



## Increasing Productivity and Unleashing Growth in Pakistan

A Conference by  
**The Pakistan Strategy Support Program: Shaping a Policy Research Agenda**  
 Serena Hotel, Islamabad

**Saturday, May 26**

- 8:00-8:45     **Registration**
- 9:00-10:15   **Inaugural Session**  
 Chairperson: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
 Distinguished Guest: Mr. Rodger Garner, Deputy Mission Director, USAID
- The Importance of Effective Research for Policy Making: Unleashing the Growth Potential of Pakistan*  
 Dr. Paul Dorosh, IFPRI
- 10:15-10:45   Tea
- 10:45-12:30   **Governance for Growth I**  
 Chairperson: Dr. Rachid Benmessaoud, Country Director, World Bank
- Institutional Setting for Growth and Equity Objectives*  
 Dr. Akmal Hussain, BNU
- Governance Challenges for Agricultural and Rural Growth*  
 Dr. Regina Birner, University of Hohenheim, Germany
- Increasing Agricultural Productivity through Science and Innovation*  
 Dr. David Spielman, IFPRI
- Investments and Policy Reform to Meet Water Challenges*  
 Dr. Stephen Davies, Colorado State University, USA
- 12:30-1:15    Lunch (buffet)
- 1:15-3:15     **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals I**  
 Chairperson: Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator, UN Pakistan / Resident Representative, UNDP

- 3:15-3:45 Tea
- 3:45-5:45 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals II (Video Presentations)**  
Chairperson: Mr. George Turkington, Head of DFID Pakistan
- 7:30-9:30 Conference Dinner  
Chairperson: Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
Distinguished Guest: Ms. Rebecca Shaw, First Secretary, AusAid, Australian Embassy
- Global Agricultural Research: Lessons for Pakistan*  
Dr. Jock Anderson, University of New England, Australia

### **Sunday, May 27**

- 8:00-8:45 Registration
- 9:00-10:45 **Governance for Growth II**  
Chairperson: Dr. Werner Liepach, Resident Representative, ADB
- Energy and the New Growth Framework*  
Dr. Rashid Aziz, World Bank
- Poverty, Inequality and Human Capital Acquisition*  
Dr. Ali Cheema, LUMS
- Land Markets, Productivity and Growth*  
Dr. Imran Ali, Karachi School for Business and Leadership
- High Value Agriculture*  
Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- 10:45-11:15 Tea
- 11:15-12:30 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals III**  
Chairperson: Ms. Rhonda Gossen-Ehsani, Head of Aid, CIDA
- 12:30-1:15 Lunch (buffet)
- 1:15-3:15 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals IV (Small Grants)**  
Chairperson: Dr. Paul Dorosh, Division Director, IFPRI
- 3:15-3:30 Tea
- 3:30-5:30 **Competitive Grant Proposals V**  
Chairperson: H. E. Mr. Lars Gunnar Wigemark, Ambassador/Head of Delegation,  
The EU Delegation to Pakistan
- 5:30-5:45 Closing Session

## Grant Proposal Presentations

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### **1:15-3:15 Competitive Grant Proposals I**

*Estimating Size and Operations of 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

*Social Safety Nets for Food Security of Small Farmers: Policy Implications for Pro-Poor Growth in Resource Scarce Regions*

(ID No. 164) Dr. Babar Shahbaz – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

*An Assessment of Skill Gap among University Graduates for Employability and Performance in Industries situated in Gujrat-Sialkot-Gujranwala Industrial Cluster*

(ID No. 152) Dr. Atif Ali Jaffri – University of Gujrat, Gujrat

*Failed Enterprises*

(ID No. 268) Mr. Khalid Mahmood – Centre for Enterprise, Trade and Development (CEETAD), Lahore

*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

*The Impact of a University on Local Development - Case Study of University of Gujrat*

(ID No. 266) Dr. Hans Frey – Council of Social Sciences, Islamabad

### **3:45-5:45 Competitive Grant Proposals II (Video Presentations)**

*Structural Constraints on Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Pakistan*

(ID No. 263) Dr. Adeel Malik and Mr. Rinchan Ali Mirza – University of Oxford, UK

*Patron-Client Relationships and Rural Public Service Delivery in Pakistan*

(ID No. 189) Dr. Azam Chaudhry – Lahore School of Economics, Lahore

Presented by Ms. Kate Vyborny – University of Oxford, UK

*Is Pakistan's financial system conducive to economic growth?*

(ID No. 254) Dr. Kamal Munir – University of Cambridge, UK

Presented by Ms. Natalya Naqvi – University of Cambridge, UK

*Essays on the Political Economic Consequences of Pakistan's Linguistically Fractured Educational System*

(ID No. 169) Ms. Zehra Aftab – American University, USA

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

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

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### **11:15-12:30 Competitive Grant Proposals III**

*Assessment of Student Critical Thinking Development in Support of the Implementation of the New Growth Strategy*

(ID No. 107) Dr. Mir Anjum Altaf – Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore

*Tax Policy Research to Support a New Growth Framework for Sustained Economic Growth of Pakistan*

(ID No. 255) Mr. Daniyal Aziz – Governance Institutes Network International, Islamabad

*How Efficient and Livable is the City of Karachi? (Quantifying the Costs of Inefficiencies)*

(ID No. 271) Dr. Kaiser Bengali – Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

*Integrating Rural Urban Linkages for Regional Development in the Province of Sindh: A Cluster Based Approach*

(ID No. 257) Dr. Noman Saeed – Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

### **1:15-3:15 Competitive Grant Proposals IV (Small Grants)**

*An Essay on Consumption Hypotheses*

(ID No. 279) Mr. Khalid Khan – Lasbela University of Agriculture Water and Marine Sciences, Uthal, Balochistan

*Batkhela (Malakand) Bazar: A Catalyst for Socio-Economic and Political Change*

(ID No. 187) Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jan – University of Peshawar, Peshawar

*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 – University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jhang

*Livelihood Diversification and Rural Poverty: Rethinking the Links in the Punjab and Sindh Provinces*

(ID No. 265) Mr. Faisal Jamil – Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad

*What Determines Farmers' Response towards Adopting Modern Technology in KP?*

(ID No. 242) Dr. Shahnaz Akhtar – KP Agricultural University, Peshawar

*An Economic Evaluation of Fisheries Sector of Pakistan under Thematic New Growth Strategy to Devise Alternate Sustainable Fisheries Policy*

(ID No. 241) Dr. Samina Khalil– Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

*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

### **3:30-5:30      Competitive Grant Proposals V**

*Economic Growth and Protection of Life, Property and Contracts*

(ID No. 272) Dr. Shabib Haider Syed – Forman Christian College, Lahore

*Evaluating the Working of Pakistani Organization: Whether the Employees and Customers are Satisfied*

(ID No. 274) Dr. Anwar F. Chishti – Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad

*Economic Analysis of Challenges in Development of High-Value Agriculture*

(ID No. 150) Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

*Identification and Assessment of Key Adaptation Measures to Climate Change in Highly Vulnerable Regions of Pakistan*

(ID No. 224) Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig – PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

*Enhancing Water Productivity by Using Feasible Efficient Irrigation Techniques*

(ID No. 196) Dr. Allah Bakhsh – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

*DNA Barcoding and Biochemical Profiling of Medicinal Plants of Northern and Desert Areas of Pakistan: Improving Socio-economic Standard of People of these Regions*

(ID No. 167) Dr. Amer Jamil – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad