Second Research Competitive Grants Conference

Friday, February 8 – Sunday, February 10, 2013
Marriott Hotel, Islamabad

Friday, Feb 8, 8:00 AM – Saturday, Feb 9, 3:30 PM:
Presentation of Short-Listed Proposals for Round 2 Awards

Friday, February 8

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Inaugural Session
Chair: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
Guest Speaker:
Mr. Jock Conly, Mission Director, USAID

9:30-10:50 Proposals I: Improved Governance
Chair: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
4 presentations and discussion

10:50-11:15 Tea

11:15-12:15 Proposals II: Vibrant Markets
Chair: Mr. Vinay Chawla, Deputy Coordinator for Economic and Development Assistance, Embassy of the United States
4 presentations and discussion

12:15-2:40 Lunch (buffet)

2:40-4:00 Proposals III: Vibrant Markets and Improved Governance
Chair: Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator, United Nations
4 presentations and discussion

4:00-4:30 Tea

4:30-6:30 Proposals IV: International Presentations, Various Topics (by Skype)
Chair: Dr. Jose Lopez-Calix, Senior Economist, World Bank
6 presentations and discussion

6:30 Day Closing Announcements
### Conference Dinner
Chair: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
Dinner Speaker:  
*The Challenges of Creating and Sustaining Growth*  
Dr. Sherman Robinson, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

**Saturday, February 9 (proposal presentations continued)**

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| 9:00-11:00 | Proposals V: Vibrant Markets  
Chair: Dr. Mubarak Ali, Chief Executive, Punjab Agricultural Research Board  
6 presentations and discussion |
| 11:00-11:15 | Tea |  
| 11:15-12:40 | Proposals VI: Vibrant Markets  
Chair: Dr. Safdar Sohail, Director General, Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce  
3 presentations and discussion |
| 12:40-1:15 | Lunch (buffet) |  
| 1:15-3:15 | Proposals VII: Improved Governance and Creative Cities/Youth  
Chair: Mr. Mark Franche, Country Director, United Nations Development Program  
6 presentations and discussion |
| 3:15-3:30 | Tea |  

**Saturday, Feb 9, 3:30 PM – Sunday, Feb 10, 4:00 PM: Presentation of Interim Reports from Round 1 Awards**

**Saturday, February 9**

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| 3:30-3:45 | Inaugural Session  
Chairs: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
Dr. David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI |
| 3:45-5:45 | Interim Report Presentations I  
Chair: Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission  
4 presentations and discussion |
| 5:45-7:45 | Interim Report Presentations II (International, by Skype)  
Chair: Dr. Stephen Davies, Program Leader, PSSP  
4 presentations and discussion |
| 7:45 | Day Closing Announcements |
Conference adjourns for the day

**Sunday, February 10**

8:45-9:00  Registration

9:00-11:00  **Interim Report Presentations III**  
Chair: Mr. Rafael Sanchez Carmona, Development Advisor, Delegation of the European Union  
4 presentations and discussion

11:00-11:15  Tea

11:15-12:45  **Interim Report Presentations IV**  
Chair: Dr. John Mellor, President, Mellor Associates, Inc.  
3 presentations and discussion

12:45-1:30  Lunch (buffet)

1:30-3:00  **Interim Report Presentations V**  
Chair: Dr. Hina Nazli, Research Fellow, PSSP  
3 presentations and discussion

3:00-3:30  **Conference Closing Session**  
Chair: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
Final Comments:  
Dr. Stephen Davies, Program Leader, PSSP  
Dr. Michael Wyzan, Agricultural Economics Officer, USAID  
Dr. David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

3:30-4:00  Tea
Proposal Presentations

Friday, February 8

9:30-10:50 Proposals I: Improved Governance
Chair: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Bureaucrat Time Use, Type and Program Performance: Evidence from a Randomized Monitoring Program in Pakistan (ID No. 371)
Dr. Ali Hasanaain, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore

Issues in Disaster Relief Supply Chains in Pakistan (ID No. 330)
Dr. Hassan Rauf Chaudhry, University of Central Punjab, Lahore

Enhancing the Understanding of Corruption through System Dynamics Modeling: A Case Study Analysis (ID No. 340)
Dr. Eatzaz Ahmed, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

11:15-12:15 Proposals II: Vibrant Markets
Chair: Mr. Vinay Chawla, Deputy Coordinator for Economic and Development Assistance, Embassy of the United States

Determinants of Expansion of Micro and Small Firms and State of Entrepreneurship in Pakistan (ID No. 418)
Dr. Idrees Khawaja, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

