

Improving Public Service Delivery in Pakistan A Seminar for disseminating policy-relevant research

Hosted by: Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR) and International Growth Centre (IGC)

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015

Venue: Serena Hotel, Islamabad

Draft Programme

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Session 1: Setting the Context

Chair: Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms

Speakers:

1. Dr. Faisal Bari, CEO Institute for Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAS)
2. Mr. Hassan Nawaz Tarrar, Secretary Planning, Government of Pakistan
3. Ms. Shehnaz Wazir Ali, Member of National Assembly
4. Mr. Richard Montgomery, Country Head, UK Department for International Development (DFID)

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10:00 am -11:30 am

Session 2: Improving Public Service Delivery in Health

Chair: Ms. Saira Afzal Tarrar, Federal Minister of State for Health Services

Presentations:

1. “Determinants of nutritional and health status of Punjabi children” and findings on preventive health in South Asia - Dr. Jeffrey Hammer, Princeton University and Ms. Uzma Afzal, Lahore School of Economics
2. “Using incentives to improve performance of polio workers in the Lahore region” - Dr. Michael Callen, Harvard University and Mr. Yasir Khan, International Growth Centre

Panelists:

1. Mr. Aizaz Akhtar, Chief Minister’s Special Monitoring Unit, Govt. of Punjab

2. Dr. Zeba Sathar, Country Director, Population Council
3. Dr. Sania Nishtar, President, Heartfile and Health Policy Forum
4. Mr. Abdul Malik, General Manager, Aga Khan Rural Support Program

Tea break, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Session 3: Improving Public Service Delivery in Education

Chair: Mr. Atif Khan, Minister of Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Presentations:

1. “Study on incentives of teachers and administrative cadre in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” – Dr. Masooma Habib, Lahore School of Economics
2. “Learn while you teach” - Dr. Farooq Naseer, Lahore University of Management Sciences.

Panelists:

1. Mr. Irfan Elahi, Chairman Planning & Development Board, Govt. Punjab
2. Mr. Afzal Latif, Secretary School Education, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
3. Ms. Scherezad Latif, World Bank Senior Education Specialist
4. Mr. Mosharraf Zaidi, Alif Ailaan

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Lunch, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

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Session 4: Revenue and Fiscal Reforms to finance Public Service Delivery

Chair: Mr. Tariq Bajwa, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue

Presentations:

1. Research on Income Tax Evasion in Pakistan and Optimal Enforcement Policies – Dr. Michael Best, Stanford University

2. Research on incentives for tax officials and autonomy for procurement officials - Dr. Adnan Qadir Khan, Research Director, International Growth Centre
3. “Agricultural income tax as a source of revenue mobilization in Punjab and KP” - Dr. Anjum Nasim, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS

Panelists:

1. Mr. Asad Umer, Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf
2. Dr. Hanid Mukhtar, former World Bank Senior Economist
3. Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
4. Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Session 5: Closing Panel Discussion

Chair: Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security & Foreign Affairs

Panelists:

1. Dr. Ijaz Nabi, Chairman CDPR and Country Director IGC
2. Dr. Naved Hamid, Lahore School of Economics and Resident Director IGC
3. Dr. Ali Cheema, IGC, Senior Research Fellow IDEAS, Associate Professor LUMS, and Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP)
4. Dr. Anjum Nasim, Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS
5. Dr. Faisal Bari, Chief Executive Officer IDEAS