



PAKISTAN

Strategy Support Program



Fourth Research Competitive Grants Conference

Saturday, June 14 – Sunday, June 15, 2014
 Planning Commission Auditorium, Islamabad

Presentation of Short-Listed Proposals for 3rd Round Awards

Saturday, June 14	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Inaugural Session
09:00	Recitation from the Holy Quran
09:05	Welcome Address Dr. Stephen Davies, Chief of Party, PSSP
09:10	Overview of CGP Program Dr. David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
09:15	Chief Guests' Remarks Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
09:25	Remarks by USG/USAID Representative Ms. Catherine Moore, Acting Mission Director, USAID Pakistan
9:30-10:30	Session I: Macroeconomics A Chair: Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission 3 presentations and discussion
10:30-11:00	Tea
11:00-12:00	Session II: Macroeconomics B Chair: H.E. Mr. Paul Molloy, Deputy High Commissioner, Australian High Commission 3 presentations and discussion
12:00-1:00	Lunch (buffet)
1:00-2:20	Session III: Education and Health Chair: Dr. Sania Nishtar, Founder and President, Heartfile 4 presentations and discussion
2:20-3:40	Session IV: Energy Chair: Dr. Khaqan Hassan Najeeb, Director General, Economic Reforms Unit, Ministry of Finance 4 presentations and discussion

- 3:40-4:00 Tea
- 4:00-5:20 **Session V: Energy / Water**
Chair: Mr. Naseer Gillani, Chief Water Resources, Planning Commission
4 presentations and discussion
- 5:20-6:00 **Session VI: International Trade**
Chair: Dr. Mubarak Ali, Senior Research Fellow, PSSP
2 presentations and discussion
- 6:00-7:15 **Session VII: Remote Presentations (by Pre-recorded Video)**
Chair: Mr. Ahmad Jamal, Deputy Chief of Party, PSSP
5 presentations
- 7:20 **Day Closing Announcements**
- Evening **Dinner (on your own)**

Sunday, June 15

- 8:45-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-10:20 **Session VIII: Markets**
Chair: Mr. Wajid Rana, Member, Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC)
4 presentations and discussion
- 10:20-10:40 Tea
- 10:40-11:40 **Session IX: Management**
Chair: Dr. Khalid Riaz, Professor, COMSATS University, Islamabad
3 presentations and discussion
- 11:40-1:00 **Session X: Adjustment**
Chair: Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PIDE
4 presentations and discussion
- 1:00-1:40 Lunch (buffet)
- 1:40-2:40 **Session XI: Agriculture A**
Chair: H.E. Mr. Greg Giokis, High Commissioner, Canadian High
Commission
3 presentations and discussion
- 2:40-3:40 **Session XII: Agriculture B**
Chair: Dr. Muhammad Azeem, Director General, National Agricultural
Research Center (NARC)
3 presentations and discussion
- 3:40 **Conference Closing Announcements**
Chair: Dr. Stephen Davies, Chief of Party, PSSP

Proposal Presentations

Saturday, June 14th

- 9:30-10:30 **Session I: Macroeconomics A**
Chair: Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
- Infrastructure Development and Economic Growth in Pakistan**
(ID No. 718)
Dr. Samina Sabir, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad
- Are All Public Investments Equally Efficient? Experience from Pakistan Economy** (ID No. 512)
Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi
- Regime Switches in Pakistan's Fiscal Policy; Markov-Switching VAR Approach** (ID No. 596)
Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, PIDE, Islamabad
- 11:00-12:00 **Session II: Macroeconomics B**
Chair: H.E. Mr. Paul Molloy, Deputy High Commissioner, Australian High Commission
- Policy Research on Implementation of UIPT Reforms in Punjab**
(ID No. 824)
Daniyal Aziz, GINI, Islamabad
- Implications of Improved Estimates of Changes in Stocks/Inventories on National Accounts of Pakistan** (ID No. 803)
Zafar Ul Hassan, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad
- Developing a Vibrant Financial System and Bond Market through Market Discipline and Regulatory Policies** (ID No. 720)
Dr. Syed Kumail Abbas Rizvi, Synergistic Financial Advisors, Lahore
- 1:00-2:20 **Session III: Education and Health**
Chair: Dr. Sania Nishtar, Founder and President, Heartfile
- Competition between Private and Public Organizations in a Regulated Industry: Schools in Rural Pakistan** (ID No. 678)
Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan, PIDE, Islamabad
- Assessment of Child Labour in the Urban Informal Sector** (ID No. 591)
Dr. Ambreen Fatima, AERC, Karachi

