



Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Review of Iran

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Goals

- Promote policy maker awareness of role of STI policy in development.
- Provide a neutral, independent evaluation of STI in I.R. Iran.
- Identify weaknesses and suggest remedial policy actions.
- Evaluate developments since STIP Review of 2005 (first follow-up review for UNCTAD).
- Stimulate discussion in I.R. Iran on STI policy.
- Achieve effective integration of STI policy in development strategy of I.R. Iran.

Organization of STIP Review

- Prepared by UNCTAD in collaboration with the Government of the I.R. Iran (through VP for S&T) and UNESCO Institute of Statistics.
- Content agreed through discussions with I.R. Iran.
- Using a team of international experts and UNCTAD staff.

Focus of STIP Review

- Context of STI in I.R. Iran, developments since 2005
- The national innovation system
- STI indicators
- Oil and Gas
- Biotechnology



Progress so far

- Wide base of stakeholder discussions.
- Mission in November 2015: over 50 interviews including over 500 stakeholders .
- Preliminary draft prepared.



General remarks

- **Significant strengths:** human capital, technical skills, building technological capabilities, strong progress in some areas (e.g. nano-tech).
- **Major challenges:** diversification of economy, modernization of production, reintegration into global economy, industrial competitiveness, growth and employment.
- Support for STI by key national policy makers.
- **Great potential** for country to develop STI, harness renewed trade and FDI linkages.
- **Opportune time** for an evaluation.

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