



Increasing Productivity and Unleashing Growth in Pakistan

A Conference by
The Pakistan Strategy Support Program: Shaping a Policy Research Agenda
Serena Hotel, Islamabad

Saturday, May 26

- 8:00-8:45 **Registration**
- 9:00-10:15 **Inaugural Session**
Chairperson: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
Distinguished Guest: Mr. Rodger Garner, Deputy Mission Director, USAID

The Importance of Effective Research for Policy Making: Unleashing the Growth Potential of Pakistan
Dr. Paul Dorosh, IFPRI
- 10:15-10:45 Tea
- 10:45-12:30 **Governance for Growth I**
Chairperson: Dr. Rachid Benmessaoud, Country Director, World Bank

Institutional Setting for Growth and Equity Objectives
Dr. Akmal Hussain, BNU

Governance Challenges for Agricultural and Rural Growth
Dr. Regina Birner, University of Hohenheim, Germany

Increasing Agricultural Productivity through Science and Innovation
Dr. David Spielman, IFPRI

Investments and Policy Reform to Meet Water Challenges
Dr. Stephen Davies, Colorado State University, USA
- 12:30-1:15 Lunch (buffet)
- 1:15-3:15 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals I**
Chairperson: Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator, UN Pakistan / Resident Representative, UNDP

- 3:15-3:45 Tea
- 3:45-5:45 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals II (Video Presentations)**
Chairperson: Mr. George Turkington, Head of DFID Pakistan
- 7:30-9:30 Conference Dinner
Chairperson: Nadeem Ul Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
Distinguished Guest: Ms. Rebecca Shaw, First Secretary, AusAid, Australian Embassy
- Global Agricultural Research: Lessons for Pakistan*
Dr. Jock Anderson, University of New England, Australia

Sunday, May 27

- 8:00-8:45 Registration
- 9:00-10:45 **Governance for Growth II**
Chairperson: Dr. Werner Liepach, Resident Representative, ADB
- Energy and the New Growth Framework*
Dr. Rashid Aziz, World Bank
- Poverty, Inequality and Human Capital Acquisition*
Dr. Ali Cheema, LUMS
- Land Markets, Productivity and Growth*
Dr. Imran Ali, Karachi School for Business and Leadership
- High Value Agriculture*
Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- 10:45-11:15 Tea
- 11:15-12:30 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals III**
Chairperson: Ms. Rhonda Gossen-Ehsani, Head of Aid, CIDA
- 12:30-1:15 Lunch (buffet)
- 1:15-3:15 **PSSP Research Competitive Grant Proposals IV (Small Grants)**
Chairperson: Dr. Paul Dorosh, Division Director, IFPRI
- 3:15-3:30 Tea
- 3:30-5:30 **Competitive Grant Proposals V**
Chairperson: H. E. Mr. Lars Gunnar Wigemark, Ambassador/Head of Delegation,
The EU Delegation to Pakistan
- 5:30-5:45 Closing Session

Grant Proposal Presentations

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1:15-3:15 Competitive Grant Proposals I

Estimating Size and Operations of Public Sector and its Impact on Wheat Markets in Pakistan: A Post-18th Constitutional Amendment Inquiry

(ID No. 240) Dr. Vaqar Ahmed – Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad

Social Safety Nets for Food Security of Small Farmers: Policy Implications for Pro-Poor Growth in Resource Scarce Regions

(ID No. 164) Dr. Babar Shahbaz – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

An Assessment of Skill Gap among University Graduates for Employability and Performance in Industries situated in Gujrat-Sialkot-Gujranwala Industrial Cluster

(ID No. 152) Dr. Atif Ali Jaffri – University of Gujrat, Gujrat

Failed Enterprises

(ID No. 268) Mr. Khalid Mahmood – Centre for Enterprise, Trade and Development (CEETAD), Lahore

Maximizing Farm Income and Other Livelihood Opportunities through Introduction of High Value Minor Crops in District Swat

(ID No. 104) Dr. Hassan Sher – University of Swat, Swat

The Impact of a University on Local Development - Case Study of University of Gujrat

(ID No. 266) Dr. Hans Frey – Council of Social Sciences, Islamabad

3:45-5:45 Competitive Grant Proposals II (Video Presentations)

Structural Constraints on Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Pakistan

(ID No. 263) Dr. Adeel Malik and Mr. Rinchan Ali Mirza – University of Oxford, UK

Patron-Client Relationships and Rural Public Service Delivery in Pakistan

(ID No. 189) Dr. Azam Chaudhry – Lahore School of Economics, Lahore

Presented by Ms. Kate Vyborny – University of Oxford, UK

Is Pakistan's financial system conducive to economic growth?

