

PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS

PROGRAMME

OF

THE 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

19th – 21st December, 2005

(Hosted by the **Pakistan Institute of Development Economics** and cohosted by the DFID, FES, NRB, UNFPA, NBP, ZTBL)

Theme: “Skill Development, Productivity and Growth”

Venue: Marriott, Islamabad.

December 19, 2005

INAUGURAL SESSION

09:30 am. – 10:45 am.

The Marquee

1. *Recitation from the Holy Quran:*
Qari Allah Nawaz
2. *Welcome Remarks and Secretary's Report:*
Rehana Siddiqui
Secretary, PSDE
3. *Presidential Address:*
“Skill Development in Pakistan”
A. R. Kemal
President, PSDE
4. *Keynote Address:*
“Skill Development, Productivity and Growth”
Professor Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman
Chairman Higher Education Commission and Adviser to the
Prime Minister on Science and Technology
5. *Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest*

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Refreshments

December 19, 2005
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The Marquee

THE MAHBUB UL HAQ MEMORIAL LECTURE

- Chairperson:* Robert E. Evanson
Professor
Department of Economics
Yale University
USA.
- Speaker:* M. Ali Khan
Professor
Department of Economics
The Johns Hopkins University
USA.
- Topic:* **Social Capital and Economic Development:
Lessons from Pierre Bourdieu.**
- Discussant:* S. M. Naseem
Formerly of Development Planning Division
ESCAP, United Nations
Bangkok.
- Asad Zaman
Director General
International Institute of Islamic Economics
Islamabad.

General Discussion

12:30 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.

LUNCH

December 19, 2005
01:30 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

The Marquee

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Pervez Tahir
Planning & Development Division,
Govt. of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Skill Formation Strategies for Sustaining 'The Drive to Maturity' in Pakistan.

Muhammad Zahid Siddique, National University-FAST Karachi and Javed Akbar Ansari, Management Sciences Department, PAF, Karachi

DISCUSSANT: Muslehuddin,
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Enhancing Vocational Training for Economic Growth in Pakistan.

Usman Mustafa, Kalbe Abbas and Amara Saeed, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Imtiaz Rastgar
EDB, Islamabad.

3. Skill Development and Poverty Reduction.

Rehana Siddiqui, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Talat Anwar,
UNDP/UNOPS
Islamabad

General Discussion

Upper Marquee

POPULATION and GENDER ISSUES

Chairperson: Abdul Razzaque Rukanuddin
Formerly Executive Director,
NIPS, Islamabad.

1. Relationship between Poverty, Population Growth and the Environment.

Seeme Mallick, Islamabad, and Naghmana Ghani, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Mehboob Sultan
NIPS, Islamabad.

2. Modeling Gender Dimension of the Impact of Economic Reforms in Pakistan.

Rizwana Siddiqui, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Tariq Javed
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

3. Female Education and Fertility Behaviour: A New Perception.

Erum Shafi, Department of Economics
University of Balochistan, Quetta

DISCUSSANT: G.Y. Soomro
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Margalla Room

AGRICULTURE-I

Chairperson: Abdul Salam
Formerly Chairman, Agricultural Price
Commission, Islamabad.

1. An Analysis of Farmers Allocative Efficiency in Northern Pakistan.

Muhammad Bashir and Dilawar Khan, NWFP
Agricultural University, Peshawar.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Iqbal
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Estimation of Export Supply Function for Citrus Fruit in Pakistan.

Usman Haleem and Khalid Mushtaq, University of
Agriculture, Faisalabad. Azher Abbas and A.D.
Sheikh, PARC, Faisalabad.

DISCUSSANT: Umar Farooq
PARC, Islamabad

3. Domestic Citrus Marketing Systems: Constraints and Potential for Improvement.

Muhammad Sharif, Umar Farooq and Waqar Malik,
PARC, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Bashir
NWFP Agricultural University,
Peshawar.

General Discussion

Noor Mahal

EXCHANGE RATE

Chairperson: Aftab A. Khan
Senior Fellow, PIDE, Islamabad.

1. Impact of Exchange Rate Volatility on Growth and Economic Performance of Pakistan.

Toseef Azid, Markfield Institute of Higher
Education Leicestershire, UK, Mohammad Jamil,
Bahauddin Zakariay University, Multan and Anila
Kausar, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ali Kemal
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Interest Rate, Price and Output Inter-relationships in Pakistan.

