

36th Annual General Meeting and Conference 2022



Programme

Charter of Economy: Investment, Productivity and Employability



BUITEMS

November 22, 2022
Day 1

INAUGURAL SESSION

Markhor Auditorium, BUITEMS

09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. Arrival of Guests and Registration
09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Arrival of Chief Guest
Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, Chief Minister Balochistan

Recitation from the Holy Quran

Welcome Remarks

Secretary's Report

President's Address

Address by the H.E. Riina Kionka, Ambassador of the
European Union to Pakistan

Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **PIDE on Investment, Productivity and Employability**

Chair: Florence Rolle, FAO Representative in Pakistan

Speaker: Mariam Mohsin, PIDE

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. TEA

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PANEL DISCUSSION I

Markhor Auditorium, BUITEMS

Why Don't People Invest in Pakistan?

Chair & Moderator: **Ishrat Hussain**
Former Advisor, Federal Government of Pakistan

Speakers: **Haroon Sharif**
Economist, Senior Advisor, UNDP, & Former Chairman BOI

Khalid Mansoor
Partner of Fieldfisher Capital, UK, Ex-SAPM on CPEC Affairs, Ex-CEO
HUBCO

Maheen Rahman,
CEO Infrazamin Pakistan

Ishaq Burney
Managing Director, Policy, Strategy & Relations, Astana Financial Services
Authority

01:15 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. LUNCH

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Purple Hall, BUIITEMS

Mahbub ul Haq Lecture

**How to Unleash a Productivity Surge & Inclusive Growth
Using Digital Technologies**

Speaker:

Michael Spence
Nobel Laureate,
The Philip H. Knight Professor & Dean, Emeritus, Stanford University, USA

Moderator:

Nadeem Ul Haque
Vice Chancellor, PIDE

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Technical Sessions

FIRST PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Orange Hall, BUTEMS

Special Session - I

The World Bank Group Session

Productivity Growth in Pakistan

Chairperson:

Najy Benhassine,
Country Director for Pakistan for the South Asia region,
The World Bank Group

Speakers:

Gonzalo Varela
Senior Economist (Macroeconomics)
The World Bank

Azam Chaudhry
Dean & Professor of Economics,
Lahore School of Economics

Nida Jamil,
Assistant Professor,
Lahore School of Economics

Waqar Ahmed Wadho
Assistant Professor,
Lahore School of Economics

Omer Siddique
Senior Research Economist,
Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

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Technical Session – I

Green Hall, BUIITEMS

Emerging Technologies and Access to Opportunities

Chairperson: Faisal Khan
BUIITEMS

Presentations:

- 1. Power of Social Media: Journey of Females towards Entrepreneurship**
Sadia Abdullah
- 2. Disability and Labour Force Participation: Preliminary Analysis from Pakistan**
Umer Khalid

Discussant: Ayaz Khan, University of Balochistan

- 3. Digital divide in Pakistan: Barriers to ICT Usage among the Individuals of Pakistan**
Waqas Shair
- 4. FinTech: A Trigger will Always Emphatically Amend the Portrait**
Muhammad Jamil

Discussant: Saddam Hussein, PIDE

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Technical Session – II

Pink Hall, BUIITEMS

Investment, Industry and Growth

Chairperson: Abdul Rehman Khan
Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS

Presentations:

- 1. The Nature and Causes of Intra-Industry Trade: An Evidence from Pakistan's Agriculture Sector**
Maria
- 2. Encirclement of Natural Resources, Green Investment, and Economic Complexity for Mitigation of Ecological Footprints in BRI Countries**
Ghulam Rasool Madni

Discussant: Usman Azhar
BUIITEMS

- 3. Exploring Link between Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment and Employment Level: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan**
Muhammad Azam Khan
- 4. Estimation and Forecasting of Economic Burden for Diabetes in Pakistan**
Farrukh Mahmood

Discussant: Hina Shafiq
Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University

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Technical Session – III

Purple Hall, BUIITEMS

Knowledge Creation and Sustainability

Chairperson: Abdul Raziq
BUIITEMS

Presentations:

- 1. Identifying Farmers' Willingness to Pay for Disaster Risks in Pakistan in the Context of Climate Change: An Application of Discrete Choice Experiments**
Muhammad Faisal Ali.

