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### Nadeem Ul Haque

Haque is currently the Vice Chancellor of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad. He also served as the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan from 2010-2013. He has wide-ranging operational experience in policy development and economic planning. Apart from his work in Pakistan, he worked for the International Monetary Fund for 24 years. During his long and illustrious affiliation with the IMF, he implemented public structure reform in Sri Lanka and worked in two central banks to organise a modernisation effort, which included improvements in the monetary framework and the policy formulation process. Haque is also a published author with five books and over fifty articles in various publications to his credit. He has a great vision for the economic sector of Pakistan and wishes to work extensively towards sharpening domestic debate and raising awareness on the local front.



### Muhammad Ali (TI) (SI)

Muhammad Ali Shah (TI) (SI) is acting Vice Chancellor of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. He demonstrated history of working as Vice Chancellor in the higher education including Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad and Government College University (GCU), Faisalabad. He is eminent academician by professional background, specialized in the field of Biological Sciences. He earned his PhD in 1999 from the University of Wales, UK and Post Doctorate from MU, Columbia USA in 2008. He won 19 national awards on the basis of research and teaching quality including Pakistan Academy of Science Gold Medal, Best University Teacher Award, Tamgha-e-Imtiaz and Sitara-e-Imtiaz.



### Durr-e-Nayab

Nayab is Pro Vice Chancellor at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad. She has a Ph.D. in Demography from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Her areas of academic interest are economic demography with a focus on age structure and its implications including the demographic dividend, urbanisation, and class structure in Pakistan.



### Jeffrey D. Sachs

Sachs is widely recognised for bold and effective strategies to address complex challenges including the escape from extreme poverty, the global battle against human-induced climate change, international debt and financial crises, national economic reforms, and the control of pandemic and epidemic diseases. Sachs serves as the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he holds the rank of University Professor, the university's highest academic rank. Sachs was Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University from 2002 to 2016. He is President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Co-Chair of the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition, academician of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences at the Vatican, Commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Honorary Distinguished Professor at Sunway University, and SDG Advocate for UN Secretary General António Guterres. From 2001-18, Sachs served as Special Advisor to UN Secretaries-General Kofi Annan (2001-7), Ban Ki-moon (2008-16), and António Guterres (2017-18).



### William Easterly

Easterly is Professor of Economics at New York University and Co-director of the NYU Development Research Institute, which won the 2009 BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge in Development Cooperation Award. He is the author of three books: *The Tyranny of Experts: Economists, Dictators, and the Forgotten Rights of the Poor* (March 2014), *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good* (2006), which won the FA Hayek Award from the Manhattan Institute, and *The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics* (2001).



He has published more than 60 peer-reviewed academic articles, and has written columns and reviews for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *New York Review of Books*, and *Washington Post*. He has served as Co-Editor of the *Journal of Development Economics* and as Director of the blog *Aid Watch*. He is a Research Associate of NBER, and senior fellow at BREAD. *Foreign Policy Magazine* named him among the Top 100 Global Public Intellectuals in 2008 and 2009, and Thomson Reuters listed him as one of Highly Cited Researchers of 2014. He is also the 11th most famous native of Bowling Green, Ohio.

### Ishrat Husain

Husain was the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity with the status of Federal Minister and led the Government efforts to reform the Civil Services and restructure the Federal Government. In this capacity he also served as the member of National Economic Council, ECNEC, Economic coordination Committee of the Cabinet and several other Cabinet Committees. During 2016-17 he was Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC. During this tenure, he produced his book *Governing the ungovernable* which was published by Oxford University Press. He is HEC National Distinguished Professor, Professor Emeritus and Chairman Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance at the Institute of Business Administration, (IBA) Karachi. He had earlier served as Dean and Director IBA – the oldest graduate business school in Pakistan (established in 1955) between 2008 and 2016. During his term of office, he was actively engaged in the transformation of the Institute to become one of the leading Global Business schools. He served as the Chairman, National Commission for Government Reforms for two years from 2006 to 2008 with the status of Federal Minister reporting directly to the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Commission produced a two-volume report on governance reforms in Pakistan. He was appointed the Governor of Pakistan’s Central Bank in December 1999. In recognition of his meritorious services he was conferred the prestigious award of “Hilal-e-Imtiaz” by the President of Pakistan in 2003. The Banker Magazine of London declared him as the Central Bank Governor of the year for Asia in 2005. He received the Asian Banker Lifetime achievement award in 2006. The President of Pakistan conferred upon him the highest civilian award of Nishan e Imtiaz in 2016 for his **outstanding** public service.



