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THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE REFORMS IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract: This article analyzes the impact of innovative reforms being implemented in Uzbekistan on socio-economic development. Areas such as scientific and technological innovation, digitalization processes, support for the startup ecosystem, and improvement of the investment climate are considered important factors in the sustainable growth of the country's economy. The impact of innovation policy on the well-being of the population, employment, and human capital development is also highlighted.

Keywords:innovation, digital economy, modernization, investment, startup, human capital, sustainable development.

In the context of globalization, ensuring competitiveness in the world economy is directly related to innovative development. Today, the economic power of states is determined not by the volume of natural resources, but by their scientific potential, the level of creation of modern technologies and their introduction into production. The experience of advanced countries shows that an economy based on innovations ensures sustainable growth, allows them to take a strong position in foreign markets, and adapts the national economy to the global competitive environment.

Modern countries rely on scientific advances, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, "green economy" and production of high added value to ensure economic growth. The innovative approach enables automation of production processes, introduction of resource-saving technologies, optimization of logistics and management systems. As a result, labor productivity increases, product costs decrease, and export potential increases.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has also been implementing large-scale reforms aimed at modernizing the economy, diversifying industry, and accelerating digital transformation. The transformation of the economy from a raw material-based to a high-tech and processing industry

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has become a priority. The development of the digital economy, the expansion of electronic government services, support for the IT sector, and the promotion of startup initiatives are important steps in this direction. These processes serve to increase the transparency, efficiency, and investment attractiveness of the national economy.

Innovative development not only increases economic efficiency, but also leads to positive changes in the social sphere. The introduction of new technologies allows for the creation of new jobs, especially for young people and highly qualified specialists. Increased labor productivity increases the income of enterprises, which in turn creates the basis for increasing employee salaries. At the same time, digital services allow the population to quickly and conveniently use public and private sector services, reducing unnecessary bureaucratic barriers.

Rising incomes and economic activity are leading to improved living standards. Innovations are also providing a qualitatively new level in education, healthcare, transport and public services. For example, distance learning technologies, telemedicine and digital payment systems are helping to modernize social infrastructure.

Thus, innovative development is emerging as a key factor in Uzbekistan's sustainable economic growth, ensuring social well-being, and developing human capital in the face of global competition. An economic policy based on innovation is crucial in achieving the country's long-term strategic goals.

Main part

Institutional foundations of innovation policy

In Uzbekistan, innovative development has risen to the level of state policy, and multifaceted institutions and mechanisms are being introduced in this direction. It is noteworthy that great attention is paid to supporting scientific and research activities. In order to stimulate innovative activity in the country, technological parks, technoparks and scientific centers are being created, where new ideas are put into practice, startup projects are developed. Important steps are being taken to introduce scientific research into industry by strengthening integration between higher education institutions and production sectors. These processes serve to strengthen the innovative infrastructure and significantly expand the opportunities for commercialization of scientific ideas.

Digital economy and technological innovation

Digitalization processes are helping to increase efficiency in public administration and the private sector in Uzbekistan. E-government systems enable citizens to receive government services more quickly and conveniently, which helps reduce bureaucratic barriers. Online services, e-commerce platforms, and fintech solutions are making a significant contribution to digitalizing the

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economy. In addition, the introduction of automated management systems in industrial enterprises allows optimizing production processes, reducing costs, and increasing competitiveness. This digital transformation affects all sectors of the economy, ensuring efficiency and innovation.

Innovation and investment environment

Creating a favorable investment environment is of great importance for the development of an innovative economy. In Uzbekistan, technology-oriented investments, startups and venture financing mechanisms are actively developing. Special funds and financial supports are being created for these projects, which create the necessary conditions for encouraging young entrepreneurs and introducing advanced technologies. The flow of foreign investments into high-tech sectors serves to diversify the structure of the country's economy and increase the competitiveness of industry. Also, the creation of legal and economic guarantees for investors contributes to the sustainable development of innovations.

Human capital and social performance

Innovative reforms require the development of human capital, because a high-tech economy cannot succeed without qualified personnel. Therefore, it is important that special attention is paid to the modernization of the education system. Expanding education in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) areas and training specialists in the field of information technology have become a priority. This will ensure youth employment, increase intellectual potential and strengthen social stability. At the same time, programs for improving vocational education, retraining and advanced training are being introduced, and a number of measures are being taken to train personnel who meet market requirements.

Overall, these institutional foundations of innovation policy play an important role in ensuring Uzbekistan's transition to a digital economy and high-tech development. By strengthening the innovation ecosystem, increasing scientific potential, and improving the investment climate, the country's economy will grow sustainably.

Problems and prospects

It should also be recognized that there are a number of problems in Uzbekistan on the path to innovative development. First, the level of commercialization of scientific developments is still low. Many innovative ideas and technologies remain within the framework of laboratories and scientific centers, lacking clear mechanisms and financial resources for their effective introduction to the market and transformation into business. This limits the full use of scientific potential.

Secondly, the private sector's participation in research and development is insufficient. Enterprises often tend to purchase ready-made technologies instead of conducting research. As a

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result, the high potential for creating innovative products and services is not fully realized. There is a need to develop mechanisms for cooperation between the private sector and scientific institutions, including a system of open innovations and clusters.

Thirdly, the lack of highly qualified personnel is another obstacle to innovative activity. The system of training scientific and technical specialists does not adapt to modern requirements, and the competitiveness of personnel at the international level is weak. In order to effectively use the potential of young scientists and specialists, it is necessary to take measures to improve their motivation and skills.

Regarding the future prospects, the further development of the innovation infrastructure is the first priority. It is necessary to increase the number of technological parks, incubators and innovation clusters, to effectively organize the activities of scientific research centers. By strengthening international scientific cooperation, opportunities for exchange of experience and knowledge, implementation of joint projects will be expanded.

The deepening of digital transformation in all areas will remain the main factor of increasing the competitiveness of the economy. The implementation of digital solutions in public administration, industry, agriculture, service and social sectors accelerates innovative development and increases social welfare.

Thus, by eliminating problems and implementing promising measures, it is possible to fully unlock Uzbekistan's innovative potential and make a full-scale transition to a modern digital economy. This will ensure the long-term sustainable development of the country.

Conclusion

Innovative reforms play a crucial role in the socio-economic development of Uzbekistan. Innovations are a key factor in modernizing the country's economy, increasing its competitiveness, and ensuring sustainable growth. Their implementation not only improves the quality and efficiency of products and services in industry and services, but also contributes to improving the well-being of the population, creating new jobs, and developing human capital.

Consistently continuing innovative development in Uzbekistan, as well as strengthening the innovation ecosystem and improving institutional support mechanisms, is essential for the successful implementation of the country's long-term sustainable development strategy. This will strengthen the country's position in international markets, ensure social stability, and allow for the transition to a new stage of economic growth.

Thus, innovative reforms will serve as the foundation for the future prosperity and sustainable development of Uzbekistan.

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