(ID No. 254) Dr. Kamal Munir – University of Cambridge, UK

Presented by Ms. Natalya Naqvi – University of Cambridge, UK

Essays on the Political Economic Consequences of Pakistan's Linguistically Fractured Educational System

(ID No. 169) Ms. Zehra Aftab – American University, USA

Agent-Based Modeling Simulations for Solving Pakistan's Urban Challenges
(ID No. 168) Dr. Hilton Root and Mr. Ammar Malik – George Mason University, USA

Allocative Inefficiency, Tenure Systems and Poverty in Irrigated Agriculture in Pakistan
(ID No. 129) Dr. Ariel Dinar – University of California-Riverside, USA
Presented by Mr. Sanval Nasim – University of California-Riverside, USA

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11:15-12:30 Competitive Grant Proposals III

Assessment of Student Critical Thinking Development in Support of the Implementation of the New Growth Strategy
(ID No. 107) Dr. Mir Anjum Altaf – Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore

Tax Policy Research to Support a New Growth Framework for Sustained Economic Growth of Pakistan
(ID No. 255) Mr. Daniyal Aziz – Governance Institutes Network International, Islamabad

How Efficient and Livable is the City of Karachi? (Quantifying the Costs of Inefficiencies)
(ID No. 271) Dr. Kaiser Bengali – Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

Integrating Rural Urban Linkages for Regional Development in the Province of Sindh: A Cluster Based Approach
(ID No. 257) Dr. Noman Saeed – Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

1:15-3:15 Competitive Grant Proposals IV (Small Grants)

An Essay on Consumption Hypotheses
(ID No. 279) Mr. Khalid Khan – Lasbela University of Agriculture Water and Marine Sciences, Uthal, Balochistan

Batkhela (Malakand) Bazar: A Catalyst for Socio-Economic and Political Change
(ID No. 187) Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jan – University of Peshawar, Peshawar

Qualitative and Quantitative Analyses of Antibiotics, Heavy Metals, Mycotoxins, and Pesticides Residues in Milk, Eggs and Meat Meant for Human Consumption
(ID No. 102) Dr. Muhammad Younus – University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jhang

Livelihood Diversification and Rural Poverty: Rethinking the Links in the Punjab and Sindh Provinces
(ID No. 265) Mr. Faisal Jamil – Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad

What Determines Farmers' Response towards Adopting Modern Technology in KP?
(ID No. 242) Dr. Shahnaz Akhtar – KP Agricultural University, Peshawar

An Economic Evaluation of Fisheries Sector of Pakistan under Thematic New Growth Strategy to Devise Alternate Sustainable Fisheries Policy

(ID No. 241) Dr. Samina Khalil– Applied Economics Research Center, Karachi

The Size and Nature of Informal Entrepreneurship in Pakistan and How to Tackle It

(ID No. 179) Dr. Muhammad Shehryar Shahid – University of Central Punjab, Lahore

3:30-5:30 Competitive Grant Proposals V

Economic Growth and Protection of Life, Property and Contracts

(ID No. 272) Dr. Shabib Haider Syed – Forman Christian College, Lahore

Evaluating the Working of Pakistani Organization: Whether the Employees and Customers are Satisfied

(ID No. 274) Dr. Anwar F. Chishti – Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad

Economic Analysis of Challenges in Development of High-Value Agriculture

(ID No. 150) Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Identification and Assessment of Key Adaptation Measures to Climate Change in Highly Vulnerable Regions of Pakistan

(ID No. 224) Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig – PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

Enhancing Water Productivity by Using Feasible Efficient Irrigation Techniques

(ID No. 196) Dr. Allah Bakhsh – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

DNA Barcoding and Biochemical Profiling of Medicinal Plants of Northern and Desert Areas of Pakistan: Improving Socio-economic Standard of People of these Regions

(ID No. 167) Dr. Amer Jamil – University of Agriculture, Faisalabad