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### **Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary**

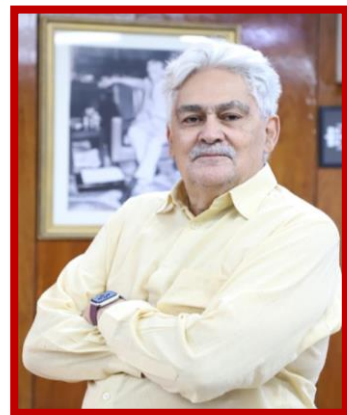
Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary is a Pakistani engineer and politician who is serving as the Secretary General of Pakistan Muslim League (N). He is a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan since August 2018. Previously, he was a member of the National Assembly from 1993 to 1999 and from 2008 to May 2018.

He served as Minister for Interior and Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms in the Abbasi cabinet from 2017 to May 2018. A leader of the Pakistan Muslim League (N), he served as the Minister of Planning and Development of Pakistan and the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission of Pakistan in the third Nawaz Sharif's ministry and briefly held the portfolio of Minister of Minorities and Minister of Education of Pakistan in the Gillani ministry in 2008. He served as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of Pakistan from 1998 to 1999. He is also currently serving as the Federal Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.



### **Nadeem Ul Haque**

Nadeem Ul Haque is currently the Vice Chancellor of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad. He also served as the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan from 2010-2013. He has wide-ranging operational experience in policy development and economic planning. Apart from his work in Pakistan, Nadeem Ul Haque worked for the International Monetary Fund for 24 years. During his long and illustrious affiliation with the IMF, he implemented public structure reform in Sri Lanka and worked in two central banks to organize a modernization effort, which included improvements in the monetary framework and the policy formulation process. Nadeem Ul Haque is also a published author with five books and over fifty articles in various publications to his credit. He has a great vision for the economic sector of Pakistan and wishes to work extensively towards sharpening domestic debate and raising awareness on the local front.



### **Durr-e-Nayab**

Durr-e-Nayab is Joint Director and Director Research at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad. She has a Ph.D. in Demography from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Her areas of academic interest are economic demography with a focus on age structure and its implications including the demographic dividend, urbanisation, and class structure in Pakistan.



### **Riina Kionka**

Riina Kionka served as EU Ambassador in South Africa from 2019 to 2022. Previously she served as chief foreign policy advisor to the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk (2014-2019). Prior to this Kionka led the Central Asia Division at the European External Action Service (EEAS). Before this, she led on Human Rights for the EEAS and earlier at the EU's Council Secretariat (from 2007), serving as Secretary General/High Representative Javier Solana's Personal Representative for Human Rights. Predating this, Kionka deputised for the Director dealing with the United Nations, the Americas, counterterrorism and human rights at the Council Secretariat (from 2004).



### **Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo**

Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, belongs to a respectable Bizenjo tribe of Balochistan having sound grounds and knowledge of Local and National politics. He had acquired a graduation degree from University of Balochistan.

In General Election 2002 he was elected MPA from PB 41 Awaran on the platform of Pakistan Muslim League (Qaid Azam) PML (Q). He served as Provincial Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development Government of Balochistan between 2002-2008. In General Election 2013 he was again elected MPA from PB 41 Awaran. On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 he was elected as Deputy Speaker, Balochistan Provincial Assembly unopposed.



After resignation tendered by the than Speaker, he assumed the charge of the office of Speaker, Balochistan Provincial Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 and 15-30 September, 2015 and became the Chief Minister Balochistan in 2018. After General Election of 2018 he became Speaker Balochistan Provincial Assembly. And, on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 he resigned the office of Speaker and became Chief Minister Balochistan.

### **Ishrat Husain**

Ishrat Husain was the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity with the status of Federal Minister and led the Government efforts to reform the Civil Services and restructure the Federal Government. In this capacity he also served as the member of National Economic Council, ECNEC, Economic coordination Committee of the Cabinet and several other Cabinet Committees. During 2016-17 he was Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC. During this tenure, he produced his book *Governing the ungovernable* which was published by Oxford University Press. He is HEC National Distinguished Professor, Professor Emeritus and Chairman Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance at the Institute of Business Administration, (IBA) Karachi. He had earlier served as Dean and Director IBA - the oldest graduate business school in Pakistan (established in 1955) between 2008 and 2016. During his term of office, he was actively engaged in the transformation of the Institute to become one of the leading Global Business schools. He served as the Chairman, National Commission for Government Reforms for two years from 2006 to 2008 with the status of Federal Minister reporting directly to the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Commission produced a two-volume report on governance reforms in Pakistan. He was appointed the Governor of Pakistan's Central Bank in December 1999. In recognition of his meritorious services he was conferred the prestigious award of "Hilal-e-Imtiaz" by the President of Pakistan in 2003. The Banker Magazine of London declared him as the Central Bank Governor of the year for Asia in 2005. He received the Asian Banker Lifetime achievement award in 2006. The President of Pakistan conferred upon him the highest civilian award of Nishan e Imtiaz in 2016 for his outstanding public service.



### **Haroon Sharif**

Mr. Sharif is a well-known global expert of regional economic dynamics, international development, economic diplomacy and financial markets. He served as the Minister of State and Chairman of Pakistan's Board of Investment in 2018-19. He remained Pakistan's Lead Representative for Industrial Cooperation in the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Pakistan's ranking on Ease of Doing Business Index improved by 28 places under his leadership. He is



currently working as Senior Advisor to the United Nations Development Programme and Senior Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK.

He also served as Senior Regional Advisor to the World Bank Group for promoting economic cooperation in South and Central Asia. He holds postgraduate qualifications in Development Economics and International Business from the London School of Economics and the University of Hawaii. He has delivered key-note lectures at global forums, published research and articles and won several prestigious fellowships and awards. He is a regular commentator on local and international media.

### **Khalid Mansoor**

Khalid Mansoor is a Graduate in Chemical Engineering with distinction and honors. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of Hubco, the first and largest Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Pakistan, since May, 2013. The Company generates approximately 10% of the Country's electricity and is a leading private sector player in addressing the energy crisis currently being faced by Pakistan.



Mansoor initiated the process of transformation of Hubco on becoming the CEO. Major refurbishments have been carried out in Hub Plant and DuPont Safety System, Human Resources System & Management Processes have been implemented to enhance organizational capacity & capability. In addition, GE's Asset Performance Management (APM) and Productivity Enhancement and Performance Improvement (PEPI) systems have been implemented in all three plants of Hubco to enhance safety, reliability, availability and efficiency. Growth initiatives have been undertaken and Projects worth over US\$ 4 Billion are currently under execution. These include 1320MW imported coal based power project with integrated Jetty at existing Hub Site in a JV arrangement with China Power Investment Holding (CPIH), development of Thar Coal Mine in a JV arrangement with Government of Sindh, Engro, House of Habib & Habib Bank Limited and a 2x330MW mine mouth power projects at Thar in JV arrangement with Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC), China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), Thal Limited & Novatex Limited with an aim to provide long term sustainable solution to Pakistan's energy needs.

Mr. Mansoor has over 40 years of experience and expertise in Energy & Petrochemical Sectors in leading roles for mega size projects development, execution, management and operations. He has also served as the Chief Executive Officer of Algeria Oman Fertilizer Company (AOA) which is a USD 3.5 Billion project and currently manages the world's biggest Ammonia & Urea fertilizer Complex. Prior to AOA, he has held positions as President and Chief Executive Officer of Engro Fertilizers Limited, Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited (EPQL), Engro Powergen Limited (EPL) and Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC). He had also been a Director on the Boards of Engro Corporation, Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited, Engro Foods (Pvt.) Limited, Engro Vopak Terminal Limited, Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited.

