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INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

JUNE 10-12, 2024 | ISLAMABAD

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## SUMMIT PROGRAM

### Day 1, Monday, 10 June 2024

09:30 – 10:30

#### Opening Session

- Recitation from Holy Quran
- Welcome remarks by Engr. Moazzam Ejaz, Rector NUTECH
- Introduction and objectives of the International Summit by Dr. Michael Barber, Project Director HESSA & Professor, University of Utah
- Panel discussion: Graduate employability (undergraduate students)
- Remarks by Government Representative and Chief Guest

10:30 – 11:00

Social Networking (Tea/Coffee Break)

11:00 – 13:00

#### Session 1: Positioning Pakistan's Higher Education for Tomorrow

**Session Chair:** Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Tariq Banuri, Professor of Economics, University of Utah, USA
- Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, Quetta
- Dr. Casey Hyun, Director, CMI, University of Utah, Asia Campus, South Korea
- Dr. Mercedes Ward, Associate Director of Social Impact, University of Utah, USA

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

**Session 2: Optimizing Faculty Workload: Challenges and Policies**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Uzma Quraishi, Professor and Dean Faculty of Education, LCWU, Lahore
- Dr. Faisal Bari, Associate Professor, Economics Department, LUMS, Lahore
- Dr. Michael Barber, Department Chair and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Utah, USA

15:30 – 16:00

**Tea/Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:00

**Session 3: Fostering Entrepreneurship Culture in Higher Education Institutions**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, Vice Chancellor, Karakorum International University

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Rector, GIFT University of Gujranwala
- Dr. Casey Hyun, Director, CMI, University of Utah, Asia Campus, South Korea

**Day 2, Tuesday, 11 June 2024**

09:00 – 10:00

**Session 4: Navigating Tomorrow: Cultivating Higher Education Online and Micro-Credentials in Traditional Landscapes**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Osman Hassan, Pro Rector (Academics), NUST, Islamabad
- Dr. Deborah Keyek-Franssen, Associate Vice President and Dean of University Connected Learning, University of Utah (online presentation)

10:00 – 11:30

**Session 5: Climate Responsive Water Governance within the Context of Sustainable Development**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman Sindh Higher Education Commission

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Steve Burian, Professor, Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering, University of Alabama
- Dr. Sajjad Ahmad, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Nevada
- Dr. Michael Barber, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Utah

11:30 – 12:00

**Tea/Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:30

**Session 6: Leadership and Governance Crisis in Pakistani Universities**

**Session Chair:** Engr. Moazzam Ejaz, Rector, National University of Technology

**Speakers:**

- Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President, SZABIST, Karachi
- Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Member, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad
- Dr. Faisal Bari, Associate Professor, Economics Department, LUMS Lahore
- Dr. Zain Ul-Abdin, Project Director, Comcept Pvt Ltd., Islamabad

13:30 – 14:30

**Lunch**

14:30 – 17:00

(Four Parallel Sessions)

(with half hour Tea/Coffee Break 15.30-16:00)

## Showcasing HESSA Best Practices

### Session 7: Enhancing Students' Success through Integrated Support Systems

**Moderators:** Dr. Randy McCrillis, Dean of Students at University of Utah Asia Campus, and Ms. Asma Mohsin, Program Manager, IIE

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Asif Ali Qaiser, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore
- Dr. Mehfooz Ullah, Karakoram International University
- Dr. Saeed Ahmed, Mirpur University of Science & Technology
- Dr. Sajida Naz, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Mr. Muhammad Sheraz, National University of Sciences and Technology

### Session 8: Innovations in Teaching and Learning for Higher Impact

**Moderators:** Dr. Lisa Pawloski and Dr. Steve Burian, University of Alabama, USA

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Naveed Iqbal, Lahore College for Women University
- Dr. Inayat Ali, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Dr. Akifa Imtiaz, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Dr. Muhammad Faraz Bhatti, National University of Sciences and Technology
- Dr. Tanveer Fatima Miano, Sindh Agriculture University
- Dr. Imran Sajid, University of Peshawar
- Dr. Kamran Mumtaz, Institute of Business Administration Karachi
- Dr. Rameez Khalid, Institute of Business Administration Karachi

### Session 9: Strengthening Women Leadership Capacities in Higher Education

**Moderator:** Dr. Susan Carvalho, Dean of Graduate School, University of Alabama, USA

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Ayesha Mushtaq, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University
- Dr. Huma Ayub, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Dr. Munazzah Akhtar, University of Engineering and Technology Lahore
- Dr. Noreen Sher Akbar, National University of Sciences and Technology
- Dr. Sarwet Rasul, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Dr. Sehrish Shafi, Mirpur University of Science & Technology
- Dr. Shabana Nisar, Institute of Business Administration Karachi
- Dr. Tayyaba Noor, National University of Sciences and Technology

### Session 10: Strengthening the Role of Registrars and Administration in Higher Education

**Session Chair:** Dr. Amjad Saqib, Founder Akhuwat Foundation

**Moderator:** Dr. Tariq Banuri, Professor of Economics, University of Utah, USA

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Asad Ilyas, Registrar, Institute of Business Administration Karachi
- Dr. Yorid Ahsan Zia, Registrar, University of Peshawar
- Dr. Zahid Rauf, Registrar, BUIITEMS, Quetta
- Mr. Ashfaq Maitla, Registrar, National University of Sciences and Technology
- Ms. Naseem Akhtar, Registrar, Fatima Jinnah Women University

## Day 3, Wednesday, 12 June 2024

09:00 – 10:30

### **Session 11: The Importance of University - Industry Linkages for Pakistan's Economic Growth**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Rizwan Riaz, Pro-Rector (Research, Innovation and Commercialization), NUST, Islamabad

#### **Panelists:**

- Engr. Muhammad Asif Aslam, Director General, NUTECH Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (NORIC), National University of Technology, Islamabad
- Mr. Mohammad Sohaib Saleem, Director, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi
- Dr. Maria Anjum, Director, Business Incubation Center (BIC), Lahore College for Women University, Lahore
- Mr. Aamir Ibrahim, CEO, Jazz
- Mr. Sohail Sajid, Country Manager, Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI)

10:30 – 11:00

### **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30

### **Session 12: Addressing Capacity Building Needs of Higher Education Faculty**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Noor Amina Malik, Managing Director, National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) / Higher Education Commission, Islamabad

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. Steve Burian, Professor of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering, University of Alabama, USA
- Dr. Akifa Imtiaz, Associate Professor, FJWU, Rawalpindi
- Dr. James Agutter, Professor, School of Architecture, University of Utah, USA
- Dr. Lisa Pawloski, Professor and Associate Dean, University of Alabama, USA

12:30 – 13:30

### **Closing Session**

- Summary of summit proceedings by Dr. Aslam Chaudhry, Associate Project Director HESSA & Professor, University of Utah
- Remarks by Government Representative and Chief Guest
- Vote of thanks by Dr. Kenneth Holland, Chief of Party HESSA

13:30 –

### **Lunch**

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