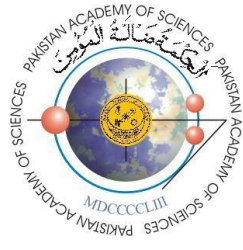


Webinar/Hybrid Workshop on “Higher Education in Pakistan: Challenges, Opportunities, Solutions”

Islamabad; November 17, 2021



Introduction

Pakistan, as one of the developing world's leading nations, prioritized higher education and established the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in 2002. Almost all countries have prioritized their higher education systems since the introduction of new terminology for higher education, i.e., an engine of socio-economic transformation. Higher education allows for the censorious disclosure of the human race's cultural, moral, socioeconomic, and spiritual difficulties. Many institutional flaws exist in Pakistan's higher education system, including a lack of quality management, institutional structure, and knowledge gaps between cross-cultural education systems. These flaws must be addressed to improve the efficiency of Pakistan's current higher education system. Pakistan must strengthen its educational system by promoting modern technology and higher education to become an educational center. Inadequate funding, bad infrastructure, poor quality and standards, a lack of autonomy and academic freedom, rising societal expectations, and an increase in demand for higher education are all issues that the higher education system is facing.

Event Theme

Pakistan will not be able to advance unless its higher education system is of sufficient level, as low employability, the poor performance of specialized persons, and a lack of inventive and creative ideas are all consequences of poor quality. These are the current key elements of success and advancement. Overall, the higher education system's adaptive ability and quality must be increased for it to be more sensitive to the changing world and to satisfy the diverse needs of the economy at the domestic and global levels. Diversification of Pakistan's higher education system must be pursued as a goal for this reason. To deliberate upon the gigantic role of government, scientists, researchers, policymakers to arrive at possible stratagems, the Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS) is organizing a webinar/hybrid workshop on “**Higher Education in Pakistan: Challenges, Opportunities, Solutions**” scheduled on **Nov. 17, 2021**, in the Pakistan Academy of Sciences. Specifically, the webinar is designed to:

- Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the existing higher education system - **Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran**
- Evaluate emerging trends and challenges to higher education in Pakistan - **Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai**
- Perform a critical analysis of the problems of Higher Education in Pakistan: Possible Solutions - **Dr. Abdullah Sadiq**
- Devise/Formulate a way forward to further augment the Higher Education Policy & Research in Pakistan to mitigate the Challenges in Transformation of the Society - **Mr. Mian Imran Masood**

Guest Speakers (Former HEC Chairmen)

- Prof. Dr. Atta ur Rahman
- Dr. Javaid Laghari
- Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed
- Dr. Tariq Banuri

Registration / Participation

There is **no registration fee** for participation in the Webinar. Academicians, Scientists, Research scientists & Engineers, Education Experts, University Faculty Members, Post-doctoral researchers, Faculty and as well as Fresh graduate/Postgraduate students are encouraged to participate in the event on a first-come and first-served basis. Interested participants may access the Online Registration at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91918989090> and details are available on the PAS website at <https://www.paspk.org/>

The last date for submission to Webinar Secretariat is **Nov. 10, 2021**.

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Invited Panelists

- 1. Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran**
Former Vice-Chancellor PU
- 2. Dr. Abdullah Sadiq**
Former Rector PIEAS and GIK Institute
- 3. Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai**
Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS
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Tentative Program

09:30	Registration
09:50	Guests to be seated
10:00 - 10:05	Recitation from Holy Quran
10:05 - 10:10	Welcome Address by President PAS
10:10 - 10:20	Comments by Prof. Dr. Atta ur Rahman
10:20 - 10:30	Comments by Dr. Javaid Laghari
10:30 - 10:40	Comments by Dr. Tariq Banuri
10:40 - 10:50	Comments by Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed
10:50 - 11:00	Address by the Chief Guest
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment/Networking
11:30 - 11:45	<i>Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the existing higher education system-</i> Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran (Former Vice Chancellor, PU)
11:45- 12:00	<i>Evaluate emerging trends and challenges to higher education in Pakistan -</i> Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai (Vice Chancellor, BUIEMS)
12:00 - 12:15	<i>Perform a critical analysis of the problems of Higher Education in Pakistan: Possible Solutions-</i> Dr. Abdullah Sadiq (Former Rector, PIEAS and GIK Institute)
12:15 - 12:30	<i>Devise/Formulate a way forward to further augment the Higher Education Policy & Research in Pakistan to mitigate the Challenges in Transformation of the Society -</i> Mr. Mian Imran Masood (Vice Chancellor, USA)
12:30 - 13:30	Panel Discussion
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch /Prayers Break
14:30 – 16:30	Discussion on Outcome of the Morning Session & Concluding Remarks Recommendations Press Briefing