

PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS

PROGRAMME

OF

THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

January 13–15, 2004

(Hosted by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics and cohosted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Department for International Development, United Nations Population Fund, National Reconstruction Bureau, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority, and Zarai Taraqati Bank.)



Theme: INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE, GROWTH, AND POVERTY.

Venue: Marriott, Islamabad.

THE purpose of the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is to provide a forum where leading professional economists, other social scientists, and policy-makers can exchange ideas on the vital economic and social issues facing Pakistan. With the passage of time, the philosophy of development has undergone a profound change. There is now, as never before, an increasing awareness of the complexities involved in the development process which has engendered a greater sense of realism.

In Pakistan's development experience, a number of problems typically confronting developing countries in their progress towards a self-reliant economy have been tackled. These problems are complex and multi-dimensional in nature. High rates of population growth, uneven distribution of income, rising levels of poverty, low literacy rates, poor health facilities, relatively low savings rates, large internal and external deficits, and inadequate physical infrastructure for energy generation and communications threaten to nullify the modest economic gains made here, as in many other developing countries. Despite these problems, the development process in Pakistan has progressed reasonably well, although not without encountering difficulties.

The Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Society is also an occasion for stock-taking of the work done, at PIDE and elsewhere, on various socio-economic problems of Pakistan as well as for suggesting new initiatives for further research. These Meetings provide for the much-needed communication amongst the economics profession, policy-makers, and various schools of interested observers of the ongoing debate concerning development-related issues. Pakistan currently faces the twin challenge of rapid growth that is equitable in nature as well as broad-based in approach so as to reduce poverty, which has become central to its macro-economic framework and requires pro-poor growth policies. Therefore, the theme of this year's conference is "Institutional Change, Growth, and Poverty".

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting, being held on January 13-15, 2004, will address such important topics as agricultural issues, productivity and employment, demographic and health issues, information technology and e-governance, institutional change and devolution, gender and poverty nexus, foreign capital inflow, savings and investment, financial markets, Mad-e-Millat and women's awakening, debt and public expenditure, environment and growth, institutional strengthening and poverty reduction, income distribution and economic growth, human development, growth and poverty, trade, industry, and employment, and monetary and fiscal policy. A highlight of this year's Conference is the Inaugural Address by Mr Shaukat Aziz, Federal Minister of Finance and Revenue. The Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Lecture, being delivered by Dr Hafiz A. Pasha of the UNDP, is titled "Pro-poor Policies: The Asian Experience". The Iqbal Memorial Lecture, by Dr Sadiq Ahmed of the World Bank, will be on "Budgetary Reforms for Growth and Poverty Reduction in Pakistan". The Mahbub ul Haq Memorial Lecture, by Dr Montek S. Ahluwalia of the IMF, is titled "Growth and Poverty: Some Lessons". The Omar Asghar Khan Memorial Lecture, by Dr Rashid Amjad of the ILO, is titled "Solving Pakistan's Poverty Puzzle: Whom Should We Believe? What Should We Do?". Three Distinguished Lectures, on "Openness, Institutions, and Policies: Determinants of Globalisation and Growth in Developing Countries", "Pro-poor Growth: Concepts and Measurement", and "Redressing the Rural-Urban Imbalance", will be delivered by Professor Rolf Kappel of the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland, Professor Nanak Kakwani of the University of New South Wales, Australia, and Professor T. Scarlett Epstein of the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, respectively. A presentation on "Politically Owned Institutional Revival," by Mr Daniyal Aziz of the National Reconstruction Bureau, Pakistan, will be a special feature of this conference.

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INAUGURAL SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

09:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Chairperson: Shaukat Aziz,
Federal Minister of Finance and Revenue,
Islamabad.

1. *Recitation from the Holy Quran:*
Qari Allah Nawaz.
2. *Presidential Address:*
Institutional Change, Growth, and Poverty Levels in Pakistan.
A. R. Kemal,
President, PSDI.
3. *Inaugural Address:*
Shaukat Aziz,
Federal Minister of Finance and Revenue,
Islamabad.

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

REFRESHMENTS.

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11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-4

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chairperson: Shafi Niaz,
Formerly Adviser on Agriculture
to the President of Pakistan.

Speaker: Daniyal Aziz,
Chairman,
National Reconstruction Bureau,
Islamabad.