## **Maheen Rahman**

Maheen Rahman was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of InfraZamin Pakistan in 2021 and has played a crucial part in setting up IZP's base operations and its initial structure. Maheen has over twenty years of experience in investment banking, research and asset management.

In her previous appointment, Maheen Rahman served as the Chief Executive of Alfalah GHP Investment Management where, under her leadership, Alfalah Investments has grown to be one of the largest asset management companies in Pakistan. Prior to that, Ms Rahman was the Chief Executive of IGI Funds, during her tenure, IGI Funds turned into a profitable entity from a loss incurring fund. Her other roles include, Head of Research at BMA Capital Management, Associate at ABN AMRO Bank and a financial analyst at Merrill Lynch. She has the experience of working across multiple geographies during her career.

Maheen has been featured on Fortune's "40 Under 40's women to watch" list, in 2015, as the youngest head of Alfalah GHP Investment Management and the only female CEO in an industry where her rivals were all men. After becoming the CEO of IGI Funds, she turned around the fund's financial performance and made it into a profitable entity. Maheen doubled the assets under management in her first year at the helm of IGI and led the firm to a 15% ROE. The gains came even as industry assets shrank 7% in the year ending in June 2010, according to the Mutual Funds Association of Pakistan. Investors who bet on Ms Rahman were rewarded with a 443% return from her IGI Stock Fund since its inception, 117% points more than the benchmark index and the biggest gain among 34 peers tracked by Bloomberg. In 2013, Alfalah acquired IGI Funds and Maheen Rahman was appointed the CEO of the newly merged entity. In addition to her extensive work experience and professional achievements, Maheen holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Economics from the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) and a Master of Science in Finance and Economics from Warwick Business School in the UK.



## **Ishaq Burney**

Ishaq Burney is the Managing Director of Policy, Strategy and Relations and Chief Legal Officer of the Astana Financial Services Authority. Ishaq specialises in creating financial centre ecosystems in emerging economies: His over two decades of experience spans legislation development, disputes, corporate and regulatory law in Australia and the Middle East across all facets of corporate, investment and financial services transactions and regulation. Ishaq was at the Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) for over a decade where he held various senior roles including the General Counsel role.



He also held various senior positions with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with the Australian Government where he was involved in several high profile transactional financial markets, enforcement and takeover matters. Ishaq has worked for an energy conglomerate and General Electric in Australia.

Ishaq is a regular speaker at various professional forums and is a guest lecturer in postgraduate corporate law, investment and regulation. Ishaq holds postgraduate degrees in law and management from the University of Queensland, the University of Melbourne and the University of Oxford (distinction). Ishaq qualified as a chartered secretary (awarded a BDO Dux Medal), and as a result of demonstrated governance experience was elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (Australia chapter). Ishaq is an experienced executive committee and board member. Ishaq is also a CEDR accredited mediator.

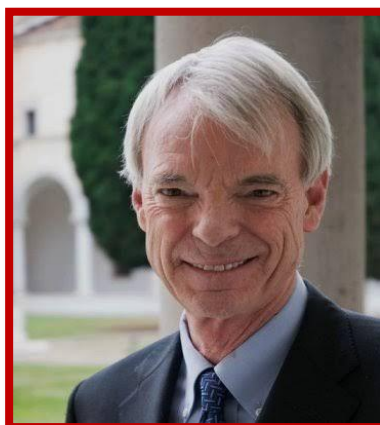
### **Mariam Mohsin**

Mariam Mohsin, is currently serving as Assistant Professor at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). She has a Ph.D. in Management (Organizational Behavior) from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). She works in the areas of Gender & Management and Critical Management Studies. Her doctoral research focuses on the interplay of gender, society, and organizations. In her current research, she studies the social construction of gender norms around women's employment within both micro-level and macro-level social arrangements. Her areas of academic interest are Gender and Management, Critical Management Studies, and Organizational Behaviour.



