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# SAARC countries show interest to import bio-remediation technology from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, August 10: The SAARC member countries have shown interest to import Bio-remediation technology from Pakistan to utilise the sewerage water of their respective countries for irrigation purposes and cope with the future water scarcity challenges.

Delegates from SAARC member countries including Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Bangladesh attended a detailed briefing at the National Agriculture Research Center (NARC) on "Pakistan Bio-remediation Model, Prospects and Replication in SAARC Countries."

Pakistan has already developed bio-remediation model for waste-

water treatment for irrigation at NARC, the agricultural research center.

Prior to the briefing, the delegates visited the bio-remediation site in the center, where Director Bio-Remediation Institute, Dr. Yousuf Riaz gave them detailed presentation on this technology.

The NARC scientists have replicated the bio-remediation technology in other parts of the country including the Capital, Islamabad, where a project has been set up at Rose and Jasmine Garden to purify the waste sewerage water.

Chairing the meeting of the delegates, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Dr. Ifkhar Ahmad said that the

SAARC countries have great potential to cooperate with each other for the development of agriculture sector.

He said that Pakistan was ready to share research and technology with the member countries to help them develop their agriculture on modern lines and also expressed the hope that all the member countries would reciprocate with same spirit and help Pakistan develop the sector.

Director General NARC, Dr. Muhammad Azeem Khan said that the SAARC countries can take advantage of the bio-remediation model of Pakistan and help themselves cope with the water challenges. -Online