

Preface

The International Scientific and Practical Conference "Priority Directions of Complex Socio-Economic Development of the Region" (**PDSED 2023**) was held at Urgench State University in cooperation with international partners on April 27-29, 2023. The official website of the conference is hosted on the domain platform of Urgench State University and is available at the following link: <http://ispce.urdu.uz/>.

The International Scientific and Practical Conference was held in the Uzbek and English languages. The opening session of the conference took place in the assembly hall of the main building of Urgench State University located at the address: 14, Hamid Alimzhan str., Urgench, Uzbekistan. Professors from different countries participated in the work of the conference in the online format on the ZOOM platform.

14 universities from different countries and 1 academy were involved in organizing the conference. The main partners and co-organizers of the conference of Urgench State University were as follows: Urgench Regional Branch of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, University of Padova, University of Surrey, Monash University, University of Santiago de Compostela, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Novosibirsk State University, Saint Petersburg State Forestry University, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, Azerbaijan Cooperative University, Baku Eurasian University, Kuban State Agrarian University named after I.T. Trubilin, and the Elabuga Institute of Kazan Federal University.

Leading scientists and researchers from Uzbekistan, Colombia, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Russia, Italy, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Spain, Germany, India, South Korea, Indonesia and other partners from near and far abroad took part in the work of the international conference.

In total, more than 200 participants from 15 countries took part in the international conference. The organizing committee received 157 manuscripts, 111 of them favorably reviewed. The organizing committee thoroughly checked each manuscript for compliance with the requirements involving in reviewing domestic and foreign highly qualified specialists and scientists known to a wide circle.

The key directions of the international scientific-practical conference were as follows:

1. Effective use of innovation and investment potential in increasing the competitiveness of the regional economy;
2. Studies in methodology, foreign experience, and sustainability of integrated socio-economic development of the region;
3. Econometric modeling of sustainable development of regional economy;
4. Studies in modern trends in the management of natural resources and agro-industrial complex of the region at the present stage. Development of agrarian economy in the context of digitalization of agriculture;
5. Innovation, scientific and educational subsystems in the socio-economic development of the region;
6. Socio-economic prerequisites and requirements for ensuring food security in the region.

The main purpose of the conference was to discuss and solve the most important strategic tasks of improving the methodology of integrated socio-economic development of the region, studying foreign experience, setting priorities for the structural development of the regional economy, increasing the innovation and investment attractiveness of the regional economy, effective use of innovation potential in improving the competitiveness of the regional economy.

An important task of the conference was to contribute to scientific and practical research aimed at econometric modeling of the regional economy sustainable development, as well as to prepare conclusions and proposals for the implementation of innovations discussed at the conference in science, educational process and actual practice.

The work of the conference was focused on finding scientific novelty and practical applicability of the results of the presented works, revealing trends in the development of fundamental sciences, innovative potential of scientific developments and their implementation in key sectors of the regional economy.

The academic community of Urgench State University, the organizing and scientific committee expresses sincere gratitude to all participants, experts, moderators and editors of the international conference for the work done and interest shown in participation in the conference. We are confident that thanks to such joint fruitful work of scientists from different countries, the Conference was held at a high level and was positively evaluated both in Uzbekistan and abroad. We hope for further cooperation and meetings in Urgench at conferences, symposia, panel discussions and seminars.

Respectfully, with best wishes and hope for further fruitful cooperation, Organizing and Scientific Committee of the Conference, Academic Community of Urgench State University.

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