Discussant: Shujaat Farooq
PIDE

- 2. On the Causality Between Household and Government Spending on Education: Evidence from a Panel of 40 Countries**
Abida Naurin
- 3. New Work Design for Knowledge Creation and Sustainability: An Empirical Study of Coworking-Spaces**
Muhammad Mahmood Aslam

Discussant: Raja Rafiullah
PIDE

04:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. TEA

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05:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Allama Iqbal Lecture

Orange Hall, BUIITEMS

**The Return of Industrial Policy- Empirics and What We Don't
Know**

Chairperson: Najy Benhassine,
Country Director for Pakistan for the South Asia region,
The World Bank Group

Speaker: Nathaniel Lane
Associate Professor, University of Oxford, UK

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION II

Main Auditorium, University of Balochistan

Prospects for Investment in Balochistan

Chairperson: Khalid Magsi
Member National Assembly, Pakistan

Panellists:

1. Hafeez Jamali
Secretary (Focal person), Govt. of Balochistan's CAMP Office, Islamabad
2. Fida Muhammad
Country Program Officer, IFAD
3. Faiz Kakar
Ex-Minister, Govt. of Balochistan
4. Amjad Siddiqui
Quetta Chamber of Commerce
5. Ghulam Farooq Khilji
Business Representative

Moderator: Shafiq-ur-Rehman
Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. TEA + Commuting to BUITEMS

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12:00 noon. – 01:00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION III

Orange Hall, BUTEMS

Creating Good Jobs and Entrepreneurs

Chairperson: Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie
President (Acting)
National Bank of Pakistan

Panellists:

1. **Karamat Ali**
Founding Member & Executive Director, PILER
2. **Muhammad Fazal**
Programme Director, NPGP
3. **Yasir Ashfaq**
CEO, PMIC
4. **Muhammad Shah**
Founding Director, NIC, BUTEMS
5. **Khurram Shahzad**
Entrepreneur and Businessman

Moderator: Mahmood Khalid
PIDE

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01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

Special Invited Lecture – I

Orange Hall, BUIITEMS

**Rethinking Productivity in Pakistan:
Culture, Innovation and Efficiency**

Speaker: **Aezaz Hussain**
Chairman/Founder, Visionet Systems and Chairman, Systems Limited.

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Special Invited Lecture – II

Orange Hall, BUIITEMS

The Conglomerates and Their Contribution to the Economy

Speaker: **Muhammad Ali Tabba**
CEO Lucky Group

03:45 p.m. – 04:45 p.m.

Debate I

Government and Economy

Team A

Kaiser Bangali
Academic and Author

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar
Academic, Author & Political Activist

Team B

Salman Shah
Economist & Former Minister of
Finance

Shahid Kardar
VC BNU

Moderator: **Durr-e-Nayab**
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05:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.

Open Mic Session

Moderator: PIDE

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06:00 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.

M. L. Qureshi Lecture

Orange Hall, IMSciences

The Origin and Content of New Work, 1940–2018

Speaker: **David Autor**
Ford Professor & Margaret Macvicar Faculty Fellow, MIT

Moderator: Nadeem UI Haque
Vice-Chancellor, PIDE

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Day 3

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Technical Sessions

SECOND PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Orange Hall, BUTEMS

Special Session - I

FES-session

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10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Technical Session – I

Green Hall, BUIITEMS

Policies and Enabling Environment

Chairperson: Jalal Faiz
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

Presentations:

- 1. The Impact of Export Promotion Policies on Export Performance**
Gonzalo Varela

Discussant: Uzma Zia
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- 2. What Drives the Firms' Willingness to Pay a Bribe During the Quality Certification Process? An Application of Discrete Choice Modelling**
Muhammad Faraz Riaz.