### Luis Felipe López-Calva

López-Calva is the Global Director for the World Bank Group’s Poverty and Equity Global Practice (GP) in the Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions (EFI) Vice Presidency. He has over 30 years of professional experience working with international institutions and advising national governments. He rejoined the World Bank in 2022 from the United Nations Development Programme, where he served as UN Assistant Secretary General and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean since 2018.

In his previous tenure at the World Bank, he held various positions including Practice Manager of the Poverty and Equity GP for Europe and Central Asia, Co-Director of the World Development Report 2017 on Governance and the Law, Lead Economist and Regional Poverty Advisor in the Poverty and Equity GP for Europe and Central Asia, and Lead



Economist in the Poverty, Equity and Gender Unit in the PREM Directorate for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has led lending projects in policy operations for 1.1 billion USD.

López-Calva is a Board Member at the Global Development Network (GDN), a Fellow of the Human Development and Capabilities Association, and a member of the Global Future Council on the Future of Economics of Equitable Transition at the World Economic Forum. He has held research and teaching positions (permanent and visiting) at El Colegio de Mexico, ITESM-Mexico and the University of California in San Diego. He has also held visiting scholar positions at Harvard University (Ivy League Exchange Scholar), Stanford University (Stanford Center for International Development), and the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER, United Nations University).

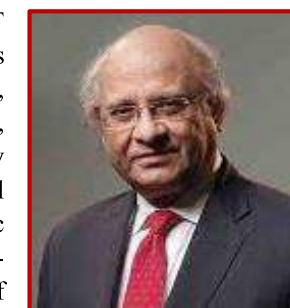
### Tobias Haque

Haque is the World Bank’s Lead Country Economist for Pakistan, with responsibility for coordinating economic, governance, and private sector programs. He has worked for the World Bank for more than a decade, spending time in a range of economist roles, based in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Washington DC, Sydney, and the Pacific islands. Tobias has previously worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in private sector economic consulting, and in the New Zealand public service where he began his career at the New Zealand Treasury. He holds a PhD in Public Finance from the Australian National University and Master’s degrees in finance (SOAS, University of London) and political economy (University of Auckland).



### Ashfaq Hasan Khan

Khan is currently serving as Director General NUST Institute of Policy Studies (NIPS). Previously he served as Principal and Dean, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad as well as a member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Government of Pakistan. He has been the Special Secretary Finance/Director General, Debt Office and Economic Adviser Ministry of Finance, Islamabad for eleven years (1998-2009) and has been the Spokesperson of the Government of Pakistan on Economic Issues for eleven years (1998-2009). Dr. Khan holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Johns Hopkins University.



### Shahid Mahmood

Mehmood is a Research Fellow at PIDE. He has been writing on economics in leading newspapers since 2013. Worked with both Public and Private sector with research in various areas of economy.



#### Mian Asad Hayauddin

Hayaud Din is a senior Pakistani bureaucrat who served in Government of Pakistan as Additional Secretary In-charge. A topper of the 1986 CSS exam, Hayauddin belongs to the Pakistan Administrative Service and is batchmates with Rizwan Ahmed, Fawad Hasan Fawad and Allah Dino Khawaja. He obtained his B.A (Honours) from Amherst College and completed two masters degree from the Quaid-i-Azam University in International Relations and Philosophy. Hayauddin then attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University where he obtained a masters degree in Law and Diplomacy as well as a Ph.D.



Hayauddin is currently serving as the top bureaucrat in the Ministry of Industries. Previously, he served at the coveted position of Additional Secretary In-charge Establishment Division, reporting directly to the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Hayauddin remained the Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Commerce where he dealt with trade diplomacy. He served from 2000-2003 as the Press Attaché at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.

#### Naveed Aziz

Aziz is working as Senior Governance Adviser in UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office where he leads a portfolio of development programmes working with federal and provincial governments in areas of institutional reforms, public financial management and revenue mobilisation. Naveed holds a Masters degree in Economic Policy Management from Columbia University. Previously he has also worked with USAID, the World Bank and Government of Pakistan.



