Following the national development policy with an emphasis on realization of knowledge-based economy, compared with other oil-rich countries in the region, Iran has successfully accomplished to create the most diversified economy with the lowest dependence on oil and gas incomes. In line with the national innovation system, Iran is moving steadily towards a knowledge-based and innovation-based economy and seeks to reinforce its productive capacity, encourage international collaboration to exchange technology and engage more actively in innovative activities to foster economic growth and sustainable development.

