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Fifth Research Competitive Grants Conference

Part I

Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17, 2015

Marriott Hotel, Islamabad

Saturday, May 16

Welcoming Remarks (8:45am – 9:00am)

Dr. David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Dr. Michael Trueblood, Agricultural Development Officer, USAID/Pakistan

Dr. Imran Ali, Rector and Dean, Karachi School for Business and Leadership

Session 1: ENERGY (9:00am – 11:00am)

Session Chair: Syed Akhtar Ali, Member Energy, Planning Commission

Impact of Climate Change on Electricity Consumption

Dr. Pervez Janjua and Dr. Nazakat Khan, International Islamic University, Islamabad (ID No. 854)

Investigates potential effects of climate change on energy demand

Sustainable Energy System: An Integrated Model and Decision Aid Framework for Electricity Generation to Support Policy Making Decisions

Dr. Khanji Harijan and Mr. Nayyar Hussain, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (ID No. 831)

Develops an operations research integrated energy sector and decision aid model

Energy Security through Adopting Biogas System in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, University of Agriculture, Peshawar (ID No. 532)

Evaluates potential for small-scale organic energy production in rural KPK

Development of Demand Side Energy Management in Pakistan

Dr. Fahad Javed, GIFT University, Gujranwala (ID No. 742)

Assesses alternatives for energy demand management using computer simulation

Tea break (11:00am – 11:30am)

Session 2: AGRICULTURE I (11:30am – 12:30pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Chairman PARC

Socio-Economic Characteristics, Marketing Problems and Farm Profitability: Case Study of Selective Vegetables in District Faisalabad

Dr. Bushra Yasmin, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi (ID No. 608)

Investigates marketing alternatives to raise farm incomes

Food Utilization among Poor Households in Peri-Urban Areas of Punjab

Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, UAF, Faisalabad (ID No. 506)

Investigates consumption among peri-urban households with focus on food safety

Lunch break (12:30pm – 1:30pm)

Session 3: AGRICULTURE II (1:30pm – 3:00pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Aamer Irshad, Chief of Food and Agriculture, Planning Commission

Strategies to Control Diseases and Increase Productivity of Livestock Sector

Dr. Rakhshanda Kousar and Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, UAF, Faisalabad (ID No. 536)

Assesses impediments to improved disease control and livestock quality

Effects of Biofertilizer on Productivity of Chickpeas in Cholistan-Bahawalpur

Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Islamia University, Bahawalpur (ID No. 610)

Demonstration trials and economic analysis of biofertilizer to raise production

Medicinal and Aromatic Plants to Promote Economic Development in Swat Valley

Dr. Hassan Sher, University of Swat (ID No. 511)

Demonstrations and economic analysis of MAP cultivation to raise incomes and preserve species

Afternoon Tea (3:00pm – 3:30pm)

Session 4: WATER (3:30pm – 5:00pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Khalid Riaz, Professor, COMSATS University, Islamabad

Optimal Groundwater Management in the Indus Water Basin (by video)

Dr. Steven Helfand and Mr. Sanval Nasim (Ph.D. candidate), University of California, Riverside (ID No. 599)

Models groundwater extraction and quality under alternative policies

Efficient Irrigation Technologies for Groundwater Security in Balochistan

Dr. Junaid Alam Memon, PIDE, Islamabad (ID No. 735)

Investigates efficient irrigations systems and farmers' willingness to adopt

Developing near real time water allocation system for efficient water use using remote sensing and modelling

Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Masud Cheema, UAF, Faisalabad (ID No. 682)

Integrates remote sensing and hydrological models to inform water allocation decisions

Sunday, May 17

Welcoming Remarks (9:00am – 9:15am)

Session 5: Presentation of 2nd Round Final Reports (9:15am – 10:30am)

Session Chair: Dr. Imran Ali, Rector and Dean, Karachi School for Business and Leadership

Determinants of Expansion of Micro and Small Firms and State of Entrepreneurship in Pakistan

Dr. Idrees Khawaja and Dr. Nasir Iqbal, PIDE, Islamabad

Exploring Determinants of Entrepreneurial Behaviour in Disadvantaged Areas of KPK Pakistan

Dr. Ali Muhammad Mohmand, University of Peshawar, Peshawar

Tea break (10:30am – 11:00am)

Session 6: MANAGEMENT (11:00am – 12:30pm)

Session Chair: Mr. Wajid Rana, Member, Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC)

Effects of Corporate Governance on Earnings Management Practices

Mr. Bilal Hafeez, National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad (ID No. 635)
Investigates effects of corporate governance and audit regulation on firm performance

High Performance Human Resource Management as a Tool to Enhance Indigenous Pakistani Firms Performance: A Case of Textile Industry of Pakistan

Dr. Mansoor Ahmad, Dr. Amna Yousaf, and Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed, COMSATS, Islamabad (ID No. 520)
Investigates effects of large-firm HR management on absenteeism and other indicators

Strategic Human Resource Management Practices for Medium Enterprises

Dr. Naveed Ur Rehman, Iqra University, Karachi (ID No. 526)
Investigates effects of medium-firm HR management on performance

Lunch break (12:30pm – 1:15pm)

Session 7: SOCIAL POLICY (1:15pm – 2:45pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Aliya H. Khan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University

Rural Livelihood Strategies and Diversification: Rethinking the Links and Policy

Dr. Faisal Jamil, NUST, Islamabad (ID No. 769)
Investigates farm, non-farm and remittance income strategies of rural households

Competition between Private and Public Schools in Rural Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan, PIDE, Islamabad (ID No. 678)
Assesses alternatives for improving school quality and effects on attendance

Health Benefits of Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls: Baseline Analysis