Rozina Shaheen, NUST Institute of Management
Sciences Rawalpindi, and Mohammed Nishat,
Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Atif A. Jafri
Ph.D. Scholar, PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Managing Foreign Exchange Inflows: An Analysis of Sterilization in Pakistan.

Asad Jan, M.Ather Elahi, M.Asam Zahid, and M.
Sharif Khawaja, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Idrees Khawaja
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

03:00 p.m. - 03.30 p.m.

T E A

December 19, 2005
03:30 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The Marquee

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Sartaj Aziz
Vice-Chancellor
Beacon House University
Lahore.

Speaker: Karin Wagner
Professor
Fachhochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft, Berlin
Germany.

Topic: **Productivity and Skills in Industry and Services – A British German Comparison.**

Discussants: Aftab Ahmed Khan
Senior Fellow
PIDE, Islamabad.

Pervez Tahir
Chief Economist
Planning & Development Division
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad.

General Discussion

December 20, 2005

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

09:00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

The Marquee

GROWTH/INDUSTRY

Chairperson: Rafique Ahmed
Professor Emeritus, Centre for South
Asian Studies, University of the
Punjab, Lahore.

1. Evidence on Allocative Efficiency and Elasticity of Substitution in the Manufacturing Sector of Pakistan.
Sohail Zafar, University of Laval Quebec, Canada, and Eatnaz Ahmed, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Nishat Ahmed
Institute of Business
Administration, Karachi.

2. Governance, Globalization and Social Welfare in Pakistan.
Naveed Ahmed, Institute of Business
Administration, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Ejaz Ghani
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Public-Private Investment Linkages: A Multivariate Cointegration Analysis.
Abdul Rashid, Institute of Business Management, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Imtiaz Ahmad
PIDE, Islamabad.

4. Financial Development and Economic Growth in Pakistan.
M. Arshad Khan, Abdul Qayyum and Saeed Ahmed Sheikh, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Omer Siddique
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

Upper Marquee

MACROECONOMICS

Chairperson: Ashraf Janjua
Fellow Member, College of
Business Management, Karachi.

1. Money, Price Level and Output: Evidence from Asian Developing Countries.
M. Aslam Chaudhry, Munir A.S. Chaudhry, and Mehak Ejaz, Punjab University, Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Abdul Qayyum
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Redistributive Impact of GST Tax Reforms in Pakistan, 1999-2001.
Saadia Refaqaat, University of Bath, UK.

DISCUSSANT: Hasan M. Mohsin
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Macroeconomic Determinants of Tariff Policy in Pakistan.
Mohammed Nishat, IBA, Karachi and Anjum Aqeel, Applied Economics Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Afia Malik
PIDE, Islamabad

4. Performance Evaluation of Mutual Funds in Pakistan.
Amir Shah and Tahir Hijazi, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Nisar H. Hamdani
University of AJK.

General Discussion

Margalla Room

TRADE ISSUES

Chairperson: M. Ali Khan
The Johns Hopkins University, USA.

1. Non-Agricultural Market Access: A South Asian Perspective.
A.R. Kemal, Muslehuddin and Ejaz Ghani PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Akhtar Mahmood
Former Federal Secretary,
Islamabad.

2. The Growth Impact of Exports in South Asian Countries.
Abid Hameed, M. Ali Chaudhry and Ms.Kiran Younas Khan, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi.

DISCUSSANT: Lubna Hasan
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. An Analysis of Exports and Growth in Pakistan.
M. Abdul Quddus, Punjab Economic Research Institute, Lahore, and Ikram Saeed, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Zahid Asghar
PIDE, Islamabad.

4. Demand for International Reserves: A Case Study of Pakistan.
Eatnaz Ahmed, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and Karim Khan, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Aqdas Ali Kazmi
The Planning Commission,
Islamabad.

General Discussion

Noor Mahal

BANKING AND FINANCE

Chairperson: Saeed A. Qureshi

1. Economic Growth, Inflation and Monetary Policy in Pakistan: Lessons from Emerging Economies
Ahmed M. Khalid, Bond University, Gold Coast, Australia.

DISCUSSANT: from SBP

2. Interest Rate Pass-through in Pakistan: Evidence from the Transfer Function Approach.
Abdul Qayyum, Sajawal Khan and Idrees Khawaja, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ahmad M. Khalid
Bond University, Australia.