- 3. Sources of Growth in Pakistan's Steel Industry and Exchange Rate Pass-Through into Pakistan's Import Steel Price: An Empirical Analysis Based on ARDL Model**
Uzma Zia

Discussant: Usman Qadir
PIDE

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Technical Session – II

Pink Hall, BUIITEMS

Skills Gap and Employability

Chairperson: Manzoor Ahmed
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

Presentations:

- 1. Systematic Review on Addressing Challenges of Employability Skills Gap in Developing Countries: A Case of Pakistan**
Azeema Begum
- 2. Skills Gap and Training Needs of the Service Providers in Tourism Industry of Galiyat, KPK**
Muhammad Safwan

Discussant: Khalid Khan
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- 3. The Beveridge Curve and Labour Markets Dynamics In Pakistan**
Faisal Azeem

Discussant:

- 4. Assessing Graduates' Readiness for Job Market Skills**
Zahid Asghar.

Discussant: Muhammad Jehangir Khan
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Technical Session – III

Purple Hall, BUIITEMS

Social Dynamics and Economic Activity

Chairperson: Abdul Salam
BUIITEMS

Presentations:

- 1. Uncovering Gendered Income and Time Poor Farmers during COVID-19 Pandemic in the Rainfed Region of Pakistan**
Abdul Subhan
- 2. The Impact of COVID-19 on the Economic Activity of Street Vendors: A Comparative Study of Urban and Rural Areas of District Quetta, Baluchistan**
Mommen Khan

Discussant: Irum Shafi
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- 3. Income Poverty or Time Poverty: Which One is a Major Off-setter to Gendered Subjective Well-being During COVID-19 Pandemic in the Rainfed Region of Pakistan?**
Aqsa Sajid
- 4. The Promise of Infrastructure and the Expansion of CPEC to Afghanistan: A Low-hanging Fruit or Pie in the Sky?**
Murad Ali.

Discussant: Hazrat Yousaf
Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. TEA

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Debate II Government and Economy

Team A	Team B
Saddam Hussein	Mariam Mohsin
PIDE	PIDE
Manzoor Ahmed	Abdul Salam Lodhi
LUAWMS	BUIITEMS

Moderator: Ahmad Waqar Qasim
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12:30 a.m. - 01:30 p.m.

Quaid-i-Azam Lecture

Orange Hall, BUIITEMS

The Role of Enabling Environments in Achieving Economic Prosperity

Speaker: **Abdul Samad Dawood**
Vice Chairman, Dawood Hercules Corporation Ltd.

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque
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PANEL DISCUSSION 6

Orange Hall, BUTEMS

Opportunities in Balochistan

Chair: Abdul Aziz Uqaili
Chief Secretary Balochistan

Panellists:

1. **Dost Mohammad Baloch**
Vice Chancellor, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences
2. **Zahoor Ahmed Buledi**
Politician and Former Provincial Minister of Balochistan for Finance,
Information, and Higher Education
3. **Manzoor Ahmed**
Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Gwadar, Gwadar
4. **Maqsood Ahmad**
Vice Chancellor, University of Loralai

Moderator: Jalal Faiz
Pro Vice Chancellor, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences

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PANEL DISCUSSION 7

Orange Hall, BUIITEMS

CPEC: Achievement and Future

Chair: Ahsan Iqbal
Federal Minister, PD&SI, Government of Pakistan

Panellists:

1. Rafiullah Kakar
Member (Social Sector & Devolution), MoPD&SI
2. Ahsan Achakzai
Assistant Professor, BUIITEMS
3. Syed Muhammad Mohsin
Founder & Chairman, Hybrid Technics Ltd.
4. Abdul Rehman Khan
Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS

Moderator: Liaqat Ali Shah
CoE, CPEC, PIDE

Conference Takeaways

Nadeem Ul Haque, President PSDE & Vice Chancellor PIDE

Closing Speech

Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister, PD&SI, Government of Pakistan

04:45 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. TEA

ZOOM Links

Markhor Auditorium BUITEMS
Orange Hall, BUITEMS
Main Auditorium University of Balochistan

Time: Nov 22, 2022 09:00 AM Islamabad, Karachi, Tashkent

Join Zoom Meeting

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Green Hall, BUITEMS

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Purple Hall, BUITEMS

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