal inauguration underscored the importance of policy coherence, regional cooperation, and institutional readiness for nurturing innovation ecosystems in emerging economies.

The technical training sessions on Day 1 were delivered online by Mr. Nejib Abida, focusing on *strategic planning and governance models for technology parks*, regulatory and policy frameworks, and mechanisms for fostering university–industry collaboration. A subsequent session explored the five-dimensional thinking paradigm and intellectual property strategy and management, highlighting the role of IP frameworks in sustaining innovation-led growth. Each session was followed by interactive discussions, enabling participants to contextualize concepts within their national settings.

Day 2 featured an in-depth session by Mr. Peyman Hajrezaei on *public–private partnerships, funding mechanisms, and strategies for attracting investors into science, technology, and innovation (STI) parks*. This was complemented by a practical case study titled “*RESOLVE – A Success Story of Academia–Industry Collaboration*,” presented by Mr. Farhan Ahmad Chaudhry, Project Director RESOLVE. The training concluded with closing remarks by the Secretary General INSTP and the Executive Director ISNET, reaffirming the shared commitment to capacity-building and the development of sustainable space technology ecosystems across ISNET Member States.

