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Thursday-Friday, January 16-17, 2014
Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Sheesh Mahal-III Hall (basement level)

Thursday, Jan 16

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:45 **Inaugural Session**

Chief Guest: Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission / Chairman, National Advisory Committee of the Pakistan Strategy Support Program

Chair: Dr. Steve Davies

Introduction: Dr. David Orden

Remarks by Minister Iqbal

9:45-11:15 **Session I: Markets, Trade and Growth**

Chair: Dr. Imran Ali

Public Investment Efficiency and Sectoral Economic Growth in Pakistan

Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

Channelizing Pakistan-Afghanistan Informal Trade into Formal Channels

Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Embassy of Pakistan, Kazakhstan

Productivity and Growth: A Disaggregated Analysis for the Manufacturing Sector of Pakistan

Ms. Fauzia Kamal, Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi

Developing a Vibrant Financial System and Bond Market through Market Disciplines and Regulatory Policies

Dr. Syed Kumail Abbas Rizvi, Synergistic Financial Advisors, Lahore, Dr. Nawazish Mirza, Lahore School of Economics, and Dr. Bushra Naqvi, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

11:15-11:45 Tea

11:45-1:00 **Session II: Entrepreneurship and Youth Development**

Chair: Dr. Nuzhat Ahmad

Exploring Determinants of Entrepreneurial Behaviour in Disadvantaged Areas of Kyber Pakhtunkhwa

Dr. Ali Muhammad Mohmand, University of Peshawar

Estimating Labor Market Skill Mismatch in Selected Professions

Dr. Pervez Zamurad Janjua, International Institute of Islamic Economics, Islamic University, Islamabad

Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls

Dr. Syed Ayub Qutub, Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research, Islamabad and Dr. Nomana Anjum, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

1:00-1:45 Lunch (buffet)

1:45-3:15 **Session III: Agricultural Markets and Policy**

Chair: Dr. Michael Wyzan

Formulating Water Policy Based on Rationalization of Water Allocations Using Remote Sensing and GIS Modeling

Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Masud Cheema, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Agricultural Markets and Agrarian Change in Pakistani Punjab

Mr. Muhammad Ali Jan, University of Oxford, UK

Comparative Advantage and Policy Analysis of KPK Agriculture

Dr. Noor P. Khan, Agricultural University, Peshawar

The Role of Milk Collection Contracts in Improving Production and Marketing in Irrigated Punjab

Dr. Muhammad Qasim, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad

3:15-3:30 Tea

3:30-4:45 **Session IV: Final Report Presentations from Selected 2012 Awards**

Chair: Dr. Abid Suleri

Local Estimates of Tax Simulations and Governance Outcomes

Mr. Daniyal Aziz, Mr. Muhammad Nasim Khan Raja, and Mr. Sabieh Haider, Governance Institutes Network International, Islamabad

Creative Cities in Pakistan: An Agent Based Modeling Approach

Mr. Ammar A. Malik, Dr. Andrew T. Crooks and Dr. Hilton L. Root, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA

4:45-5:30 **Session V: International Presentations (in person or by video/Skype)**

Chair: Dr. David Orden

Priming Rural Health Facilities for Optimal Service Delivery

Dr. Musharraf Rasool Cyan, Georgia State University, USA and Dr. Abdullah Khan Sumbal, Government of Punjab

Remittances and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from the Pakistan Remittance Initiative

Dr. Javaeria A. Qureshi, University of Illinois-Chicago, USA
(by video/Skype)

5:30 **Day Closing Announcements followed by High Tea**

Friday, Jan 17

8:45-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:45 **Session VI: Enterprise Performance**
Chair: Dr. Syed Nawab Haider Naqvi

Corporate Governance Index: A Measure of Corporate Governance Practices in Pakistan

Dr. Aneel Salman, Center for Policy and Management, Islamabad, and Dr. Murtaza Abbas, National Defense University

Determinants of Expansion of Micro and Small Firms and the State of Entrepreneurship

Dr. Idrees Khawaja and Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

9:45-11:00 **Session VII: Governance**
Chair: Dr. Syed Nawab Haider Naqvi

Aid Effectiveness in Poverty Alleviation in a Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster Setting: A Case Study of District Swat, Pakistan

Dr. Murad Ali, University of Malakand

Dimensions of Corruption in Pakistan: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis Based on System Dynamics Modelling

Dr. Eatzaz Ahmad, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and Dr. M. Aman Ullah, Planning Commission, Islamabad

The First Constituent Assembly of Pakistan: An Institutional Economics Analysis

Dr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore

11:00-11:20 Tea

11:20-12:00 **Session VIII: Final Report Presentations from Selected 2012 Awards**
Chair: Dr. Nuzhat Ahmad

What Determines Farmers' Response towards Adopting New Technology in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?

Dr. Shahnaz Akhtar, Agricultural University, Peshawar

12:00-12:15 **Closing Remarks**
Chair: Dr. Steve Davies

12:15-1:00 Lunch (buffet)