#### Faheem Jehangir Khan

Khan is a public policy expert with over 19 years of experience in policy research and analysis, professional/practitioner training, and teaching at the university level. He possesses expertise in public sector management, demonstrating a special interest in public policy processes, policy formulation and implementation, as well as the management/evaluation of public sector development projects. He holds a keen research interest in foreign aid, city profiling, training & development, policy engagements, and network governance.



In the realm of qualitative research, Khan enjoys teaching research methods and utilising data visualisation tools. Currently, he leads Policy Engagement & Research Outreach

as Chief (Policy) and steers the RASTA program—the largest economics and public policy research grants program in Pakistan—as the Project Director. Khan has maintained affiliations with the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and the National School of Public Policy (NSPP). He has also collaborated with international organisations such as UNDP, GIZ, ILO, and various universities and training institutes across Pakistan. He earned his PhD (Public Policy) from the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK; MSc/MPhil (Development Policy) from the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany; and BS (Agricultural Economics) from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.

#### Izza Farrakh

Farrakh is a Senior Education Specialist in the South Asia region at the World Bank, where she works on strengthening institutions for service delivery, with a special focus on education equity and quality. Before joining the World Bank, Izza worked as the Head of Pakistan for the global advisory firm Adam Smith International, and also with Save the Children, Research Triangle Institute and American Institutes for Research. Izza has a Master's in Public Policy and Management from the School of Oriental and African Studies and a Bachelor's in Economics and English from the University of Virginia.



#### Khawaja Mazhar-ul-Haq

Haq is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the School Education Department, South Punjab. With 27 years of diverse experience, he has held key roles at provincial and national levels, including administrator, teacher educator, curriculum developer, and English textbooks reviewer. His focus areas include curriculum development, textbook evaluation, teacher training, and policy making. Mr. Khawaja has actively contributed to national committees, participated in curriculum revision forums, and received leadership training from the British Council. He holds a Master's degree in English with an M.Phil in Linguistics and has a certificate in Global Citizenship Education from APCEIU under UNESCO, Seoul, South Korea.



#### Olivier Durand

Olivier Durand is a Lead Agriculture Specialist at the World Bank and has been based in the Islamabad Country Office since September 2022, after previous field assignments in Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Malawi and Mali. He holds degrees in agriculture engineering and agricultural economics and joined the World Bank 2002 after direct project implementation experience in Namibia and Haiti. He has extensive global and operational experience, having prepared and supervised



operations across a broad spectrum of areas in the food and agriculture space, including: supporting research and extension for agricultural modernisation, agri-food value chain development, farmers organisation and access to markets, community driven development, small- and large-scale irrigation and rural infrastructure. He has been leading the Bank's in-country agri-food policy dialogue in various countries across a similarly broad range of issues, including food security, public expenditure, cotton and wheat sector reforms, child and forced labor in agriculture, input subsidies, rural finance, and land governance.

#### Mohsin Hassan

Hassan is a passionate leader with 15.4 years of experience in the field. Currently he is CEO of Engro Eximp Agriproducts. Based in Pakistan, he has held various leadership positions in renowned companies such as Engro Fertilisers Limited, and Engro Corp. With a strong track record of delivering results, he has successfully built things up against all odds and enables teams to demonstrate true potential. His expertise lies in general management, brand management, and marketing functions.



#### Mukarram Jah Ansari

Ansari joined Pakistan Customs Service in 1991. During his career he has served all over the country in Pakistan Customs including Director General Customs Valuation, Director General (Reforms & Automation), Chief Customs (Tariff & Trade), Collector Port Qasim, Collector Customs Preventive Lahore and Director Customs Intelligence. He has also actively contributed to Customs Administrative Reforms and Automation. He has extensive operational and management experience in the areas of trade facilitation, enforcement and compliance management in Customs and Indirect Taxes.



During 2020-22, he served in the Board of Investment and spearheaded multiple initiatives relating to Business Climate Improvement including "Ease of Doing Business" and "Pakistan Regulatory Modernisation Initiative". He holds a Master's Degree in Computer Sciences from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad and MBA from Australian National University, Canberra, along with extensive international exposure gained through training, study visits, workshops & conferences.

