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DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022

REGISTRATION

0830 - 0900

INAUGURAL SESSION

0900 - 1000

- **RASTA PROGRESS REPORT**
Faheem Jehangir, Project Director RASTA
- **RASTA CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**
Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor PIDE
- **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**
Chief Guest

I. POWER SECTOR: AN ENIGMA WITH NO EASY SOLUTION

1000 - 1130

- **Tahir Basharat Cheema**
Former MD, PEPCO & Research Team

TEA BREAK

1130 - 1200

II. MITIGATING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN ISLAMABAD

1200 - 1330

- **Idrees Khawaja**
Chief of Research, PIDE & Research Team

RASTA SHOWCASE-I: SOCIAL CAPITAL

1330 - 1345

- **HOW DO PAKISTANIS 'BOND, BRIDGE AND LINK' WITH EACH OTHER: UNDERSTANDING THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL CAPITAL**
Durre Nayab, Director (Research), PIDE Islamabad

LUNCH BREAK

1345 - 1430

III. PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT

1430 - 1630

- **CITY DEVELOPMENT PRODUCT: DATA ARCHITECTURE FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN**
Mohammad Ahmad (PhD Candidate, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA)
- **REVISITING URBAN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY VALUATION: AN APPRAISAL OF SPATIAL HETEROGENEITIES USING BIG DATA IN PUNJAB**
Shoaib Khalid (Assistant Professor, GC University Faisalabad)

■ **ESTIMATING THE DISTRIBUTIONAL BURDEN OF INDIRECT TAXES IN PAKISTAN**

Iffat Ara (PhD Candidate, AERC, University of Karachi)

■ **EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT TAX REFORM PROPOSALS**

Muhammad Nadeem Sarwar (PhD Candidate, IBA Karachi)

DISCUSSANTS:

■ **MURTAZA HAIDER**

Professor, Ryerson University, Toronto Canada

■ **ATHER MAQSOOD AHMED**

Professor of Economics, NUST

TEA 1630

DAY 2 | THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022

IV. FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

0900 – 1100

■ **HOUSEHOLD MARKET PARTICIPATION ACCESS AND FARM PRODUCTIVITY IN AJK: EVIDENCE FROM FARM HOUSEHOLD DATA**

Khush Bukhat Zahid (Subject Matter Specialist, Department of Agriculture, AJ&K)

■ **DYNAMICS OF FOOD PRICES IN MAJOR CITIES OF PAKISTAN**

Nigar Zehra (Research Economist, AERC, University of Karachi)

■ **IMPACT OF MAJOR PUBLIC POLICIES ON COTTON PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN**

Irfan Ahmad Baig (Professor, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan)

■ **ENHANCING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION THROUGH ECONOMIC VALUATION OF BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN KABUL RIVER BASIN**

Hameed Jamali (Assistant Professor, IMSciences, Peshawar)

DISCUSSANTS:

■ **IZZA AFTAB**

Assistant Professor (Economics), Beaconhouse National University, Lahore

■ **ABDUL SALAM LODHI**

Professor/Director University College of Zhob, BUIITEMS

TEA BREAK 1100 - 1130

V. REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT OF 'PROFESSIONS' IN PAKISTAN 1130 – 1300

■ **UMER IJAZ GILANI**

Partner at The Law and Policy Chambers & Research Team

RASTA SHOWCASE-II: PIDE CITYPEDIA**1300 – 1315****PIDE CITYPEDIA: URBAN SPRAWL & PUBLIC SERVICES IN OUR CITIES***Faheem Jehangir**Senior Research Economist, PIDE Islamabad***LUNCH BREAK****1315 - 1400****VI. GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY****1400 – 1600****DECENTRALISATION'S EFFECTS ON HEALTH: THEORY AND EVIDENCE FROM BALOCHISTAN***Manzoor Ahmed (Associate Professor, Lasbela University, Uthal, Balochistan)***THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SCHOOL EDUCATION IN POST-18TH AMENDMENT IN BALOCHISTAN***Rafiullah Kakar (Director, Strategic Planning & Reforms Cell, Government of Balochistan, Quetta)***MEASURING THE ACCESSIBILITY BENEFITS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT: AN EVIDENCE FROM LAHORE ORANGE LINE METRO TRAIN***Alvina Sabah Idrees (Assistant Professor, GC University Lahore)***THE ONGOING CRISIS IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY: IMPLICATIONS OF LEGISLATION AND NEED FOR DEREGULATION***Ahsan Jamal Pirzada (Senior Partner, J&J Advocates & Legal Consultants, Islamabad)***DISCUSSANTS:****▪ ZAFAR UL HASSAN***Joint Chief Economist, M/o PD&SI***▪ ZAHID ASGHAR***Professor of Economics, QAU Islamabad***CLOSING SESSION****1600 - 1615****LESSONS, WAY FORWARD & VOTE OF THANKS***Nadeem Ul Haque**Vice Chancellor PIDE / Chairman RAC, RASTA***TEA****1615**