### **Michael Spence**

Michael Spence is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and Philip H. Knight Professor and dean, emeritus, at Stanford Graduate School of Business. He is the chairman of an independent Commission on Growth and Development, created in 2006. Michael Spence's research interests focus on the study of economic growth and development, dynamic competition, and the economics of information. Together with George A. Akerlof and Joseph E. Stiglitz, Michael Spence is a co-recipient of 2001 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for their analyses of markets with asymmetric information.



## **Najy Benhassine**

Najy Benhassine is Country Director for Pakistan for the South Asia region at the World Bank Group. Prior to this, he was the Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions (EFI) Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa region, following his time as the Director for the Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation (FCI) Global Practice, where he was responsible for the MENA regional team of the FCI practice as well as its global teams in charge of the Firms, Entrepreneurship & Innovation and the Markets & Technology agendas.



Before his tenure as FCI GP Director, Benhassine worked as the Practice Manager in the Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice of the World Bank Group.

Previously, Benhassine was based in Rabat, Morocco between 2007 and 2011 and was in charge of the private sector development portfolio of the Maghreb for the World Bank. He also worked on economic growth, education, social protection, the informal sector and land reform. An Algerian national, he joined the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. in 2001, after working with McKinsey and Co and teaching at the Swiss Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

Benhassine is the co-author of the 2009 World Bank flagship publication on the private sector in the MENA region, "From Privilege to Competition: unlocking private-led growth in the Middle-East and North Africa". He is a graduate of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, the Paris Graduate School of Management, the Paris School of Economics and holds a PhD in Economics from the MIT.

## **Nathan Lane**

Nathan Lane is an Associate Professor in Economics at Oxford University, and a Tutorial Fellow at Merton College, Oxford. He is co-founder of the Industrial Policy Group, with Professor Reka Juhasz (UBC). Prior to Oxford, Nathan Lane was an economics professor at Monash University where he was cofounder of SodaLabs.io. Previously, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His interests are at the intersection of political economy, industrial development, economic history, and big data. His current research agenda is focused on establishing basic facts surrounding industrial policy practice.





### **Khalid Magsi**

Khalid Magsi is a Pakistani politician who has been a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan since August 2018. Previously he was a member of the National Assembly from June 2013 to September 2014 and again from May 2016 to May 2018. He started his political career as District nazim of Jhal Magsi in 2005. And, in April 2018, he quit PML-N and joined the newly created Balochistan Awami Party (BAP). And, elected as Member of National Assembly in 2018 general elections.



### **Hafeez Jamali**

Hafeez Jamali is a scholar and civil servant whose research focuses on the effects of globalization and development on the livelihoods of marginalized communities. He holds an MPA in Public Administration from the University of Victoria, Canada, and a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently serving as Secretary in the Government of Balochistan and serves as Balochistan's Focal Person to Federal Government ministries, divisions, and attached departments. He has previously taught as an Assistant Professor in the School of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities at Habib University, Pakistan and led the Interdisciplinary Development Research Center (IDRAC) at HU. His research focuses on the anthropology of globalization and development, the history of Indian Ocean Trade, and the politics of identity and place in Balochistan (Pakistan). His doctoral research examines how Pakistani government's investment in mega development projects such as transnational gas pipelines and commercial ports has affected the lives and transformed the political attitudes of local Baloch people.



### **Fida Muhammad**

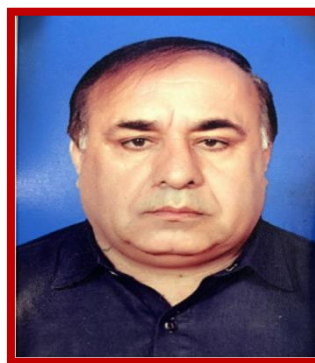
Fida Muhammad, a national of Pakistan, was appointed as a Country Programme Officer for Pakistan, Asia and the Pacific Division in the Programme Management Department (PMD), effective 02 January 2020. Fida started his career with Provincial Government of KP in Pakistan and later in his career worked for the Federal Government before switching to consulting with many different bilateral and multilateral organisations. In addition to Pakistan, he worked in Afghanistan, Bolivia, China, Egypt, India, Malawi, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, UAE and Uganda. Fida started work