3. Strategic Directions for Developing Islamic Banking System.
Rukhsana Kalim, University of Management and Technology Lahore and Suleman Aziz Lodhi, APTMA, Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Mazhar Iqbal
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad.

4. The Impact of Regulatory Changes upon the Productivity of the Banking Sector in the Indian Sub-Continent.
Shabbar Jaffry, Yaseen Ghulam, Joe Cox, University of Portsmouth, UK and Sean Pascoe, UK.

DISCUSSANT: Saba Anwar
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

T E A

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11:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

T H I R D P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N

The Marquee

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Javed Jabbar
Chairperson
Pakistan National Committee of IUCN Members
Karachi.

Speaker: Professor Christopher Colclough
Professor of the Economics of Education &
Director, Centre for Commonwealth Education
Cambridge University
U.K.

Topic: **Does Education Abroad Help to Alleviate Poverty at Home? An Assessment.**

Discussants: G. M. Arif
Poverty Specialist
Asian Development Bank
Islamabad.

Shahnaz Kazi
Economist
World Bank
Islamabad.

General Discussion

12:45 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.

LUNCH

December 20, 2005
01:30 p.m. - 02:45 p.m.

F O U R T H P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N

The Marquee

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Salman Shah
Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Economic Affairs
Islamabad.

Speaker: Mohsin S. Khan
Director
Middle East and Central Asia Department
International Monetary Fund
USA.

Topic: **Human Capital and Economic Growth in Pakistan.**

Discussants: Rashid Amjad
Director, Policy Planning, Employment Sector
International Labour Organization
Geneva.

Muslehuddin
Chief of Research
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

December 20, 2005
02:45 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.

The Marquee

ROUND TABLE SKILL DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTIVITY AND GROWTH

Moderator: Dr. Khalid Aftab
Vice-Chancellor
G.C University
Lahore.

Panelists:

1. Mr. Tayyab Ali
Chairman
Skill Development Council
Quetta.
2. Haji Mahmud Javed
Chairman
Skill Development Council
Peshawar.
3. Mr. Ahsanullah Khan
Chairman
Skill Development Council
Sindh, Karachi.
4. Mian Tajamul
Chairman
Skill Development Council
Punjab, Lahore.
5. Mr. Khalid Mahmood
Chairman
Technical Educational and Vocational Training Authority
Lahore.

04:00 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.

T E A

December 20, 2005
04:30 p.m. - 06:00 p.m.

S I X T H P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N

The Marquee

ROUND TABLE

Pro-Poor Growth and Governance in South Asia – Decentralization and Participatory Development

Chairperson: Daniyal Aziz
Chairman
National Reconstruction Bureau
Islamabad.

Speakers:

1. Ponna Wignaraja
Chairman
South Asian Perspective Network Association, Colombo
Sri Lanka.
2. Akmal Hussain
Managing Director
Sayyed Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
Lahore.
3. Arif Hassan
Architect and Planning Consultant
Karachi.

General Discussion

DECEMBER 21, 2005

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

December 21, 2005

09:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**The Marquee
LABOUR ISSUES**

Chairperson: Malik Asif Hayat
Secretary, Labour, Manpower &
Overseas Pakistanis Division,
Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

1. Efficiency Wage Hypothesis – The Case of Pakistan.

Syed Kanwar Abbas and Asad Zaman,
International Islamic University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Aliya H. Khan
Quaid-i-Azam University,
Islamabad

2. Trade Liberalization and Labour Demand Elasticities: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan.

Bushra Yasmin and Aliya H. Khan, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ejaz Ghani,
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Child Labour in Pakistan and other Developing Countries.

Himayatullah Khan, Institute of Development Studies, Peshawar.

DISCUSSANT: Zafar Mueen Nasir
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

**Upper Marquee
POVERTY**

Chairperson: Akmal Hussain
Managing Director, Sayyed
Engineers (Pvt.) Ltd. Lahore.

1. An Analysis of Poverty at the Local Level: A Case Study from the Union Council Dharmyal.

Rashida Haq, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Hina Nazli
Innovative Development
Strategies, Islamabad.

2. Prevalence of Relative Poverty in Pakistan.

Talat Anwar, UNDP/UNOPS, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Rizwana Siddiqui
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Poverty in Cholistan: Profile and Correlates.

Imran Sharif Chaudhry, Shahnawaz Malik,
Bahauddin Zakaraya University Multan., and
Muhammad Ashraf, Allama Iqbal Open
University, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Naheed Zia Khan
Fatima Jinnah Women University
Rawalpindi.

