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Report – Celebrations

“ACDC’s 3rd Anniversary Review Meeting”

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PICTURES OF THE EVENT





The Arms Control and Disarmament Centre (ACDC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI) to celebrate its 3rd Anniversary organised a Review Meeting on October 31, 2022. The meeting commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General, ISSI moderated the meeting. The members of ACDC's Advisory Board, Team ACDC and ISSI Directors attended the meeting.

Malik Qasim Mustafa, Director ACDC, first briefed the participants on the vision, functions and major research themes of ACDC. The ACDC was established on October 30, 2019, with a vision to contribute focused research and quality policy input through in-depth analysis and dialogue on issues of arms control, disarmament, nuclear safety and security, nuclear deterrence, emerging technologies and challenges to peace and strategic stability. The functions of ACDC include monitoring regional and international developments pertaining to strategic stability, disarmament, non-proliferation, arms control and related domains; organise dialogues; disseminating information through research projects, special reports, magazines, newsletters, info-graphs, electronic flyers, electronic and social media tools; provide quality policy inputs to relevant official departments and maintain contacts with national and international think tanks.

He informed the participants about what the Centre had accomplished in the last year. Since January 2022. The ACDC has successfully organised approximately 24 events. He also briefed participants about the themes, objectives, guest speakers and takeaways of these events. All participants appreciated the work of the Centre and put forward constructive and valuable recommendations for future projects on various international and national issues related to arms control and disarmament. The meeting ended with Cake Cutting Ceremony by Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman Board of Governors, ISSI.

Recommendations

- Promote awareness about the importance of indigenisation and self-reliance for ensuring traditional as well as human and economic security. Design a “Made in Pakistan” policy.
- Enhance outreach and research collaboration with UNIDIR.
- ISSI should start its press for book publishing.
- ACDC should also start collaborating with the private industrial sector in Pakistan to create a synergy between technical and policy aspects of defence technologies.