with IFAD as a consultant in early 2015 and has since then participated in several missions in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Fida's education includes MSc (Hons) in Agricultural Economics (Pakistan), an Executive MBA in Project Management (Pakistan) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Small Entrepreneurship Promotion and Industrial Assistance (The Netherlands). His expertise includes poverty alleviation, private sector development, agribusiness promotion and economic and financial analysis besides portfolio management. Fida Muhammad is located in IFAD's ICO in Pakistan and overlooks Pakistan portfolio and assists in managing IFAD operations in Mongolia and regional programme for Farmer Organisations.

### **Faiz Muhammad Kakar**

Faiz Muhammad Kakar, a former provincial caretaker minister of Balochistan resident of Quetta has accomplished his doctorate degree and endorsed from the University of Queensland, Australia. With 30 years of experience in the field of development in Pakistan and particularly in Balochistan from the platforms of United Nations and other international organisations, he has a strong command on the development challenges of Balochistan. And, is regularly delivering lectures in Universities and academies on various development approaches. Currently he is serving as consultant with IUCN and other projects. He is a key resource person speaker on Climate Change, Development Paradigm, Political Assessment and Social Change.



### **Amjad Ali Siddiqui**

Amjad Ali Siddiqui, is currently Executive Member of Corporate Class Q.C.C.I. Amjad Ali Siddiqui Advocate was elected as the Vice President Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industries (QCCI). Siddiqui was earlier elected as a member of the executive body unopposed. Siddiqui is a famous taxation lawyer and having experience of 16 years. He is recognized and respected among the members of the legal fraternity and business community.



### **Ghulam Farooq Khilji**

Ghulam Farooq Khilji, is Business representative in Quetta Balochistan. He was the president of Quetta chamber of commerce (QCCI). And, has political affiliation with PMAP. Ghulam Farooq Khilji is determined to overcome the key issues of Quetta, Balochistan i.e. Water crisis and unemployment.



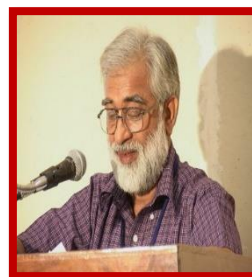
### **Shafiq-ur-Rehman**

Shafiq-ur-Rehman is currently serving the Vice Chancellor of University of Balochistan.



### **Karamat Ali**

Karamat Ali is a founder member and currently Executive Director of Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER). He is a veteran trade unionist who played an important role in the labour movement of the 1970s in Pakistan and since then has been committed to labour rights, education and capacity building of workers and regional peace advocacy and research.



He started his activism from the student's unions in Multan and then he joined trade unions in Karachi. He moved to Karachi in early 1960s where he continued his college education and started working in a factory and actively took part in the workers movement of 1963. He completed his formal education by graduating from Karachi and actively took part in trade unions movement. He completed his Masters in Labour and Development from The Netherlands in 1984.

In May 1982, Karamat Ali, along with a group of concerned professionals, laid the foundation of Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research to promote a democratic and effective labour movement through research, education and advocacy and strengthen civil society linkages in the South Asian region.

He is also a member of the International Advisory Committee, Hague Appeal for Peace, and member International Council World Social Forum (WSF). He is Focal Person of Labour Rights Regional Thematic Group of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE), which is an alliance of trade unions, civil society organizations and individuals like journalists, academics, trade unionists, human rights activists etc.

He is also a recipient of an Award Association for Communal Harmony in Asia (ACHA) 2008. He was awarded Bulleh Shah Award in 2007.