Employment in Textile Sector of Pakistan and Women Empowerment
(ID No. 601)

Dr. Muhammad Khan, COMSATS, Lahore

Harnessing Human and Social Capital: Health Benefits of Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls (ID No. 697)

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

2:20-3:40

Session IV: Energy

Chair: Dr. Khaqan Hassan Najeeb, Director General, Economic Reforms Unit, Ministry of Finance

Analysis of Consumers' Response for Development of Demand Side Energy Management in Pakistan (ID No. 742)

Dr. Fahad Javed, GIFT University, Gujranwala

Sustainable Energy Systems: An integrated Model and Decision Aid Framework to Support Policy Making Decisions (ID No. 831)

Dr. Khanji Harijan, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology

Impact of Climate Change on Electricity Consumption at Household Level: A Case of Pakistan (ID No. 854)

Dr. Pervez Janjua, International Islamic University, Islamabad and Co-PI Mr. Nazakat Ullah Khan, International Islamic University, Islamabad

Economic Analysis of the Laws and Institutions Governing the Energy Sector of Pakistan (ID No. 677)

Uzair J. Kayani, LUMS, Lahore

4:00-5:20

Session V: Energy / Water

Chair: Mr. Naseer Gillani, Chief Water Resources, Planning Commission

Energy Security through Adopting Biogas System in Kyber Pakhtunkhwa: A Predicted Willingness-to-Adopt Approach (ID No. 532)

Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, Centre for Research and Development, Peshawar

Developing Near Real Time Intelligent Water Allocation System Using Remote Sensing and Modeling (ID No. 682)

Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Masud Cheema, UAF, Faisalabad
Proposal presented by Dr. Allah Bakhsh, UAF, Faisalabad

Impact of Institutional Creation on Performance in Tank Irrigation (ID No. 665)

Dr. Mustansar Mahmood, International Islamic University, Islamabad

Farmers' Acceptance of Efficient Irrigation Technologies for Groundwater Security in Balochistan (ID No. 735)

Dr. Junaid Alam Memon, PIDE, Islamabad

5:20-6:00

Session VI: International Trade

Chair: Dr. Mubarik Ali, Senior Research Fellow, PSSP

A Value Chain Analysis of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Leather Industry
(ID No. 567)

Dr. Zahoor Ul Haq, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan

Pakistan India Trade Liberalization and Non Discriminatory Market Access (NDMA) (ID No. 836)

Nadia Rehman, USAID Trade Project, Islamabad

6:00-7:15

Session VII: Remote Presentations (by Pre-recorded Video)

Chair: Mr. Ahmad Jamal, Deputy Chief of Party, PSSP

Land, Political Power and Development: Evidence from Punjab
(ID No. 737)

Dr. Adeel Malik, University of Oxford

Precarious Lives, Disrupted Bodies: Examining Social Repair and Disaster in Northern Pakistan (ID No. 581)

Omer Aijazi, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Optimal Groundwater Management in Pakistan's Indus Water Basin
(ID No. 599)

Dr. Steven Helfand, University of California, Riverside

Proposal presented by Ph.D. Candidate Mr. Sanval Nasim, University of California, Riverside

The Provision of Public Goods: Institutional and Governance Challenges
(ID No. 690)