#### Omer Siddique

Siddique is a Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. His research interests include economic growth and development, and productivity and its drivers. Omer's other academic interests include the methodology of economics and the history of economic thought. He has also worked on the intersection of economics and



sociology with a focus on how individuals' aspirations shape their choices, especially educational choices and outcomes. Currently, he is working on the state of commerce in Pakistan, with a special focus on domestic commerce and the wholesale and retail trade. He has published on diverse topics such as productivity growth, fiscal consolidation and economic growth, generational economy, retail petroleum margins, and aspirations. Omer holds M.Phil and MA degrees in economics from New School University, New York City, USA.

#### Abdul Jalil

Jalil is a distinguished economist, currently serving as Professor of Economics at National Defence University. He holds Ph.D. in Economics from Wuhan University, awarded in 2009. His impactful doctoral thesis, titled "The Effects of Financial Development on Economic Growth and Macroeconomic Fluctuations: A Comparative Study of China and Pakistan," reflects his expertise in the intersection of financial development, economic growth, and macroeconomic dynamics. Boasting a total professional experience of 19 years, he has held key positions such as Professor of Economics in the Shakerullah Durrani Memorial Chair at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Other previous academic appointments include serving as an Associate Professor in Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. He has also contributed to the practical application of economic knowledge, having worked as Deputy Director in the State Bank of Pakistan.



#### Mehmood Khalid

Khalid is a Senior Research Economist at PIDE MacroPolicy Lab and former Executive Director (CE-CPEC) at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. He has done extensive research on reforms in public policy issues. These include his research papers on "Tax Policy Design and Reform Options" and "A Critical Appraisal of Tax Expenditures in Pakistan". Besides PIDE he has worked in a number of premier institutions of Pakistan including Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Punjab Education Department, State Bank of Pakistan, AKRSP and Planning Commission. He is currently member task force on "Tax and FBR reforms" of Ministry of Finance and Member 13th Five Year Plan committee of Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. His current research focuses on efficiency of Public sector spending and Tax reforms.



### Mohsin Mushtaq Chandana

Chandna is an officer of Pakistan Administrator Service with blend of experience in Government service as well as Development Sector. He has worked for the Government of Pakistan for over 30 years while he has also worked for USAID in Pakistan for over a year. He has worked as Economic Minister in Pakistan Embassy Washington DC for over five years where his major responsibility was to liaise with IFIs and US Administration and keep them abreast of Government's economic policies. He has also worked as Secretary Planning at the Government of Sindh. Mr. Chandna has taught twelve courses of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Issues in Pakistan Economy to MBA students at IBA Karachi.



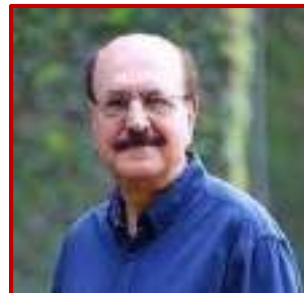
### Nasir Iqbal

Iqbal has dedicated expertise to the realms of trade, governance, development, and the formulation and execution of social protection initiatives. Currently holding the position of Associate Professor at PIDE, Bal previously spearheaded the research division of Pakistan's most extensive social protection endeavour, BISP. Responsibilities encompassed orchestrating the development and implementation of macroeconomic models, conducting socio-economic surveys, and overseeing quality assurance and data analysis for social protection programs.



### Abid Aman Burki

Burki is a Professor Emeritus in the CNM Department of Economics at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). He joined LUMS as a regular faculty member in August 2002 and held various academic positions most recently as a Professor of Economics (2005–2021). He has also held various administrative positions at LUMS, including the Founding Graduate Program Director, Economics (2002–2020), and the Director of the Centre for Management and Economic Research (2003–2010). Prior to joining LUMS, he was a professor (1999–2002) and Head of Economics Department (2000–2002) at the Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), where he has held other academic positions since 1985. Dr. Burki also taught at Kansas State University and BZ University.



### Shahid Kardar

Kardar is a Pakistani economist and former provincial finance minister. He served as the 16th Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan from September 2010 to July 2011. He was the acting Punjab Minister for Finance, Planning & Development, Excise and Taxation and Industries & Minerals Development from November 1999 to January 2001. He is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Beaconhouse National University in Lahore.