### **Muhammad Fazal**

Muhammad Fazal has been working in social development and local governance for the last 25 years with national and international development organizations like PPAF, CHIP, SACHET-Pakistan, CWSA, Plan International, UNDP, ADB, IFAD including Federal and Provincial Governments. Fazal holds MA and MBA from highly reputed



Universities of Pakistan. He also holds Fellowship in Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation from University of Copenhagen and Danida Fellowship Center, Copenhagen, Denmark. Fazal has designed and successfully managed over 100 humanitarian and development projects in the areas of integrated rural development, urban and rural poverty alleviation, livelihoods, food security, entrepreneurship, enterprise development, social mobilization, health, WASH, shelter and DRR. Currently, he is working as Programme Director for National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) which is a flagship programme of Ministry of Poverty Alleviation, GoP and IFAD.

### **Yasir Ashfaq**

Yasir Ashfaq is working as Chief Executive Officer of Pakistan Microfinance Investment Company (PMIC). He was previously working as Chief Operating Officer of PMIC since August 2016. Before joining PMIC, he has worked with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund as Group Head, Financial Services Group in a similar role. Yasir has over 20 years of experience in financial sector of the country and has worked at senior management positions in commercial and investment banks. His areas of expertise include designing policy and strategy, corporate finance, portfolio management, treasury, finance and accounts, development finance, corporate finance, risk management, development of institutions and new financial products and approaches of delivery. He is a fellow member of the Institute of Cost & Management Accountants (ICMA) of Pakistan and holds a master's degree in Economics from University of Sydney, Australia.

### **Khurram Schehzad**

Khurram Schehzad is an Investment Banker, Development Economist and a Policy Advisor by profession with 18-year highly progressive career with a proven Board-level governance, leadership, management and team-building experience, coupled with the aptitude to direct and train strong teams in professional corporate, academic and voluntary work environments. He is an avid Development Economics, Finance and Investment professional, and an accomplished individual who has served in various leadership roles at bulge-bracket investment banking groups in both Private and Public sectors across key financial disciplines, including Investment Banking/Corporate Finance, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Capital Markets, Equity Strategy, Asset & Funds Management, Sales & Business Development, Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Portfolio Advisory, Restructuring/Privatisation of the SOEs, and Strategic Investment & Economic Policy and Reforms. He's been serving on board/committees at various corporate and public sector platforms.



Mr. Schehzad is also an Entrepreneur, running a boutique Investment Banking/Analytics-driven Financial Strategy & Macro Policy Advisory platform that has been named in the top-29 most-innovative and fast-growing financial services companies in Pakistan by Startup Pill, UK. Mr. Schehzad has comprehensively developed/managed economic, financial and investment advisory teams, who not only mastered various aspects

of finance, business and economy, building bespoke strategies for a diverse client base (both local & foreign), but also consistently delivered alpha/competitive value to both the public and private sectors.

### **Muhammad Shah Khan**

Muhammad Shah Khan is the Founding Director at National Incubation Center (NIC) Quetta. He is a visionary and forward-looking leader with extensive experience of progressive growth and outstanding success, streamlining operations over a wide range of educational leadership areas like business incubator management and entrepreneurship development, university advancement/ development, fundraising, executive education, communication and outreach, and project management.



As a development and project management specialist, Muhammad Shah Khan has raised more than PKR 1.5 billion through different projects and has managed various multi-hundred million projects. He has worked as consultant and advisor with renowned international organizations like the World Bank, USAID, JICA, AusAid, British Council and UNHCR. He has been a visiting fellow at Penn State University, USA, Georgia State University, USA and University of Southern Queensland, Australia. He is a certified facilitator of Social Enterprise Academy Scotland and a certified tech transfer and commercialization trainer of US Patent and Trademark Organization (USPTO).

Muhammad Shah Khan has a proven track record of innovation and result-orientation through strategic focus closely mirroring organizational needs and resource optimization. He is the founder and director of National Incubation Center (NIC) Quetta-2018, founder of BUIITEMS Business Incubation and Entrepreneurship Center (BBIEC) - 2015, founder of CPEC Center of Excellence - 2018 and founder of BUIITEMS Executive Education Center (BEEC) - 2012. He has mentored dozens of start-ups and also acts as an advisor to numerous successful start-ups.

