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DAY 1 | Wednesday, 26th February 2025

PROGRAMME

I. TECH FOR COMPETITION AND GROWTH

0900 – 1100

- **EFFECT OF FIRM'S BIG DATA ANALYTICS CAPABILITY ON COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: MEDIATING EFFECT OF BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION AND MODERATING EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL UNCERTAINTY**
Chaudhary Bilal Ahmad Khan (Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad)
- **TECH INDEX PAKISTAN: A STATISTICAL APPROACH TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY, COMPETITION, AND GROWTH**
Muhammad Haris Hanif (Government College University, Lahore)
- **ADOPTION OF AGRICULTURAL UAVs BY SMALL TO LARGE LANDHOLDING FARMERS**
Shoaib Rashid Saleem (PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi)
- **CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, FINANCIAL COMPETITION, AND GROWTH**
Abdul Rashid (International Islamic University, Islamabad)
- **DISSECTING THE EFFECT OF INTERNAL R&D, IMPORTED INPUT VARIETY AND EXTERNAL TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION ON THE EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN PAKISTAN**
Abdul Rauf (National Defense University, Islamabad)

CHAIR ■ **BABER MAJID BHATTI** (CEO, National Information Technology Board)

DISCUSSANT ■ **ZAHID ASGHAR** (Professor, Quaid e Azam University, Islamabad)

INAUGURAL SESSION

1100 – 1200

- **WELCOME REMARKS**
MUHAMMAD NADEEM JAVAID
RAC Chairman, RASTA/Vice-Chancellor, PIDE
- **RASTA PROGRESS REPORT**
FAHEEM JEHangIR
Project Director, RASTA/Director Policy, PIDE
- **SECRETARY'S REMARKS**
AWAIS MANZUR SUMRA
Secretary, Ministry of PD&SI
- **CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS**
AHSAN IQBAL CHAUDHARY
Hon'ble Federal Minister for Planning, Development, & Special Initiatives / Deputy Chairman Planning Commission of Pakistan / Chancellor, PIDE

TEA BREAK/GROUP PICTURE

1200 – 1230

II. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

1230 – 1430

- **THE TAX SYSTEM OF PAKISTAN AND THE AGENDA OF TAX REFORMS**
Hafiz Ahmed Pasha (Beaconhouse National University, Lahore)
- **WILL BROADENING THE TAX BASE BROADEN TAX REVENUE BASE? A CASE STUDY OF PAKISTAN**
Zehra Farooq (Tulane University, USA)

- **SINGLE SUB-NATIONAL REVENUE COLLECTING AUTHORITY: A CASE OF BALOCHISTAN**

Noor ul Haq Baloch (Balochistan Revenue Authority, Quetta)

- **UNVEILING THE TRAJECTORY: HOW THE 18TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESHAPED FUNCTIONAL SPENDING MULTIPLIERS IN PAKISTAN**

Iffat Ara (Independent Researcher, Karachi)

CHAIR

- **IKRAM UL HAQ** (*Professor of Taxes/Managing Partner, Huzaima & Ikram*)

DISCUSSANT

- **IMTIAZ AHMAD** (*Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance*)

LUNCH BREAK

1430 – 1500

III. SLUDGE AND DEVELOPMENT

1500 – 1630

- **DIGITIZATION AND AUTOMATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: BUILDING SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS SLUDGE IN SETTING-UP RESTAURANT BUSINESSES**

Yasir Zada Khan (Independent Researcher, Lahore)

- **A DYNAMIC CGE-SLUDGE FRAMEWORK FOR PAKISTAN**

Muhammad Zeshan (PIDE, Islamabad)

- **EVALUATION OF BALOCHISTAN'S KACHHI CANAL PROJECT**

Irfan Ali (Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology, Khuzdar)

CHAIR:

- **HUMAIRA ZIA MUFTI** (*Additional Secretary-I, SIFC*)

DISCUSSANT:

- **ATHER MAQSOOD AHMED** (*Professor of Economics, NUST*)

DAY 2 | Thursday, 27th February 2025

PROGRAMME

IV. HUMAN CAPITAL AND OPPORTUNITIES

0930 – 1130

- **UNLOCKING SYNERGIES THROUGH PUBLIC VALUE CO-CREATION: A HOLISTIC EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN PUNJAB'S EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE**

Shabana Naveed (Garrison University, Lahore)

- **JOB SATISFACTION AMONG WOMEN TRANSITIONING FROM TRADITIONAL LABOUR MARKET ROLES TO ONLINE JOBS IN PAKISTAN**

Sumaira Yasmin (PIDE, Islamabad)

- **MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOR GIG ECONOMY: IMPLICATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR IN PAKISTAN**

Mehfooz Ullah (Karakorum International University, Gilgit)

- **IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF TDAP WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON TECHNOLOGY ADAPTION IN FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS**

Misbah Tanveer Choudhry (Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore)

- **GENDER GAP IN DIGITAL FINANCIAL LITERACY AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN PUNJAB**

Tahira Sadaf (University of Agriculture, Faisalabad)

DISCUSSANT ■ **MADIHA RIAZ** (*Associate Professor, Islamia University Bahawalpur*)

TEA BREAK 1130 – 1200

V. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1200 – 1330

- **COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF CONVENTIONAL PRACTICES AND SUSTAINABLE PATHWAYS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATING PERSPECTIVES, PRACTICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Shoaib Muhammad (University of Wah, Rawalpindi)

- **EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISES: UNVEILING THE POTENTIAL OF BIOFLOC TECHNOLOGY IN INVESTMENTS, COMPLIANCE, AND GROWTH STRATEGIES**

Aima Iram Batool (University of Sargodha, Sargodha)

- **EVALUATING THE COMPREHENSIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE HMDC DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PPP INITIATIVES**

Hira Hussain (Independent Researcher, Hyderabad)

CHAIR ■ **WAQAS ANWAR** (*Member Infrastructure, Planning Commission of Pakistan*)

DISCUSSANT ■ **NASIR JAVED** (*Former CEO, Urban Unit Lahore*)

LUNCH BREAK 1330 – 1400

VI. POLITICAL GOVERNANCE

1400 – 1600

- **DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL: A STUDY OF THE 2024 ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN**

Mohammad Waseem (Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore)

- **FEMALE VOTING PREFERENCES IN DISTRICT BUNER, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PAKISTAN**

Hassan Shah (University of Buner)

- **IMPACT OF THE LAND RECORD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (LRMIS) ON LAND-RELATED CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS**

Saqib Hussain (KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea)

- **LOW CRIME CONVICTION AND CAPACITY CHALLENGES OF POLICE IN PUNJAB**

Syed Imran Haider (Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT ■ **KHALID CHAUHAN** (*National Coordinator, NACTA*)

CLOSING SESSION

1600

- **LESSONS, WAY FORWARD & VOTE OF THANKS**

MUHAMMAD NADEEM JAVAID

Chairman RASTA / Vice-Chancellor, PIDE