### Mian Rashid Iqbal

Iqbal holds the prestigious position of President at MCCI, underscoring his leadership acumen and influence within the business community. Additionally, his role as Chairman of Solid Waste Management and membership in key boards such as PSDC, NIFC, and Multan Electric Power Board showcase his continued dedication to promoting sustainable practices and contributing to the strategic development of multiple sectors. He is a distinguished individual with a strong background in mechanical engineering, marked by notable achievements and contributions to various industries. His academic journey led him to attain a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, providing the foundation for a successful career.



As a seasoned professional, Mian Rashid Iqbal has held pivotal roles in several prominent companies, showcasing his expertise and leadership skills. Currently serving as the Director Technical at Servo Motor Oil (Pvt) Ltd, he plays a crucial role in steering the technical aspects of the company. Additionally, his influence extends to M Shah Muhammad & Sons (Pvt) Ltd, Chicago Metal Works (Pvt) Ltd, Riverside Raw Materials (Pvt) Ltd, and Sidra Foods (Pvt) Ltd, where his directorial responsibilities contribute to the overall success of these enterprises.

### Ahmed Waqar Qasim

Qasim currently lead the "Market and Regulations" section at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Our section aims to understand how Pakistan's regulatory framework affects its market-making and economic activities. We have initiated the PIDE Sludge Audit series, which measures the cost of regulation at the activity level. Additionally, our focus has been on the real estate market of Pakistan, as it is not contributing to the economy as it should.



### Shahnawaz Khan

Khan is a well-known social activist, writer, journalist, trainer and human rights defender and currently working as Regional Coordinator with Strengthening Participatory Organisation. He has been engaged with social sector since last 32 years. He started his social work by forming an organisation ( Madadgaar ) in 1988 during his college life. He started his professional career as a Program Coordinator with SPO in 2000, after a long association of more than 5 years in SPO as a volunteer Local Resource Person.



#### Ghulam Mustafa

Mustafa is a development sector practitioner having an experience of more than 23 years. He is a conscious and self-motivated individual with a vision, determination, and enthusiasm to succeed. He has qualifications in Commerce, Human Resource Management, and an advanced degree of Graduation in the Social Enterprise Management Program from LUMS. He is one of the founding members of FDO and currently working in the capacity of CEO. Most of his work is related to the conception of innovative ideas, the development of new projects, fundraising, and providing direction to the organisation. Throughout his career, he has remained focused on empowering communities and capacitating local institutions to undertake the process of development, setting their priorities, and their own participation, planning. Mr. Mustafa has great experience of Development and Humanitarian Projects designing and implementation specifically in South Punjab.



#### Ammarah Manzoor

Manzoor is a distinguished professional currently serving as the Regional Director at the Punjab Small Industries Corporation. Armed with an MPhil in Economics from the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role. Ms. Manzoor's career is marked by a commitment to fostering economic development, particularly in the small industries sector. Her academic foundation at PIDE, a renowned institution for economic studies, laid the groundwork for her analytical skills and strategic thinking. In her capacity as Regional Director, Ms. Manzoor has played a pivotal role in shaping policies and initiatives to support small industries in the Punjab region. Her leadership is characterised by a hands-on approach and a keen understanding of the challenges faced by small businesses.



#### Sajida Haider Vandal

Vandal is the CEO of THAAP, a non-profit organisation working in culture, art and architecture in Pakistan. She worked as professor of architecture at National College of Arts, (NCA) Lahore from 2000-2007 and Principal of NCA from 1990-1994, 1999-2007. Her main fields of expertise are: architecture and planning, cultural heritage management and conservation, art and culture education and community development and empowerment of women.



#### Asim Saeed

Saeed served as Member of the Planning Commission, Private Sector Development & Competitiveness (PSD&C), Government of Pakistan from 2019 till 2023. As a key member of the Commission at the Federal government level, Mr. Saeed spearheading policy related matters concerning industry, commerce and investment amongst others and helped in formulation of Public Sector Development Program. Further, Mr. Saeed has actively facilitated the Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) in setting up its operations and served as a director on its board for more than 3 years.