Exploring Determinants of Entrepreneurial Behaviour in Disadvantaged Areas of KPK Pakistan (ID No. 327)
Dr. Ali Muhammad Mohmand, University of Peshawar, Peshawar

Understanding Technological & Innovation Capability for Growth Prospects and Sustainability (ID No. 416)
Dr. Syed Muhammad Ali, University of Karachi, Karachi

2:40-4:00 Proposals III: Vibrant Markets and Improved Governance
Chair: Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator, United Nations

Corporate Governance Index: A measure of Corporate Governance Practices in Pakistan (ID No. 409)
Dr. Aneel Salman, GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi Dist. Swabi
Presented by Mr. Murtaza Abbas, Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad

Dr. Bushra Naqvi, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore
Presented by Mr. Nawazish Mirza and Mr. Syed Kumail Rizvi, Lahore School of Economics, Lahore

Channelizing Pakistan Afghanistan Informal Trade into Formal Channels (ID No. 338)
Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development, Islamabad
Aid effectiveness in poverty alleviation in a post-conflict and post-disaster setting: a case study of the Malakand region (ID No. 363)
Dr. Murad Ali, University of Malakand, Lower Dir

4:30-6:30 Proposals IV: International Presentations, Various Topics (by Skype)
Chair: Dr. Jose Lopez-Calix, Senior Economist, World Bank

Education of Youth and Inter-generational Social Mobility in Rural Punjab (ID No. 427)
Mr. Muhammad Arif Naveed, University of Cambridge, UK

Bureaucratic Performance and Local Public Service Delivery in Punjab (ID No. 323)
Dr. Maryam Tanwir, University of Cambridge, UK

Agricultural Markets and Agrarian Change in Pakistani Punjab (ID No. 473)
Mr. Muhammad Ali Jan, University of Oxford, UK

The Impact of Internet Access on Current and Potential Women Entrepreneurs living in Underprivileged Areas: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan (ID No. 440)
Dr. Stephen Smith and Ms. Saher Asad, The George Washington University

Water Use in Pakistan’s Agriculture Efficient Water Allocation in Pakistani Agricultural Production (ID No. 484)
Dr. Robert Mendelsohn and Mr. Agha Akram, Yale University, USA

Remittances and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from the Pakistan Remittance Initiative (ID No. 408)
Dr. Javaeria A. Qureshi, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA

Saturday, February 9

9:00-11:00 Proposals V: Vibrant Markets
Chair: Dr. Mubarak Ali, Chief Executive, Punjab Agricultural Research Board

Fostering Entrepreneurship in Punjab’s Agriculture (ID No. 463)
Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Dr. Noor P. Khan, KPK Agricultural University, Peshawar

Role of Milk Collection Contract in Improving Milk Production and Marketing in Irrigated Punjab (ID No. 465)
Dr. Muhammad Qasim, Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad

Impact of Mango Leaf Analysis on Quality Fruit Production and Socio: Economics of Growers (ID No. 453)
Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Analysis of Efficiency and Management of Irrigation Water in Sindh Province (ID No. 483)
Dr. Fateh M. Marri, Sindh Agriculture University, Karachi
Formulating Water Policy Based on Rationalization of Water Allocations Using Remote Sensing and GIS Modeling Approach (ID No. 470)
Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Masud Cheema, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

11:15-12:40 Proposals VI: Vibrant Markets
Chair: Dr. Safdar Sohail, Director General, Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce

Agriculture Development: Evidence Based Way Forward for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Pakistan (ID No. 466)
Mr. Mubarak Ahmed, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Karachi

Public Investment Efficiency and Sectoral Economic Growth in Pakistan (ID No. 303)
Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

Productivity and Growth: A Disaggregated Analysis of Manufacturing Sector of Pakistan (ID No. 392)
Dr. Fauzia Kamal, Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

Global Value Chain, Industrial Clusters and Networks (ID No. 314)
Dr. Anjum Fayyaz, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore

1:15-3:15 Proposals VII: Improved Governance and Creative Cities/Youth
Chair: Mr. Mark Franche, Country Director, United Nations Development Program

Estimating Indicators of Skill Mismatch: A Survey of Selected Cities of Pakistan (ID No. 344)
Dr. Pervez Zamurrad Janjua, International Institute of Islamic Economics, Islamabad
Presented by Dr. Atiq-ur-Rehman, International Islamic University, Islamabad

Relative Importance of Labor Legislation in Determining Female Labor Force Participation in Pakistan (ID No. 393)
Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Planning Commission
Presented by: Mr. Muhammad Saleh

The Constituent Assemblies of Pakistan (1947-56, and 1971-73): An Institutional Economics Analysis (ID No. 437)
Dr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Forman Christian College, Lahore

Building Green Cities in Pakistan: Developing Green Building Codes for Sustainable Green Cities (ID No. 362)
Dr. Nasir Javed and Dr. Kiran Farhan, Urban Unit, Lahore

Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls (ID No. 365)
Dr. Syed Ayub Qutub, Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research (PIEDAR), Islamabad and Dr. Nomana Anjum, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad.