### **Mahmood Khalid**

Mahmood Khalid is currently serving as Senior Research Economist/Executive Director (CE-CPEC) at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). He has Ph.D. from Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, and M.Phil., Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. His area of specialization is Fiscal Policy and Microeconomics.



## **Aezaz Hussain**

Aezaz Hussain Chairman & Founder at Systems Limited and Visionet Systems. He founded Systems Limited in 1977 as the first software house in Pakistan. His professional acumen provided the overall direction for turnkey computer projects involving systems design, hardware selection and installation, and the planning and management of large-scale industrial projects. Within the organization, he has been responsible for the internal restructuring needed to respond to periodic shifts in the company's strategy. Hussain was the CEO of Visionet Systems, Inc. in New Jersey, USA till 2008 and he is currently the Chairman for both Visionet Systems and Systems Limited. His main role is the development of enterprise strategy. He was a member of Pakistan's Information Technology Commission, which advised the President of Pakistan on IT-related matters and national policies. He has been a member of a number of committees and advisory bodies set up by the government on Information Technology strategies and on the development of public-sector information systems. He was a founding member and the founding President of Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA). He served as a member of the Economic Advisory Board, Government of Pakistan, the Information Technology Commission of Pakistan, and the Council of Computer Society of Pakistan.



## **Muhammad Ali Tabba**

Muhammad Ali Tabba is the Chief Executive of Lucky Cement Limited, succeeding his late father in 2005. Mr Tabba also serves as the Chairman of Yunus Textile Mills Ltd (YTM), a state-of-the-art home textile mill with subsidiaries in North America and Europe. He is also the Chairman of Lucky Motors Corporation (LMC) and Lucky Electric Power Company Limited (LEPCL). Muhammad Ali Tabba started his career with Yunus Brothers Group (YBG) – a family conglomerate in 1991. YBG is one of the premier business houses in Pakistan with diversified interests in Building Materials, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Energy, Textiles, Automotive and Real Estate Development. Muhammad Ali Tabba is the Chairman of Pakistan Textile Council (PTC), a think tank, advocacy, and research-based body. He is also the Chairman of All Pakistan Cement Manufacturing Association (APCMA), a regulatory body of cement manufacturers in Pakistan. In the recent past, he has been Chairman of Pakistan Business Council (PBC), a business advocacy forum comprising leading private sector businesses. Muhammad Ali Tabba has extensive engagements in many Community Welfare Projects, and serves on the Board of Governors at



renowned Universities, Institutions and Foundations. He is the Vice Chairman of the Non-Profit organization, Aziz Tabba Foundation (ATF). The Foundation is working extensively in the field of Social Welfare, Education, Health and Housing. The Foundation runs two state-of-the-art Hospitals in Karachi; a 170 bed Tabba Heart Institute (THI) which is a dedicated Cardiac Care Hospital, and a 100 bed Tabba Kidney Institute (TKI), a specialized institution, providing comprehensive treatment for Nephro-Urological disorder. In recognition of his outstanding services and contributions in the social development sector of Pakistan, World Economic Forum (WEF), bestowed the title of Young Global Leader (YGL) to Muhammad Ali Tabba in 2010. He is also the recipient of Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry “Businessman of the Year” Gold Medal Award for 2012- 2013.

