

WORKSHOP ON PLURAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE: PERSPECTIVES FROM PAKISTAN

3rd December 2012

Sikandar Hall-Best Western Hotel, Islamabad

Organized by: **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE, ISLAMABAD**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Session-I: THE ECONOMICS OF PEACE

Chair: Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

Opening Remarks: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Head-Economic Growth Unit, Sustainable Development Policy Institute

- Remarks by the Chair: Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan
- International Alert and Research in Economics and Peacebuilding: Phillip Edward Vernon, Program Director, International Alert, UK
- The Commonwealth Approach to Peacebuilding: Nabeel Goheer, Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Commonwealth Secretariat, London

Q&A

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Refreshment

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Session-II: ROLE OF BUSINESS IN PEACEFUL ECONOMIES: A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

- SDPI's Research on The Role of Business in Peaceful Economies: Safwan Aziz Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute

Discussants:

- Naseer Memon, Chief Executive Officer, Strengthening Participatory Organization
- Ross Ferguson, DFID Pakistan
- Phillip Edward Vernon, Program Director, International Alert, UK

Q&A

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Session-III: ROLE OF BUSINESS IN PEACEFUL ECONOMIES: A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE

- Presentation by: Ambreen Waheed, Responsible Business Initiative

Discussants:

- Khalid Aziz Mirza, Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of Pakistan
- Ahsanullah Khan, President UN Global Compact Pakistan Local Network
- Asad Umar, Project Advisory Committee, International Alert

Q&A

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Refreshment

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Session-IV: Group Work/Workshop

- Group 1: **Corporate Social Responsibility:** Community-Business Partnerships for Peace, to be led by CSOs and will have CSO and Business involvement. (Moderators: Ambreen Waheed and Aurangzeb Haneef)
- Group 2: **Peace-conducive Economic Growth**, to have participants from labor unions, consumer associations and activist groups (Moderators: Rabia Nusrat and Safwan A. Khan)
- Group 3: **Conflict Area Perspective**, having representation from businessmen (how do they survive amidst conflict) and community representatives from Baluchistan, KP, Karachi and other conflict areas (Moderator: Emily S. Meers and Francisco Lara Jr.)

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Session-V: Round-up Session: Community-Business Pathways to Peace

- Summary of Recommendations: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- Closing Address: Plural Business Partnerships for Peace by Shahab Khwaja, Project Advisory Committee, International Alert

05:00 PM

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