Before joining the Planning Commission, Mr. Saeed was actively engaged in agriculture, which has been the family business for many decades. He started his professional banking career at Citibank, Karachi and worked in a number of roles covering relationship management, corporate risk, commercial risk, corporate and investment banking and worked on debt and equity capital markets transactions originating from India and the ASEAN region. As a senior corporate finance execution banker interacting with C-suite to deliver trades, he was able to help raise at least US\$ 60 billion for Citigroup clients covering myriad sectors of the economy, with clientele ranging from sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns to investment and sub-investment grade credits. While working at Citigroup, Mr. Saeed had the privilege to work in Pakistan, Qatar, Hong Kong and Singapore. Saeed holds B.A. in Economics and International Relations from Brown University, USA and M.Sc. in Finance and Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

#### Masooma Sibtain

Sibtain is a pioneer in Pakistan, an entrepreneur who is paving the way and inspiring other businesswomen to take on leadership roles in her country and throughout South Asia. In a particularly notable accomplishment, she was the first woman elected vice president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) in 2016, less than a decade after the country made it legal for women to start or join chambers of commerce. FPCCI is comprised of over 200 business organisations. Recently, in early 2018, Sibtain was appointed Chair of FPCCI's Standing Committee on Women's Economic Reforms. In this position and in her role as FPCCI vice president, she spearheaded Pakistan's first-ever Women's National Business Agenda to lower barriers for women in business, leading an unprecedented effort for the country's largest mainstream business organisation.





#### Rana Asif Hayat Tipu

Tipu, an MSc (Hons) in Agriculture, boasts a remarkable 32-year career in agriculture. As CEO of Green Agriculture Services, MNSUA Multan, he has been a pivotal force in the industry. With diverse experience in private companies, Rana now serves as a leading mango consultant. His current focus is the Mango Small Tree System project, showcasing his commitment to innovation and sustainability. Beyond the private sector, Rana contributed to Harvest Plus Pakistan, a UN organisation. His company, Green Agriculture Services, supplies agricultural inputs to FAO Pakistan, highlighting his commitment to both national and international agricultural initiatives.



#### Irfan Baig

Baig is a distinguished academician, currently serving as a Professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan. With a robust educational background, Dr. Baig holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics. His expertise lies in the critical areas of climate change, resource use efficiency, and water resource management. These focal points underscore his dedication to addressing pressing issues at the intersection of agriculture and economics. He plays a pivotal role in shaping the academic landscape at MNS University. His research and teachings contribute significantly to the understanding of agribusiness and applied economics, offering valuable insights to students and peers alike. He also focus on climate change showcases his commitment to tackling one of the most pressing challenges in contemporary agriculture. His research in resource use efficiency and water resource management further solidifies his standing as a thought leader in sustainable agricultural practices.



#### Syed Ali Abbas

Abbas is Advisor and Mission Chief for the United Kingdom, European Department, International Monetary Fund. He was team lead for the January 2016 Board paper on reforming the IMF's exceptional access lending framework. He has published extensively on public debt issues.



#### Muhammad Arshad

Arshad, a seasoned civil servant with 21 years of experience, presently serves as Chief (Development) at the Ministry of Commerce, following a tenure as Chief (Policy) at the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Notably, he spearheaded policy development, economic trend analysis, and the evaluation of foreign economic assistance impact in his previous role. Possessing a Ph.D. in Development Policy from KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea, and Master's in Public Policy from South Korea, a Master in Applied Science (Economics) from AERC, University of Karachi. Dr. Arshad's expertise spans economic and public policy, financial and debt management, and data analysis, with a prolific record of publications in finance, human development, political economy, economic growth, and aid effectiveness.



#### Faisal Rashid

Rashid is Principal Consultant, Public Finance at Oxford Policy Mangment. He has over 15 years of experience implementing the public financial management reforms. His areas of expertise include fiscal transfer systems, provincial taxation, cash and debt management, legal and regulatory reforms, budget transparency, and medium-term budgetary frameworks.



