



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



## USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity



# International Summit Higher Education & Workforce Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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

## PROGRAM

### Day 1: 30 November 2022 (Wednesday)

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

## 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	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Member (Development Communication) Planning Commission of Pakistan</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dr. Frankie Laanan (U of Utah)</li><li>■ Dr. Mercedes Marie Ward (U of Utah)</li><li>■ Dr. Fazal Khalid (GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology)</li><li>■ Mr. Roger Griffiths (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)</li><li>■ Dr. Thomas Piechota (Chapman University)</li></ul>
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#### Sub-Session II: Building Faculty Capacities in Preparing Employable Graduates

09:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dr. Osman Hasan (National University of Science and Technology)</li><li>■ Dr. Muhammad Usman Ilyas (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)</li><li>■ Dr. Gerardo Blanco (Boston College)</li><li>■ Dr. Deborah Keyek-Franssen (U of Utah)</li></ul>
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#### Sub-Session III: Bridging Career Readiness Gaps

09:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Chair:</b> Keith Grover, Senator of Utah State, U.S.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dr. Mary Lackie (U of Central Arkansas)</li><li>■ Ms. Natalie Humphrey (U of Birmingham, Dubai Campus)</li><li>■ Dr. Naveed Anwar (Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok)</li><li>■ Duaa-e-Zahra Shah, Senior (National University of Sciences and Technology)</li></ul>
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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	<p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President, SZABIST University</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dr. Samreen Hussain (Vice Chancellor, Aror University)</li><li>■ Dr. Gerardo Blanco (Boston College)</li><li>■ Dr. Sajjad Ahmed (U of Nevada)</li><li>■ Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Secretary, NACTE</li></ul>
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## Day 3: 02 December 2022 (Friday)

### Session 5: Higher Education and Climate Change Adaptation

09:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Sherry Rehman, Minister of Climate Change (TBC)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Dr. Thomas Piechota (Chapman University)</li><li>■ Dr. Asim Zia (U of Vermont)</li><li>■ Dr. Ghulam Rasool (International Union for Conservation of Nature)</li><li>■ Dr. Michael Barber (U of Utah)</li></ul>
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11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p>Summit's Communique by Dr. Aslam Chaudhry, HESSA COP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Remarks by Mr. Keith Grover, Utah State Senator</li><li>■ Remarks by Mr. Reed Aeschliman, USAID Mission Director</li><li>■ Remarks by Dr. Shaista Sohail, Executive Director HEC</li><li>■ Remarks by Federal Minister, Government of Pakistan (TBC)</li></ul> <p>Vote of Thanks, Dr. Mike Barber, University of Utah</p>
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