Topic: **Politically Owned Institutional Revival.**

General Discussion

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12:00 noon–01:30 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE MAHBUB UL HAQ MEMORIAL LECTURE ✓

Chairperson: Ishrat Husain,
Governor,
State Bank of Pakistan,
Karachi.

Speaker: Montek Singh Ahluwalia,
Director,
Independent Evaluation Office,
International Monetary Fund,
Washington, D.C.

Topic: **Growth and Poverty: Some Lessons.**

DISCUSSANTS: Nanak Kakwani,
Professor of Economics,
University of New South Wales,
Sydney, Australia.

Pervez Tahir,
Chief Economist,
Planning and Development Division,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

01:30 p.m.–02.30 p.m.

LUNCH.

02:30 p.m.–04:00 p.m.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A**AGRICULTURAL ISSUES**

Chairperson: Abdul Salam,
Chairman,
Agricultural Prices and Policies
Commission, Islamabad.

1. **Impact of Institutional Credit on Agricultural Production in Pakistan.**
Muhammad Iqbal, Munir Ahmad, and Kalbe Abbas,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Khalid Mustafa,
University of Agriculture,
Faisalabad.

2. **Barriers against Agricultural Exports from Pakistan.**
Khalid Mustafa,
University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

DISCUSSANT: Sarfraz Ahmed,
University of Arid
Agriculture, Rawalpindi.

3. **Wheat Production in Pakistan: Saga of Policy Disincentives.**
Naheed Zia Khan, Mujir Ahmad, and Asia Rasheed,
Fatima Jinnah Women's University,
Rawalpindi.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Iqbal,
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

04:00 p.m.–04:15 p.m. TEA.

Crystal Ball Room-B**PRODUCTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT**

Chairperson: Saeed Qureshi,
Formerly Deputy Chairman,
Planning Commission,
Government of Pakistan.

1. **Productivity Improvement Activity and the Relationship between Labour and Management.**
Yuku Ajima,
Japan International Labour Foundation
Japan.

DISCUSSANT: Zafar M. Nasir,
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. **Impact of Privatisation on Employment and Output in Pakistan.**
Iram Anjum Khan,
Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Tahir Hajazi,
Muhammad Ali Jinnah
University, Islamabad.

3. **Economic Valuation of the Environment and the Travel Cost Approach.**
Himayatullah,
Institute of Development Studies,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Rehana Siddiqui,
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion**Margalla Room****DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH ISSUES**

Chairperson: Zeba A. Sathar,
Country Director,
Population Council,
Islamabad.

1. **An Analysis of Maternal Nutrition in Pakistan.**
Ghulam Yasin Soomro and
Zafar M. Nasir,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Mushtaq A. Khan,
Formerly Member,
Planning Commission,
Government of Pakistan.

2. **Relationship between the WES Intervention and the Incidence of Diarrhoea.**
Syed Mubashir Ali and
Rizwan-ul-Haq,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Tasleem Akhter,
Pakistan Medical Research
Council, Islamabad.

3. **Adolescent Reproductive Health: The Role of Agency and Autonomy.**
Azeema Faizunnisa and Minhaj ul Haq,
Population Council, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: G. Y. Soomro,
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion**Senator Room****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-GOVERNANCE**

Chairperson: Mian M. Javed,
Chairman,
Pakistan Electronic Media
Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.

1. **WTO Regulations and the Audio-visual Sector—An Analytical Framework for Pakistan.**
Mohammad Farooq and Tariq Mahmood,
Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory
Authority, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ejaz Ghani,
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. **Impact of E-Governance on the Economy of Pakistan.**
M. Irfan Ullah Arfeen,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Arshad Javed Minhas,
Securities and Exchange
Commission, Islamabad.

3. **Electronic Media Industry and the Economy: An Analysis.**
Awais Manzoor Sumra and
Omer Waqas Qureshi,
Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory
Authority, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Nabeela Arshad,
PIDE, Islamabad.

4. **Utilising the Surging Potential of E-Commerce.**
Adeel Ghayur,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Farooq,
Pakistan Electronic Media
Regulatory Authority,
Islamabad.

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THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ✓

Chairperson: Atta-ur-Rehman,
Adviser to the Prime Minister and
Chairman, Higher Education Commission,
Government of Pakistan.

Speaker: Rolf Kappel,
Director,
Postgraduate Programme on Developing Countries (NADEL),
Federal Institute of Technology (ETH),
Zurich, Switzerland.

Topic: **Openness, Institutions, and Policies: Determinants of Globalisation and Growth in Developing Countries.**

DISCUSSANTS: Zafar Altaf,
Formerly Federal Secretary,
Government of Pakistan.

Ejaz Ghani,
Senior Research Economist,
PIIDE, Islamabad.

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND DEVOLUTION

Chairperson: Shahid Hafeez Kardar,
Director, Systems Pvt. Ltd.,
Lahore.

1. **The Triad of Governance, Devolution, and National Prosperity.**
Tanvir Hussain Naqvi,
Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Rifaat Hussain,
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

2. **Public Participation in Local Self-government in Koenigswinter, Germany: Lessons for Pakistan.**
Mohammad Azam Chaudhry,
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Junaid Arshad,
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Crystal Ball Room-B

GENDER AND POVERTY NEXUS

Chairperson: Khadija Haq,
President,
Mabuh-ul-Haq Human
Development Centre,
Islamabad.

1. **Coming of Age in Contemporary Pakistan: Influence of Gender and Poverty.**
Minhaj ul Haq and Munawar Sultana
Population Council, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Yasmeen S. Qazi,
Karachi.

2. **Gender Exploitation: From Structural Adjustment Policy to Poverty Reduction Strategy.**
Khadija Ali,
University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir,
Muzaffarabad.

DISCUSSANT: Eshya Mujahid Mukhtar,
Rawalpindi.

General Discussion

Margalla Room

FOREIGN CAPITAL INFLOW, SAVINGS, AND INVESTMENT

Chairperson: Akmal Hussain,
Managing Director,
Sayyed Engineers (Pvt.) Ltd.,
Lahore.

1. **Saving and Investment Functions: Evidence from Pakistan.**
K. U. Zaman and Mohammad Afzal,
Gomal University, D. I. Khan.

DISCUSSANT: Ather Maqsood Ahmed,
Central Board of Revenue,
Islamabad.

2. **The Determination of Foreign Direct Investment: An Empirical Investigation.**
Zahir Shah,
Government College of Commerce, Manselra,
and Qazi Masood Ahmad,
Institute of Business Administration,
Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Rehana Siddiqui,
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. **Foreign Direct Investment, Exports, and Domestic Output in Pakistan.**
Mohsin Hasnain Ahmed, Shaista Alam, and
Sabihuddin Butt,
University of Karachi, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Yousaf Haroon,
Institute of Communication
Technologies, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Senator Room

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Chairperson: Ashfaq H. Khan,
Director General, Debt and
Economic Adviser,
Government of Pakistan.

1. **The Relationship between Economic Growth and Capital Structure of Listed Companies: Evidence of Japan, Malaysia, and Pakistan.**
Mohammad Mahmud,
Institute of Business Administration,
Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Qayyum,
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. **Macroeconomic Effects of Financial Liberalisation in Pakistan: An Assessment.**
Ahmed M. Khalid,
Bond University, Australia.

DISCUSSANT: Zafar Iqbal,
International Monetary
Fund, Islamabad.

3. **Dividend Policy and Stock Price Volatility in Pakistan**
Mohammed Nishat Chaudhry and
Mohammad Irfan,
Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Ali Usman,
Securities and Exchange
Commission, Islamabad.

General Discussion

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FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE OMAR ASGHAR KHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE ✓

Chairperson: Abdul Sattar Laleka,
Federal Minister of Labour, Manpower, and Overseas Pakistanis,
Islamabad,

Speaker: Rashid Amjad,
Director,
Policy Planning and Employment Sector,
International Labour Organisation, Geneva.

Topic: **Solving Pakistan's Poverty Puzzle: Whom Should We Believe? What Should We Do?**

DISCUSSANTS: Sakib Sherani,
Chief Economist,
ABN-AMRO Bank,
Islamabad.

Mohammad Irfan,
Formerly Joint Director,
PIDF, Islamabad.

General Discussion

12:30 p.m.–02:00 p.m.

LUNCH.

02:00 p.m.–03:30 p.m.

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A**MADAR-E-MILLAT AND
WOMEN'S AWAKENING**

Chairperson: Mahmood Ali,
Federal Minister,
Islamabad.

Co-chairperson: Muhammad Arshad
Chaudhry,
Former Federal Minister,
Islamabad.

✓ 1. **Motivational Factor of Development
with Reference to Madar-e-Millat's
Contributions.**

Rafique Ahmad,
University of the Punjab,
Lahore.

✓ 2. **Promotion of Self-employment among
Skilled Women in Pakistan.**

Mehnaz Rafi,
National Assembly of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

✓ 3. **Fatima Jinnah's Vision of Women's
Technical Education.**

Riaz Ahmed,
History Commission of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

Crystal Ball Room-B**DEBT AND PUBLIC EXPENDITURE**

Chairperson: Aftab Ahmed Chaudhry,
Managing Director/CEO,
Islamabad Stock Exchange.

✓ 1. **Debt and Debt Servicing Capacity of
Pakistan.**

Muhammad Ali Chaudhry and
Mohammad Ishfaq,
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad,

DISCUSSANT: Zafar M. Nasir,
PIDE, Islamabad.

✓ 2. **An Analysis of Public Expenditure on
Education in Pakistan.**

Fazal Husain,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Nuzhat Ahmed,
Applied Economics
Research Centre,
Karachi.

General Discussion

Margalla Room**INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING
AND POVERTY REDUCTION**

✓ *Chairperson:* Ijaz Shafi Gilani,
Chairman,
Gallup Pakistan, Islamabad.

✓ 1. **The Burden of Stabilisation on
Provinces and Its Implications for
Social Sectors.**

Qazi Masood Ahmed and
Mohammad Sabir,
Institute of Business Administration,
Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Rashid Aziz,
World Bank, Islamabad.

✓ 2. **Role of Institutions in Poverty
Reduction—A Case of Devolution
Reforms in Pakistan.**

Mohammad Ajmal,
Planning and Development Department,
Government of the Punjab,
Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Aqdas A. Kazmi,
Planning and Development
Division, Islamabad.

✓ 3. **The Relationship between the Micro and
Macro Level Economic Performance: A
Case for Institutional Strengthening in
Pakistan.**

Mehnaz Fatima,
Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Masood Ahmed Chaudhry,
Planning Commission,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

Senator Room**INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH**

✓ *Chairperson:* Mushtaq A. Khan,
Formerly Member,
Planning Commission,
Government of Pakistan.

✓ 1. **Openness and Economic Growth.**
Musleh-ud Din, Ejaz Ghani, and
Omer Siddique,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Eatzaz Ahmad,
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

✓ 2. **Trends in Inequality in Pakistan
between 1998-99 and 2001.**

Talat Anwar,
State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Faiz Bilquees,
PIDE, Islamabad.

✓ 3. **Net Gains from Conjunctive Use of
Surface and Ground Water.**

Waqar Jehangir,
Hugh Turrall, and Shahbaz Khan,
International Water Management Institute,
Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Shahid Ahmed,
Pakistan Agricultural
Research Council,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

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FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Abdul Hafeez Sheikh,
Federal Minister of Privatisation and Investment,
Islamabad.

Speaker: Nanak Kakwani,
Professor of Economics,
University of New South Wales,
Sydney, Australia.

Topic: **Pro-poor Growth: Concepts and Measurement.**

DISCUSSANTS: Sadiq Ahmed,
Chief Economist and Sector Director,
Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit,
The World Bank,
Washington, D.C.

G. M. Arif,
Chief of Research,
PIDF, Islamabad.

General Discussion

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FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

09:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Crystal Ball Room-A

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Rafique Ahmad,
Professor Emeritus,
Centre for South Asian
Studies, University of
the Punjab, Lahore.

1. **The Determinants of Student Achievement in Government and Private Schools in Pakistan.**

Monazza Aslam,
University of Oxford, U.K.

DISCUSSANT: Khawaja Sarfaraz,
Academy of Educational
Planning and Management,
Islamabad.

2. **Impact of Education on the Attitude and Socio-economic Status of Rural Inhabitants: Study of a Punjab Village.**

Mohammad Aslam, Toseef Azid,
Shahnawaz Malik, and Omer Chaudhry,
Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

DISCUSSANT: Naushin Mahmood,
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. **Macroeconomic Reforms and Returns to Human Capital in Pakistan.**

Muhammad Sabir,
Social Policy Development Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Zafar M. Nasir,
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Crystal Ball Room-B

GROWTH AND POVERTY

Chairperson: Ashraf Janjua,
Chief Economic Adviser,
State Bank of Pakistan,
Karachi.

1. **Decomposition of Changes in Poverty Measures: Sectoral and Institutional Considerations of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper of Pakistan.**

Aliya H. Khan and Ali Shan Azhar,
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Wajid Rana,
PRSP Secretariat,
Islamabad.

2. **Housing Opportunity, Security, and Employment for the Poor.**

Hina Nazli and Sohail J. Malik,
Innovative Development Strategies,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: G. M. Arif,
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. **Monitoring and Evaluation: Civil Society Organisations' Competitive Edge in Effective Poverty Alleviation.**

Khadija Khan, Arshad Waheed, and
Sadiah Iqbal,
Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund,
Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Aliya Khan,
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

Margalla Room

**TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND
EMPLOYMENT**

Chairperson: Akram Sheikh,
Executive Director,
Higher Education Commission,
Islamabad.

1. **An Evaluation of Karachi Export Processing Zone in Pakistan: A Preliminary Investigation.**

Mohammad Hanif Akhter
Bahauddin Zakariya University,
Multan.

DISCUSSANT: Zamir Ahmed,
Ministry of Commerce,
Islamabad.

2. **The Impact of Economic Reforms and Trade Liberalisation on Agricultural Export Performance in Pakistan.**

Zulfiqar Bashir,
Macquarie University, Sydney,
Australia.

DISCUSSANT: Musleh-ud Din,
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. **The Supply and Demand for Exports of Pakistan: The Polynomial Distribution Lag Model Approach.**

Zeeshan Atiq and Mohsin Hasnain Ahmed,
Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute,
Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Asad Zaman,
International Islamic
University, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Senator Room

MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

Chairperson: Nawid Ahsan,
Secretary, Ministry of Finance,
Government of Pakistan.

1. **Capital Flows and Money Supply: The Degree of Sterilisation in Pakistan.**

Abdul Qayyum,
PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Nacer,
Economic Adviser,
State Bank of Pakistan,
Karachi.

2. **Money Income Link in Developing Countries: A Heterogeneous Panel Data Approach.**

Azhar Iqbal and
Mohammad Sabihuddin Butt,
University of Karachi, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Fazal Husain,
PIDE, Islamabad.

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10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. TEA.

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SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Zubaida Jalal,
Federal Minister of Education,
Islamabad.

Speaker: T. Scarlett Epstein,
Formerly Professor of Anthropology,
University of Sussex,
U.K.

Topic: **Redressing the Rural-Urban Imbalance.**

DISCUSSANTS: Agha Ali Javad,
General Manager,
National Rural Support Programme,
Islamabad.

Soofia Mumtaz,
Chief of Research,
PIDF, Islamabad.

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12:30 p.m.–02:00 p.m.

LUNCH.

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02:00 p.m.–03:30 p.m.

SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE IQBAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Onder Yucer,
Resident Representative,
United Nations Development Programme,
Islamabad.

Speaker: Sadiq Ahmed,
Chief Economist and Sector Director,
Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit,
South Asia Region,
The World Bank,
Washington, D.C.

Topic: **Budgetary Reforms for Growth and Poverty Reduction in Pakistan.**

DISCUSSANTS: Shahid H. Kardar,
Director,
Systems (Pvt.) Ltd.,
Lahore.

Ashfaq H. Khan,
Director General, Debt and
Economic Adviser,
Government of Pakistan.

General Discussion

03:30 p.m.–04:00 p.m.

TEA.

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04:00 p.m.–05:30 p.m.

EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION

Crystal Ball Room-A

THE QUAID-I-AZAM MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Daniyal Aziz,
Chairman,
National Reconstruction Bureau,
Islamabad.

Speaker: Hafiz A. Pasha,
Assistant Administrator and Director,
Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific,
United Nations Development Programme,
New York.

Topic: **Pro-poor Policies: The Asian Experience.**

DISCUSSANTS: Rashid Amjad,
Director,
Policy Planning and Employment Centre,
International Labour Organisation, Geneva.

Akmal Hussain,
Managing Director,
Sayyed Engineers (Pvt.) Ltd.,
Lahore,

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05:30 p.m.—06:00 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Chairperson: A. R. Kemal,
President,
Pakistan Society of Development Economists,
Islamabad.

AGENDA:

1. Secretary's Report
2. Theme of the 20th Annual General Meeting and Conference.
3. General Discussion.
4. Any other matter.

End of the Programme.

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