Dr. Nomana Anjum, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, and Mr. Syed Ayub Qutub, PIEDAR, Islamabad (ID No. 697)
Assesses effects of open space access and outdoor recreation on health of adolescent girls

Afternoon Tea (2:45pm – 3:00pm)

Session 8: MACRO POLICY (3:00pm – 4:30pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Pakistan KLEMS Database and Productivity Measurement at the Industry Level

Dr. Syed Muhammad Hussain and Dr. Abid Aman Burki, LUMS, Lahore (ID No. 631)
Creates internationally-consistent growth and productivity database for 14 industries

Infrastructure Development and Economic Growth

Dr. Samina Sabir, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad (ID No. 718)
Assesses impacts of public physical and social investments on aggregate growth

Regime Switches in Pakistan's Fiscal Policies

Mr. Wajid Ali and Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, PIDE, Islamabad (ID No. 596)
Assesses effects of government spending/taxes on growth and trade balance

Closing Remarks (4:30pm – 4:45pm)

**See separate schedule for Conference Part II held in Lahore
Thursday-Friday, May 21-22, 2015**



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Thursday, May 21

Welcoming Remarks (8:45am – 9:00am)

Dr. Stephen Davies, Chief of Party, PSSP

Dr. David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Mr. Preston Savarese, Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Lahore

Session 1: FISCAL POLICY, GROWTH and TRADE (9:00am – 10:30am)

Session Chair: Dr. Hina Nazli, Research Fellow, PSSP

Efficiency of Alternative Public Investments

Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (ID No. 512)
Assesses impacts of public physical and social investments on growth in eight sectors

Implementation of UIPT Reforms in Punjab

Mr. Sabieh Haider and Mr. Daniyal Aziz, GINI, Islamabad (ID No. 824)
Examines possibilities and impediments to updating and reform of UIPT

Channelizing Pakistan-Afghanistan Informal Trade into Formal Channels

Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Embassy of Pakistan, Kazakhstan (ID No. 556)
Examines informal and formal trade and possible preferential trade arrangement

Tea break (10:30am – 11:00am)

Session 2: ECONOMIC DATA and FINANCE (11:00am – 12:30pm)

Session Chair: Mr. Wajid Rana, Member, Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC)

Improved Estimates of Changes in Stocks/Inventories for National Accounts

Mr. Zafar Ul Hassan, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad (ID No. 803)
Develops accurate and consistent estimates of changes in stocks

Dynamic Behavior of Corporate Investment in Pakistan

Mr. Ijaz Hussain Bajwa and Dr. Adnan Haider, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (ID No. 519)
Investigates micro-level/balance sheet determinants of KSE-Listed firm investment

Financial Market Discipline: A Depositor's Perspective

Dr. Nawazish Mirza, Lahore School of Economics (ID No. 720)
Investigates market discipline on banking sector and potential for bond market development

Lunch break (12:30pm – 1:30pm)

Session 3: URBAN POLICY (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Imran Ali, Rector and Dean, Karachi School for Business and Leadership

Child Labour in the Urban Informal Sector

Dr. Ambreen Fatima, AERC, Karachi (ID No. 591)
Assesses supply and demand determinants of child labour

Urban Transportation and Access to Economic Opportunity: Lahore Metrobus

Dr. Hadia Majid, LUMS, Lahore (ID No. 667)
Evaluates effects of Metrobus on labor mobility and earnings

Session 4: VIDEO PRESENTATIONS (2:30pm – 3:30pm)

Session Facilitator: Andrew Comstock, Senior Research Assistant, IFPRI

Precarious Lives, Disrupted Bodies: Social Repair after Disaster in Northern Pakistan

Mr. Omer Aijazi (Ph.D. candidate), University of British Columbia, Vancouver (ID No. 581)
Examines social repair after natural disasters and recovery strategies

A Value Chain Analysis of the Leather Industry

Dr. Zahoor Ul Haq, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (ID No. 567)
Examines intra- and inter-firm determinants of value-added and export performance

Afternoon Tea (3:30pm)

Friday, May 22

Welcoming Remarks (9:00am – 9:15am)

Session 5: Presentation of 2nd Round Final Reports (9:15am – 11:00am)

Session Chair: Dr. Mubarak Ali, Senior Research Fellow, PSSP

Pakistan's Potential Trade and 'Behind the Border' Constraints

Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Kazakhstan

Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls: An Assessment for Islamabad and Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Dr. Syed Ayub Qutub, PIEDAR, Islamabad, and Dr. Nomana Anjum, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

Macroeconomic Determinants of Bond Market Development

Dr. Kumail Rizvi, Synergistics Financial Advisors, Lahore

Tea break (11:00am – 11:30am)

Session 6: EMPLOYMENT AND EMPOWERMENT (11:30am – 1:30pm)

Session Chair: Dr. Stephen Davies, Chief of Party, PSSP

Employment in Textile Sectors

Dr. Muhammad Khan, COMSATS, Lahore (ID No. 601)

Evaluates workplace safety and health status of women workers in cotton-textile industries

Social Compliance Audits in the Textile and Garments Sector

Dr. Muhammad Faraz, Bahria University, Karachi (ID No. 778)

Investigates labor practices that affect social compliance export requirements

Socio-Economic and Health Status of Female Cotton Pickers

Dr. Muhammad Abubakkar Azmat, Sub Campus UAF, Vehari (ID No. 554)

Investigates health and economic status of women cotton pickers

Financial Literacy Challenge and Empowerment

Dr. Imran Ali, COMSATS, Lahore (ID No. 523)

Investigates strategies for raising family financial management of low-income women

Lunch and Closing Remarks (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

Dr. Stephen Davies, Chief of Party, PSSP

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