A two-day international seminar titled: “Trans-regional Stability and Security: Imperatives of Change” was conducted by ISSRA-NDU on 22-23 Feb 2016. The exercise aimed at deliberating on the emerging global power reconfiguration and new strategic and economic realities that come with it in the trans-regional setting. The deliberations also flagged the significance of Pakistan’s geostrategic disposition and our economic potential that relates to greater stabilization and security for all.

The deliberations rested upon the premise that the transformations now underway in the global setting bring forth both challenges and opportunities for the nation-states. It becomes increasingly important to look beyond the era of militancy and shun notions of hegemony. It is equally important to overcome hotbeds of conflict that have been eating up our social fabric across the regions and enhance economic connectivity and stabilization process. These challenges should not be allowed to hamper our move towards greater economic activity and thus betterment of the broader regions. Pakistan, termed as the ‘zipper’ for the regions, enjoys significant place in the quest for connectivity and growth. Its prime location between Central Asia, West Asia and South Asia serves as an index of opportunities towards pathway of success.

The exercise formed part of a series of deliberative forums held annually to brainstorm on issues of critical importance in the trans-regional setting. The endeavor is piloted by ISSRA, the thinking arm of NDU and patronized by scholastic circles from home and abroad. A galaxy of distinguished scholars and practitioners from across the globe and Pakistan participated in this seminar. Apart from high-level participation from policy relevant circles, academia and civil society, Honorable Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly and Federal Minister Abdul Qadir Baloch were chief guests at inaugural and wrap-up sessions respectively.