



USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity



International Summit Higher Education & Workforce Development in the 21st Century

November 30 - December 2, 2022 | Marriott Hotel, Islamabad

PROGRAM

Day 1: 30 November 2022 (Wednesday)

09:15 – 10:30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recitation from the Holy Quran Welcome remarks by Dr. Aslam Chaudhry, Chief of Party HESSA Remarks by Dr. Shaista Sohail, Executive Director HEC Remarks by Mr. Keith Grover, Utah State Senator Remarks by Mr. Donald Blome, US Ambassador to Pakistan Remarks by Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister of Planning and Development Initiatives
10:30 – 11:00	BREAK
Session 1: Aligning Higher Education to 21st Century Needs	
11:00 – 13:00	Chair: Dr. Shaista Sohail – Executive Director, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Andreas Schleicher (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) Dr. Asim Zia (U of Vermont) Dr. Naveed Anwar (AIT, Bangkok) Dr. Deborah Keyek-Franssen (U of Utah) Dr. Frankie Laanan (U of Utah)
13:00 – 14:00	BREAK
Session 2: Making HEIs Sustainable and Market Driven: Challenges and Opportunities	
14:00 – 17:00	Chair: Dr. Ishrat Hussain , Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan Dr. Mary Lackie (U of Central Arkansas) Mr. Roger Griffiths (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus) Dr. Steve Burian (U of Alabama)

Day 2: 01 December 2022 (Thursday)

Session 3: Strengthening University-Level Ecosystem (3 Parallel Sessions)

Sub-Session I: Strengthening HEIs Governance

09:30 – 12:00

Chair:

Lt. Gen. (Retd) Khalid Asghar, Former Rector NUTECH

Speakers:

- Dr. Frankie Laanan (U of Utah)
- Dr. Fazal Khalid (GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology)
- Mr. Roger Griffiths (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)
- Dr. Thomas Piechota (Chapman University)

Sub-Session II: Building Faculty Capacities in Preparing Employable Graduates

09:30 – 12:00

Chair:

Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission

Speakers:

- Dr. Osman Hasan (National University of Science and Technology)
- Dr. Muhammad Usman Ilyas (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)
- Dr. Gerardo Blanco (Boston College)
- Dr. Deborah Keyek-Franssen (U of Utah)

Sub-Session III: Bridging Career Readiness Gaps

09:30 – 12:00

Chair:

Mr. Keith Grover, Senator of Utah State, U.S.

Speakers:

- Dr. Mary Lackie (U of Central Arkansas)
- Ms. Natalie Humphrey (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)
- Dr. Naveed Anwar (Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok)
- Ms. Duaa-e-Zahra Shah, Senior (National University of Sciences and Technology)

12:00 – 13:00

Combined Plenary—Group Reports

13:00 – 14:00

BREAK

Session 4: Improving Quality of Higher Education and Role of Accreditation

14:00 – 17:00

Chair:

Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President, SZABIST University

Speakers:

- Dr. Samreen Hussain (Vice Chancellor, Aror University)
- Dr. Gerardo Blanco (Boston College)
- Dr. Sajjad Ahmed (U of Nevada)
- Dr. Khalid Mahmood (Secretary, NACTE)

Day 3: 02 December 2022 (Friday)

Session 5: Higher Education and Climate Change Adaptation

09:00 – 11:15

Chair:

Ms. Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister of Climate Change

Co-Chair:

Dr. Fateh Marri, Vice Chancellor SAU

Speakers:

- Dr. Thomas Piechota (Chapman University)
- Dr. Asim Zia (U of Vermont)
- Dr. Ghulam Rasool (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
- Dr. Michael Barber (U of Utah)

11:15 – 11:30

BREAK

11:30 – 12:30

Closing Session

Summit's Communique by Dr. Aslam Chaudhry, Chief of Party HESSA

- Remarks by Mr. Keith Grover, Utah State Senator
- Remarks by Mr. Reed Aeschliman, USAID Mission Director
- Remarks by Dr. Shaista Sohail, Executive Director HEC
- Remarks by Mr. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Federal Minister of Education and Professional Training
- Vote of Thanks by Dr. Michael Barber, University of Utah