### **Kaiser Bengali**

Kaiser Bengali is an economist with over 40 years of experience in teaching, research and policy advice in Pakistan and abroad. He has a master’s in economics from Boston University, USA, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Karachi, Pakistan. He has taught and conducted research at prestigious institutions in Pakistan, such as the Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science & Technology (SZABIST), and was Managing Director of the Social Policy &



Development Centre (SPDC), Karachi. His areas of research interest include issues in planning & development and macro-economic and fiscal policies, particularly relating to inter-personal and inter-regional inequality, poverty, unemployment, and social justice, urban and regional planning, decentralization and local government and finance, education, and ethnic, sectarian and religious militancy and violence. His areas of expertise and experience include political management of planning & development, management of institutions, personnel and finance. He has also served in several government positions. Till recently, he was Head of the Chief Minister’s Policy Reform Unit, Government of Balochistan. Earlier, he was the Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh for Planning & Development. He was also the first head of the Benazir Income Support Programme and designed the programme. He was also Sindh’s representative on the 7th National Finance Commission, which gave a successful Award. He has now been nominated on the 8th NFC to represent Balochistan. He has over 50 research publications in national and international journals and conferences and he is the author/editor of 8 books on subjects ranging from unemployment, inequality and poverty to education, water, gender, and regional development. He has regularly contributed articles on economic and political issues in newspapers and appears on electronic media. He joined the Board in 2019.

### **Aasim Sajjad Akhtar**

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar is Associate Professor of Political Economy at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University. He was previously at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). ASA works on diverse subjects such as state theory, informality, colonial history, and social movements. He has published widely in journals such as *Third World Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Journal of Peasant Studies* and *Critical Asian Studies*. He is also the author of three books, most recently *The Politics of Common Sense: State, Society and Culture in Pakistan* (Cambridge, 2018). ASA also writes a syndicated column for Pakistan's newspaper-of-record, DAWN. Alongside his academic pursuits, ASA has also been closely affiliated with political and social movements in Pakistan for more than two decades.



### **Shahid Hafiz Kardar**

Shahid Hafiz Kardar is presently the Vice Chancellors of Beaconhouse National University, a Member of the High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the SDGs 2030 Agenda, appointed by the Presidents of the UN General Assembly and ECOSOC and the Life-long Treasurer of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan Trust. He is an ACA (England and Wales) with a B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University. He has been Governor, State Bank of Pakistan and Minister for Finance, Planning and Development, Excise and Taxation and Industries and Mineral Development, Government of Punjab. He has authored three books and is a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines.



### **David Autor**

David Autor is Ford Professor in the MIT Department of Economics, co-director of the NBER Labor Studies Program, and co-leader of both the MIT Work of the Future Task Force and the JPAL Work of the Future experimental initiative. His scholarship explores the labor-market impacts of technological change and globalization on job polarization, skill demands, earnings levels and inequality, and electoral outcomes.

Autor has received numerous awards for both his scholarship—the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, the Sherwin Rosen Prize for outstanding contributions to the field of Labor Economics, and the Andrew Carnegie





Fellowship in 2019—and for his teaching, including the MIT MacVicar Faculty Fellowship. Most recently, Autor received the Heinz 25th Special Recognition Award from the Heinz Family Foundation for his work “transforming our understanding of how globalization and technological change are impacting jobs and earning prospects for American workers”. In 2017, Autor was recognized by Bloomberg as one of the 50 people who defined global business.

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### **Mir Zahoor Ahmad Buledi**

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In this government as the minister of Finance in addition to HEC funding, he proposed and persuaded the Government of Balochistan to create the University Finance Commission (UFC), under which they generously donated 2.5 Billion (in Pakistani rupees) to the universities of Balochistan each year. Mir Zahoor Buledi also assisted the Universities in obtaining the Grant-In-Aid Funds for Research & Studies Among All Public Sector Universities in Balochistan, which was unanimously endorsed by all Vice-Chancellors and other UFC members due to his interest in research and education.

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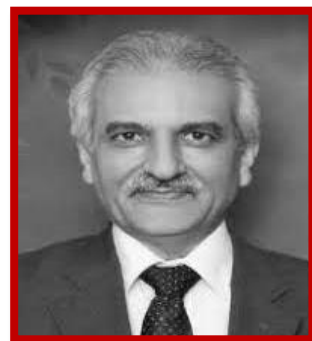
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