Are We Ready for a 2nd Pakistan at its First Centenary?

20th Annual Population Research Conference

Call for Posters

November 27-28, 2019

Venue: Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Background Population Association of Pakistan (PAP)
The Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) is a non-profit, professional, academic, and demographic organization established in 2000. Its mission is to promote and strengthen the discipline of population by providing a forum to subject experts, sharing scientific knowledge and experience in population, facilitating their professional development, and sharing experience in the different fields related to population, health, and development.

The PAP is playing a major role in advancing the population and development agenda in Pakistan and providing the necessary evidence to inform major programs and policies being developed in Pakistan. Furthermore, it continues to advocate the population cause at various forums through the aegis of the annual conferences as well as the regional seminars and discussions groups organized periodically.

Demographic realities change over time. According to the recent UN population projections, 55 countries will have a negative population growth by the year 2050, while Pakistan will be among the major contributors to the world’s population. From 1990 to 2019 Pakistan moved up in rank from 8th to 5th most populous country of the world. It is fair to assume that in the year 2050, our population will be close to 400 million or even more if we continue with our present policies and patterns of population growth.

Background of PAP Conferences
Each year, the Association holds an annual research conference in collaboration with a leading University of the country to encourage and disseminate knowledge of research within the scientific community in Pakistan. The PAP on the occasion of its 20th anniversary year, will present the demographic dynamics of Pakistan as a leadership challenge and call for an integrated approach towards population challenges rather than planning in silos. The investment in population and health is perhaps the shortest distance to achieving Pakistan’s development goals for 2050.

The conference will review three thematic areas related to human development, social development, demographic transition, and legislative/policy directions for achieving Pakistan’s developmental goals for 2050.

Thematic Area 1: Human and Population Development towards 2050
1.1 Strategies for capitalizing on Pakistan’s demographic dividend;
1.2 Labour market transition for Pakistani youth especially graduates from higher educational institutions;
1.3 Preparing higher education sector for entrepreneurship and the challenges of global job market and value chain;
1.4 Pathways to productive and marketable skills for youth “Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).”

Thematic Area 2: Social Development and Demographic Transition for 2050
2.1 Eliminating social disparities and inequities;
2.2 Promoting gender-sensitive development planning;
2.3 Evolving urban development vision and entrepreneurial cities;
2.4 Leveraging and promoting the role of private sector for social and human development.

Thematic Area 3: Legislative and Policy directions for Pakistan in 2050
3.1 Evolving fresh narrative of population dynamics and development;
3.2 Re-examining and broadening the national and provincial development agenda in the light of suggested legislative framework on the lines of Supreme Court Task Force recommendations;
3.3 Social safety nets and social support schemes, e.g., social pension, food security, protection, access to health, education and justice.

Poster Presentation
Poster presentations of MPhil and PhD research scholars is planned for the Research Conference. The interested students of all HEC approved universities can take part in the poster presentation. The topic should be related to social sciences, population dynamics and development issues. The PAP and QAU will select 25 poster for presentation. Guidelines on poster preparation will be shared separately.

Important Dates
Submission of Poster........................................October 31, 2019
Acceptance of Poster......................................October 31, 2019
Final Submission............................................November 15, 2019

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