General Discussion

**Margalla Room
AGRICULTURE-II**

Chairperson: Shafi Niaz
Senior Fellow, PIDE, Islamabad.

1. Sustainable Cotton Production through Skill Development among Farmers: Evidence from Khairpur District .

Muhammad Azeem Khan, NARC, Islamabad and
Muhammad Iqbal, PIDE, Islamabad.

DISCUSSANT: Ikram Saeed
Pakistan Agricultural Research
Council, Islamabad.

2. Testing Onion Market Integration in Pakistan.

Heman D. Lohano, Fateh M. Mari, Sindh Agriculture
University Tondo Jam and Rajab A. Memon,
Hyderabad.

DISCUSSANT: Usman Mustafa
PIDE, Islamabad.

3. Total Factor Productivity Growth and Agricultural Research and Extension in Pakistan's Agriculture.

Shujat Ali, Member Planning and Development
Board, Lahore.

DISCUSSANT: Muhammad Iqbal
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

**Noor Mahal
GOVERNANCE & ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES**

Chairperson: Anwar ul Haq Siddiqui
Senior Fellow, PIDE, Islamabad.

1. Poverty, Power and Local Government in Pakistan.

Akmal Hussain and Savail Hussain,
Sayyed Engineers (Pvt.) Limited
Lahore

DISCUSSANT: Faiz Bilquees
PIDE, Islamabad.

2. Interaction Between Population and Environmental Degradation.

Usman Azhar, Baluchistan University of Information
Technology, Mohsin Hasnain Ahmad, Syed Ashraf
Wasti and Zeshan Inam, Applied Economics
Research Centre, Karachi.

DISCUSSANT: Naghmana Ghani
PIDE, Islamabad.

General Discussion

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

S E V E N T H P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N

The Marquee

THE IQBAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Shah Mahmood Qureshi
Member, National Assembly of Pakistan
Islamabad.

Speaker: Rashid Amjad
Director, Policy Planning, Employment Sector
International Labour Organization
Geneva.

Topic: **Skill and Competitiveness: Can Pakistan Break out of the Low-Level Skills Trap?**

Discussants: Nadeem Ul Haq
Advisor to Federal Minister of Commerce
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad.

Christopher Colclough
Professor of the Economics of Education &
Director, Centre for Commonwealth Education
Cambridge University
U.K.

General Discussion

12:30 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.

LUNCH

December 21, 2005
01:30 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.

EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION

The Marquee

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Jahangir Khan Tareen
Minister for Industries and Production and Special Initiatives
Islamabad.

Speaker: T. N. Srinivasan
Chairman
Department of Economics
Yale University
USA.

Topic: **Productivity and Economic Growth.**

Discussants: Faisal Bari
Executive Director
Mahbub ul Haq Human Development Centre
Islamabad.

M. Ali Khan
Professor
Department of Economics
The Johns Hopkins University
USA.

General Discussion

December 21, 2005
02:45 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.

NINTH PLENARY SESSION

The Marquee

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Chairperson: Ishrat Hussain
Formerly Governor
State Bank of Pakistan
Karachi.

Speaker: Rakesh Mohan
Deputy Governor
Reserve Bank of India
India.

Topic: **Reforms Productivity and Efficiency in Banking: The Indian Experience.**

Discussants: Mohsin S. Khan
Director
Middle East and Central Asia Department
International Monetary Fund
USA.

Ashraf Janjua
Dean
College of Business Management
Karachi.

General Discussion

04:00 p.m.-04:30 p.m.

T E A

TENTH PLENARY SESSION

December 21, 2005
04:30 p.m. - 06:00 p.m.

The Marquee

THE QUAID-I-AZAM MEMORIAL LECTURE

Chairperson: Akram Sheikh
Deputy Chairman
Planning Commission
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad.

Speaker: Robert E. Evenson
Professor
Department of Economics
Yale University
USA.

Topic: **The Green Revolution and the Gene Revolution in Pakistan: Policy Implications.**

Discussants: Zafar Altaf
Former Federal Secretary
Islamabad.

Kausar Abdullah
Member Biosciences
Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission
Islamabad.

General Discussion

December 21, 2005
06:00 p.m. – 06:30 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Marquee

Chairperson: Dr. A. R. Kemal
President, PSDE

A G E N D A: 1. Theme of the 22nd AGM and Conference.
2. General Discussion

End of the Programme.