Dr. Shehryar Khan Toru, SDPI, Islamabad

Channelizing Pakistan Afghanistan Informal Trade into Formal Channels (ID No. 556)

Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Embassy of Pakistan, Kazakhstan

Sunday, June 15th

9:00-10:20

Session VIII: Markets

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

Dynamic Behavior of Corporate Investment in Pakistan: A Comprehensive Study of 323 KSE-Listed Firms (ID No. 519)

Dr. Adnan Haider, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

Proposal presented by Co-PI Dr. Muhammad Nishat, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

Pakistan KLEMS Database and Productivity Measurement at the Industry Level (ID No. 631)

Dr. Abid Aman Burki, LUMS, Lahore

Proposal presented by Co-PI Dr. Syed Muhammad Hussain, LUMS, Lahore

The Effectiveness of Corporate Governance and Audit on Constraining Earnings Management Practices in Pakistan (ID No. 635)

Bilal Hafeez, National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad

Non Payment of Standardized Compensation; A Non Compliance Issue During Social Compliance Audits in Textile and Garments Sector of Pakistan (ID No. 778)

Muhammad Faraz, Bahria University, Karachi

10:40-11:40

Session IX: Management

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

High Performance Human Resource Management as a Tool to Enhance Indigenous Pakistani Firms Performance (ID No. 520)

Dr. Mansoor Ahmad, COMSATS, Islamabad and Co-PI Dr. Muhammad

Majid Khan, COMSATS, Islamabad

Improving Small and Medium Enterprises Competitiveness: Bridging the Gap through Strategic Human Resource Management Practices (ID No. 526)

Dr. Naveed Ur Rehman, Iqra University, Karachi

Analysis of IT Governance Practices in Public Sector Organizations of Pakistan (ID No. 679)

Amanat Ali, University of Engineering and Technology, Taxila

11:40-1:00

Session X: Adjustment

Chair: Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Urban Transportation, Labor Markets and Access to Economic Opportunity: Evidence from Lahore's Bus Rapid Transit System (ID No. 667)

Dr. Hadia Majid, LUMS, Lahore

The Financial Literacy Challenge and Socio-economic Empowerment of Selected Communities in Pakistan (ID No. 523)

Dr. Imran Ali, COMSATS, Lahore

Livelihood Diversification in the Rural Economy: Rethinking the Links in Selected Districts of Punjab and Sindh Provinces (ID No. 769)

Dr. Faisal Jamil, NUST, Islamabad

Food Utilization Among Poor Households in Peri-Urban Areas of North and South Punjab, Pakistan (ID No. 506)

Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, UAF, Faisalabad

1:40-2:40

Session XI: Agriculture A

Chair: H.E. Mr. Greg Giokis, High Commissioner, Canadian High Commission

Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Biofertilizer for Improving the Productivity of Chickpea in Cholistan-Bahawalpur (ID No. 610)

Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Islamia University, Bahawalpur

Using Medicinal and Aromatic Plants to Promote Economic and Social Development in Swat Valley, Pakistan (ID No. 511)

Dr. Hassan Sher, University of Swat

Improvement in the Socio-Economic and Health Status of Female Cotton Pickers under the Changed Scenario of *BT* Cotton Adoption in the Cotton Belt (ID No. 554)

Dr. Muhammad Abubakkar, Sub Campus UAF, Vehari

2:40-3:40

Session XII: Agriculture B

Chair: Dr. Muhammad Azeem, Director General, National Agricultural Research Center (NARC)

Strategies to Control Diseases and Increasing Productivity of Livestock Sector through Improved Breeding in Punjab, Pakistan (ID No. 536)

Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, UAF, Faisalabad

Local Marketing Channels and Farm's Profitability: Case Study of Selective Crops in Pakistan (ID No. 608)

Dr. Bushra Yasmin, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi

Policy Implications of Increasing Sugar Mills in District Rahim Yar Khan (ID No. 656)

Dr. Nasir Nadeem, UAF, Sub Campus Burewala and Co-PI Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi