

# 36th Annual General Meeting and Conference 2022



## Programme

Charter of Economy: Investment,  
Productivity and Employability



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**November 22, 2022**  
**Day 1**

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**Markhor Auditorium, BUITEMS**

09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.   Arrival of Guests and Registration

09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.   Arrival of Chief Guest  
Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, Chief Minister Balochistan

*Recitation from the Holy Quran*

*Welcome Remarks*

*Secretary's Report*

*President's Address*

Address by the H.E. Riina Kionka, Ambassador of the  
European Union to Pakistan

*Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest*

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.   **PIDE on Investment, Productivity and Employability**

*Chair:*                      Florence Rolle, FAO Representative in Pakistan

*Speaker:*                Mariam Mohsin, PIDE

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.   TEA

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11:45 a.m. – 01:15 p.m.

## PANEL DISCUSSION I

**Markhor Auditorium, BUITEMS**

### **Why Don't People Invest in Pakistan?**

*Chair & Moderator:* **Ishrat Hussain**  
Former Advisor, Federal Government of Pakistan

*Speakers:* **Haroon Sharif**  
Economist, Senior Advisor, UNDP, & Former Chairman BOI

**Khalid Mansoor**  
Partner of Fieldfisher Capital, UK, Ex-SAPM on CPEC Affairs, Ex-CEO  
HUBCO

**Maheen Rahman,**  
CEO Infrazamin Pakistan

**Ishaq Burney**  
Managing Director, Policy, Strategy & Relations, Astana Financial Services  
Authority

01:15 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. LUNCH

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02:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

**Purple Hall, BUIITEMS**

**Mahbub ul Haq Lecture**

**How to Unleash a Productivity Surge & Inclusive Growth  
Using Digital Technologies**

*Speaker:*

Michael Spence  
Nobel Laureate,  
The Philip H. Knight Professor & Dean, Emeritus, Stanford University, USA

*Moderator:*

Nadeem Ul Haque  
Vice Chancellor, PIDE

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03:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Technical Sessions**

### **FIRST PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

**Orange Hall, BUTEMS**

### **Special Session - I**

The World Bank Group Session

#### **Productivity Growth in Pakistan**

*Chairperson:*

Najy Benhassine,  
Country Director for Pakistan for the South Asia region,  
The World Bank Group

*Speakers:*

Gonzalo Varela  
Senior Economist (Macroeconomics)  
The World Bank

Azam Chaudhry  
Dean & Professor of Economics,  
Lahore School of Economics

Nida Jamil,  
Assistant Professor,  
Lahore School of Economics

Waqar Ahmed Wadho  
Assistant Professor,  
Lahore School of Economics

Omer Siddique  
Senior Research Economist,  
Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

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## **Technical Session – I**

**Green Hall, BUTEMS**

### **Emerging Technologies and Access to Opportunities**

*Chairperson:* Faisal Khan  
BUTEMS

*Presentations:*

- 1. Power of Social Media: Journey of Females towards Entrepreneurship**  
Sadia Abdullah
- 2. Disability and Labour Force Participation: Preliminary Analysis from Pakistan**  
Umer Khalid

*Discussant:* Ayaz Khan, University of Balochistan

- 3. Digital divide in Pakistan: Barriers to ICT Usage among the Individuals of Pakistan**  
Waqas Shair
- 4. FinTech: A Trigger will Always Emphatically Amend the Portrait**  
Muhammad Jamil

*Discussant:* Saddam Hussein, PIDE

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## **Technical Session – II**

**Pink Hall, BUIITEMS**

### **Investment, Industry and Growth**

*Chairperson:* Abdul Rehman Khan  
Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS

*Presentations:*

- 1. The Nature and Causes of Intra-Industry Trade: An Evidence from Pakistan's Agriculture Sector**  
Maria
- 2. Encirclement of Natural Resources, Green Investment, and Economic Complexity for Mitigation of Ecological Footprints in BRI Countries**  
Ghulam Rasool Madni

*Discussant:* Usman Azhar  
BUIITEMS

- 3. Exploring Link between Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment and Employment Level: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan**  
Muhammad Azam Khan
- 4. Estimation and Forecasting of Economic Burden for Diabetes in Pakistan**  
Farrukh Mahmood

*Discussant:* Hina Shafiq  
Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University

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### **Technical Session – III**

**Purple Hall, BUTEMS**

#### **Knowledge Creation and Sustainability**

*Chairperson:* Abdul Raziq  
BUTEMS

*Presentations:*

- 1. Identifying Farmers' Willingness to Pay for Disaster Risks in Pakistan in the Context of Climate Change: An Application of Discrete Choice Experiments**  
Muhammad Faisal Ali.

*Discussant:* Shujaat Farooq  
PIDE

- 2. On the Causality Between Household and Government Spending on Education: Evidence from a Panel of 40 Countries**  
Abida Naurin
- 3. New Work Design for Knowledge Creation and Sustainability: An Empirical Study of Coworking-Spaces**  
Muhammad Mahmood Aslam

*Discussant:* Raja Rafiullah  
PIDE

04:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. TEA



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05:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Allama Iqbal Lecture**

**Orange Hall, BUITEMS**

**The Return of Industrial Policy- Empirics and What We Don't  
Know**

*Chairperson:* Najy Benhassine,  
Country Director for Pakistan for the South Asia region,  
The World Bank Group

*Speaker:* Nathaniel Lane  
Associate Professor, University of Oxford, UK

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**Day 2**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**PANEL DISCUSSION II**

**Main Auditorium, University of Balochistan**

**Prospects for Investment in Balochistan**

*Chairperson:* Khalid Magsi  
Member National Assembly, Pakistan

*Panellists:*

1. Hafeez Jamali  
Secretary (Focal person), Govt. of Balochistan's CAMP Office, Islamabad
2. Fida Muhammad  
Country Program Officer, IFAD
3. Faiz Kakar  
Ex-Minister, Govt. of Balochistan
4. Amjad Siddiqui  
Quetta Chamber of Commerce
5. Ghulam Farooq Khilji  
Business Representative

*Moderator:* Shafiq-ur-Rehman  
Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. TEA + Commuting to BUITEMS

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12:00 noon. – 01:00 p.m.

## PANEL DISCUSSION III

**Orange Hall, BUTEMS**

### **Creating Good Jobs and Entrepreneurs**

*Chairperson:* Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie  
President (Acting)  
National Bank of Pakistan

*Panellists:*

1. **Karamat Ali**  
Founding Member & Executive Director, PILER
2. **Muhammad Fazal**  
Programme Director, NPGP
3. **Yasir Ashfaq**  
CEO, PMIC
4. **Muhammad Shah**  
Founding Director, NIC, BUTEMS
5. **Khurram Shahzad**  
Entrepreneur and Businessman

*Moderator:* Mahmood Khalid  
PIDE

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01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

**Special Invited Lecture – I**

**Orange Hall, BUIITEMS**

**Rethinking Productivity in Pakistan:  
Culture, Innovation and Efficiency**

*Speaker:*       **Aezaz Hussain**  
Chairman/Founder, Visionet Systems and Chairman, Systems Limited.

02:00 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.   LUNCH.

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02:45 p.m. – 03:45 p.m.

## **Special Invited Lecture – II**

**Orange Hall, BUITEMS**

### **The Conglomerates and Their Contribution to the Economy**

*Speaker:* **Muhammad Ali Tabba**  
CEO Lucky Group

03:45 p.m. – 04:45 p.m.

## **Debate I**

### **Government and Economy**

Team A

**Kaiser Bangali**  
Academic and Author

**Aasim Sajjad Akhtar**  
Academic, Author & Political Activist

Team B

**Salman Shah**  
Economist & Former Minister of  
Finance

**Shahid Kardar**  
VC BNU

*Moderator:* **Durr-e-Nayab**  
PIDE

04:45 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. TEA

05:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.

## **Open Mic Session**

*Moderator:* **PIDE**

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06:00 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.

## **M. L. Qureshi Lecture**

**Orange Hall, IMSciences**

### **The Origin and Content of New Work, 1940–2018**

*Speaker:*        **David Autor**  
Ford Professor & Margaret Macvicar Faculty Fellow, MIT

*Moderator:*    Nadeem Ul Haque  
Vice-Chancellor, PIDE

**November 24, 2022**  
**Day 3**

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Technical Sessions**

**SECOND PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

**Orange Hall, BUTEMS**

**Special Session - I**

**FES-session**

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10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

## **Technical Session – I**

**Green Hall, BUIITEMS**

### **Policies and Enabling Environment**

*Chairperson:* Jalal Faiz  
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

*Presentations:*

- 1. The Impact of Export Promotion Policies on Export Performance**  
Gonzalo Varela

*Discussant:* Uzma Zia  
PIDF

- 2. What Drives the Firms' Willingness to Pay a Bribe During the Quality Certification Process? An Application of Discrete Choice Modelling**  
Muhammad Faraz Riaz.

- 3. Sources of Growth in Pakistan's Steel Industry and Exchange Rate Pass-Through into Pakistan's Import Steel Price: An Empirical Analysis Based on ARDL Model**  
Uzma Zia

*Discussant:* Usman Qadir  
PIDF



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## **Technical Session – II**

**Pink Hall, BUIITEMS**

### **Skills Gap and Employability**

*Chairperson:* Manzoor Ahmed  
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

*Presentations:*

1. **Systematic Review on Addressing Challenges of Employability Skills Gap in Developing Countries: A Case of Pakistan**  
Azeema Begum
  
2. **Skills Gap and Training Needs of the Service Providers in Tourism Industry of Galiyat, KPK**  
Muhammad Safwan

*Discussant:* Khalid Khan  
BUIITEMS

3. **The Beveridge Curve and Labour Markets Dynamics In Pakistan**  
Faisal Azeem

*Discussant:*

4. **Assessing Graduates' Readiness for Job Market Skills**  
Zahid Asghar.

*Discussant:* Muhammad Jehangir Khan  
PIDE

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### **Technical Session – III**

**Purple Hall, BUTEMS**

#### **Social Dynamics and Economic Activity**

*Chairperson:* Abdul Salam  
BUTEMS

*Presentations:*

- 1. Uncovering Gendered Income and Time Poor Farmers during COVID-19 Pandemic in the Rainfed Region of Pakistan**  
Abdul Subhan
- 2. The Impact of COVID-19 on the Economic Activity of Street Vendors: A Comparative Study of Urban and Rural Areas of District Quetta, Baluchistan**  
Mommen Khan

*Discussant:* Irum Shafi  
BUTEMS

- 3. Income Poverty or Time Poverty: Which One is a Major Off-setter to Gendered Subjective Well-being During COVID-19 Pandemic in the Rainfed Region of Pakistan?**  
Aqsa Sajid
- 4. The Promise of Infrastructure and the Expansion of CPEC to Afghanistan: A Low-hanging Fruit or Pie in the Sky?**  
Murad Ali.

*Discussant:* Hazrat Yousaf  
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.    TEA

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## **Debate II Government and Economy**

Team A

Saddam Hussein

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Manzoor Ahmed

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Team B

Mariam Mohsin

PIDE

Abdul Salam Lodhi

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*Moderator:* Ahmad Waqar Qasim  
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12:30 a.m. - 01:30 p.m.

## **Quaid-i-Azam Lecture**

**Orange Hall, BUIITEMS**

### **The Role of Enabling Environments in Achieving Economic Prosperity**

*Speaker:* **Abdul Samad Dawood**  
Vice Chairman, Dawood Hercules Corporation Ltd.

*Moderator:* Nadeem Ul Haque  
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## PANEL DISCUSSION 6

**Orange Hall, BUTEMS**

### **Opportunities in Balochistan**

*Chair:* Abdul Aziz Uqaili  
Chief Secretary Balochistan

*Panellists:*

1. **Dost Mohammad Baloch**  
Vice Chancellor, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences
2. **Zahoor Ahmed Buledi**  
Politician and Former Provincial Minister of Balochistan for Finance, Information, and Higher Education
3. **Manzoor Ahmed**  
Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Gwadar, Gwadar
4. **Maqsood Ahmad**  
Vice Chancellor, University of Loralai

*Moderator:* Jalal Faiz  
Pro Vice Chancellor, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

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## PANEL DISCUSSION 7

**Orange Hall, BUIITEMS**

### **CPEC: Achievement and Future**

*Chair:* Ahsan Iqbal  
Federal Minister, PD&SI, Government of Pakistan

*Panellists:*

1. Rafiullah Kakar  
Member (Social Sector & Devolution), MoPD&SI
2. Ahsan Achakzai  
Assistant Professor, BUIITEMS
3. Syed Muhammad Mohsin  
Founder & Chairman, Hybrid Technics Ltd.
4. Abdul Rehman Khan  
Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS

*Moderator:* Liaqat Ali Shah  
CoE, CPEC, PIDE

### **Conference Takeaways**

Nadeem Ul Haque, President PSDE & Vice Chancellor PIDE

### **Closing Speech**

Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister, PD&SI, Government of Pakistan

04:45 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. TEA

#### ZOOM Links

**Markhor Auditorium BUIITEMS**  
**Orange Hall, BUIITEMS**  
**Main Auditorium University of Balochistan**

Time: Nov 22, 2022 09:00 AM Islamabad, Karachi, Tashkent

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### **Purple Hall, BUIITEMS**

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