#### Younus Dagha

Dagha is a senior Pakistani civil servant who serves in BPS-22 grade (highest attainable rank for a serving officer) as Federal Secretary. Dagha belongs to the Memon community in Karachi and is among the most popular bureaucrats of the country, having made headlines for his brilliant performance as Federal Secretary for Water and Power. Dagha presently serves as Secretary Commerce, the highest administrative seat in the country's trade sector. He served as Secretary for Water and Power from October 2014 to April 2017. He was appointed to this key post, replacing Nargis Sethi. Dagha performed exceptionally well, taking major steps to curb the country's load shedding. Dagha earlier served as the Secretary for Housing. He served as Chief Secretary of Gilgit-Baltistan in 2013-14, the top bureaucrat of the country's northernmost administrative territory. Before that he served in federal capital as Additional Secretary for Finance where he death with the External Wing. This included dealing with international financial institutions such as the IMF and ADB.



In Government of Sindh, Dagha served as the secretary of the Sindh Board of Investment; the department responsible to promote investment opportunities in the province, and facilitate existing businesses and investments in different sectors of the economy. Dagha also served as the provincial Secretary for Mines and Mineral Development, and as the project director of the National Programme for Improvement of Watercourses.

#### Talat Anwar

Talat Anwar is SBP Chair Professor at Bahauddin Zakariya University. Holding a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Sussex, UK, he previously served in key roles at the Planning Commission and the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. Dr. Anwar specialises in debt-related issues, contributing extensively to research in this area. His crisp and insightful work has made him a respected figure, both in academia and policy circles, enriching economic discourse and guiding the next generation of economists.



#### Asim Bashir Khan

Khan, a development economist and public finance expert, is currently the Advisor Public Finance for Children at UNICEF Pakistan. With expertise in public finance, fiscal federalism, and local government reforms, he has made significant contributions to key sectors, including education, health, nutrition, agriculture, poverty, inequality, trade, and energy. He led the design of the 'Government of Sindh Nutrition Expenditure Review' and played a pivotal role in devising the economic recovery strategy and fiscal stimulus plan post-COVID-19. He conducted impactful studies on post-COVID education, public investment in SDG-4 'Education for All,' and gendered perspectives on education reforms in Pakistan.



#### Manzoor Ahmed

Ahmad has extensive experience in Customs, international trade, and trade policy issues. Currently, he is working as an independent consultant. He is also chairing a WTO dispute panel. He was Pakistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organisation. He began his career in the Pakistan Customs and Central Excise Service as an Assistant Collector in 1977. From 1986 to 1996, he worked for the World Customs Organisation (WCO) Brussels. In 2000, he became Member Customs at the Federal Board



of Revenue, Islamabad. He is also serving in honorary advisory positions on several national and international think tanks. These include Institute for Policy Reforms (IPR) Lahore; Policy Research Institute for Market Economy (PRIME), Islamabad and Evian Group at IMD Lausanne.

#### Shaaf Najib

Najib is an economist and researcher currently working at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics as a Research Fellow. His area of expertise includes Macroeconomic Policy Analysis, Markets and Urban Economics. He regularly writes in leading newspapers and appears on TV shows to express his views on various economic affairs and reforms.



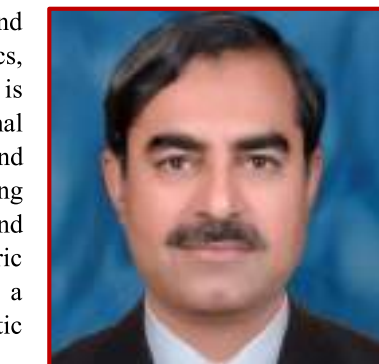
#### Omer Chaudry

Chaudhry, is serving as the Professor of Economics at Bahauddin Zakariya University. He brings a wealth of experience from various roles at Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. Omer Chaudhry earned his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Transport Economics and Logistics from Molde University College during the period of 2006 to 2013. His educational journey also includes a Master of Science (MS) in Logistics from Molde University College (2004-2006) and an M.Phil in Economics from Bahauddin Zakariya University (2002-2004). With a diverse skill set encompassing research, project planning, logistics management, higher education, and customer service, Omer Chaudhry contributes valuable insights to his field. His professional background and academic achievements position him as a notable figure in the realm of Economics.



#### Zahir Faridi

Faridi is currently serving as Chairperson and Professor of Economics at school of Economics, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. He holds PhD in Economics and have published extensively in national and international journals in the field of Labour and Development Economics. He is proficient in analysing employment and labour markets, wages, and compensation, employing advanced econometric techniques. Additionally, Dr. Faridi has a comprehensive understanding of Gross Domestic



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