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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)