Establishing Trip Rates and Parking Ratios for Socio-Economic Zones of Karachi Metropolis using an Activity-based Approach for achieving Effective Transportation Planning (ID No. 384)
Dr. Mir Shabbar Ali, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi
Interim Reports

Saturday, February 9

3:45-5:45 Interim Report Presentations I
Chair: Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission

Estimating the Size and Operations of the Public Sector and its Impact on Wheat Markets in Pakistan: A Post-18th Constitutional Amendment Inquiry (ID No. 240)
Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad

An Assessment of Skill Gaps Among University Graduates for Employability and Performance in Industries Situated in the Gujrat-Sialkot-Gujranwala Industrial Cluster (ID No. 152)
Dr. Atif Ali Jaffri, University of Gujrat, Gujrat
Presented by Dr. Faisal Mehmood Mirza, University of Gujrat, Gujrat

Batkhela (Malakand) Bazar: A Catalyst for Socio-Economic and Political Change (ID No. 187)
Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jan, University of Peshawar

Agent-Based Modeling Simulations for Solving Pakistan's Urban Challenges (ID No. 168)
Dr. Hilton Root, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA
Presented by Mr. Ammar Malik, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA

5:45-7:45 Interim Report Presentations II (International, by Skype)
Chair: Dr. Stephen Davies, Program Leader, PSSP

Structural Constraints on Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Pakistan (ID No. 263)
Dr. Adeel Malik and Mr. Rinchan Ali Mirza, Oxford University, UK

Essays on the Political Economic Consequences of Pakistan's Linguistically Fractured Educational System (ID No. 169)
Dr. John Willoughby, American University, Washington, DC, USA
Presented by Ms. Zehra Aftab, American University, Washington, DC, USA

An Essay on Consumption Hypotheses (ID No. 279)
Mr. Khalid Khan, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences, Quetta

Allocative Inefficiency, Tenure Systems and Poverty in Irrigated Agriculture in Pakistan (ID No. 129)
Dr. Ariel Dinar and Mr. Sanval Nasim, University of California-Riverside, USA

Sunday, February 10

9:00-11:00 Interim Report Presentations III
Chair: Mr. Rafael Sanchez Carmona, Development Advisor, Delegation of the European Union

Dr. Daniyal Aziz, Governance Institutes Network International, Islamabad
Integrating Rural Urban Linkages for Regional Development in the Province of Sind: A Cluster Based Approach (ID No. 257)
Dr. Noman Saeed, Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi

Economic Growth and Protection of Life, Property and Contracts (ID No. 272)
Dr. Shabib Haider Syed, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore
Presented by Mr. Luqman Saeed and Zahid Iqbal, Forman Christian College, Lahore

The Size and Nature of Informal Entrepreneurship in Pakistan and How to Tackle It (ID No. 179)
Dr. Muhammad Shehryar Shahid, University of Central Punjab, Lahore

11:15-12:45 Interim Report Presentations IV
Chair: Dr. John Mellor, President, Mellor Associates, Inc.

Qualitative and Quantitative Analyses of Antibiotics, Heavy Metals, Mycotoxins, and Pesticides Residues in Milk, Eggs and Meat Meant for Human Consumption (ID No. 102)
Dr. Muhammad Younus, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jhang

Economic Analysis of Challenges in Development of High-Value Agriculture: The Case of Livestock Diseases in Punjab (ID No. 150)
Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Maximizing Farm Income and Other Livelihood Opportunities through Introduction of High Value Minor Crops in District Swat (ID No. 104)
Dr. Hassan Sher, University of Swat, Swat

1:30-3:00 Interim Report Presentations V
Chair: Dr. Hina Nazli, Research Fellow, PSSP

Enhancing Water Productivity by Using Feasible Efficient Irrigation Techniques (ID No. 196)
Dr. Allah Bakhsh, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

What Determines Farmers’ Response towards Adopting New Technology in KP? (ID No. 242)
Dr. Shahnaz Akhtar, KP Agricultural University, Peshawar

DNA Barcoding and Biochemical Profiling of Medicinal Plants of Northern and Desert Areas of Pakistan: Improving Socio-economic Standard of the People of these Regions (ID No. 167)
Dr. Amer Jamil, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad