

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research and Relevance</b>  Research networks, Talent management and the quest for international relevance  Avani Hotel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 – 7 May Lahore, Pakistan</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day 1: Tuesday 6 May</b></p>	
<p>Tuesday 0930 – 1000</p>	<p><b>Registration and Coffee</b></p>
<p>1000 – 1015</p>	<p><b>Welcome Address</b></p> <p><b>Michelle Potts - Regional Education Director</b>  <b>Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab</b> / Rana Mashhood, Minister for Education, Punjab</p>
<p>1015 – 1130</p>	<p><b>Opening Plenary 1:</b></p> <p><b>Research networks – Asset or liability?</b> – Networks can play an important role in helping create a policy process that is research rich, inclusive and accountable. Even so the virtues of networks are not clear cut. Emerging issues include; whose ideas are heard, linking ideas into action and accountability. Global knowledge networks provide a ready framework that can help researchers influence policy and conversely help policy makers utilize research effectively.</p> <p>What motivates universities or other players to launch research networks and what is the value of these networks? Furthermore what are the policy levers enabling research networks for example employability, economic growth, and social mobility?</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman, FRS NI,HI,SI,TI, UNESCO Science Laureate  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Jasbir Kaur, Dr. Edu, Leads Consulting, Malaysia  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Anthony McGrew Executive Dean, University of Strathclyde  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Vibha Arora, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion followed by Q&amp;A</b>  <b>Chair :</b> Fasi Zaka</p>

1130 – 1200	<b>Presentation of the Latest benchmark BC research reports</b>  Research networks, Talent management and the quest for international relevance. Highlights of cutting edge report commissioned by the BC into the  <b>Latest Research Trends in South Asia.</b> <b>Presenter/s: Michelle Potts</b> , Regional Director Education, South Asia <b>(British Council)</b>		
1200 – 1230	Coffee and networking		
1230 – 1330	<b>Think Pieces Presentations</b> Dr Shahid Siddiqui	<b>Think Pieces Presentations</b> Prof Aysha Iqbal  “Cultural Capital as knowledge transfer”	<b>Think Pieces Presentations</b> Dr Faisal Aftab  “Research networks – Asset or liability”
1330 – 1430	Lunch and networking		
1430 – 1545	<b>Parallel 1: Sustainable Research – funding solutions for partnerships</b> Is research a public good or private commodity? What new funding models are emerging in research and who are who are the new partners and players required for a thriving, sustainable and outcome driven research scene in South Asia?  <b>Speaker:</b> Peter Meadows & Azra Meadows Glasgow University, UK <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Deepika Bhaskar, University of India  <b>Round table discussion</b> <b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Parallel 2 : Knowledge Transfer and innovation – research in action</b> Knowledge transfer is critical to enable businesses to compete successfully at the forefront of global technology and innovation. Are the universities moving from just being the creator of knowledge to encourage the application of knowledge?  <b>Speaker:</b> Mohammad A Mannan, Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh Open University <b>Speaker:</b> Sayed Mohammad Mohaqqueq, Kabul University, Afghanistan <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Abtar Kaur, Open University Malaysia <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Ze Carlos, University of Lisbon, Portugal  <b>Round table discussion</b> <b>Facilitator:</b>	
1545 –	Coffee and networking		

1600	
1600 – 1700	<p><b>Plenary 2: the 21<sup>st</sup> Century researcher</b></p> <p>The skills sets needed to make impact at an international level are both complex and multiple where researchers have to be, skilled communicators, entrepreneurs, managers, negotiators as well as experts in their research field.</p> <p>How are universities preparing researchers for the demands of global working where working across multiple sectors and disciplines is the order of the day? What capabilities do researchers need to participate in the global supply chain and tackle the complex problems besetting much of SA?</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr Mohammad Nizamuddin, University of Gujrat  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Dr Nirmala Rao, University of London  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Aysha Iqbal, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion followed by Q&amp;A</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Nishat Riaz, Director Education, Pakistan</p>
1815 – 2000	<b>Networking Event/Reception by Government College University Lahore to be Confirmed</b>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day 2: Wednesday 7 May</b></p>	
0900 – 0930	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
0930-0940	<b>Welcome to Day 2</b> Peter Upton, Country Director, British Council Pakistan
0940 – 1040	<p><b>Plenary 3: Absent Talent – Where are the women researchers?</b> Research Networks in South Asia are not gender balanced and the evidence suggests these are largely male fraternities with women underrepresented across the research spectrum. What is the profession doing to make a career in research more conducive for women? What is being done to incentivize and nurture the talent pool of women researchers to stay the course and ensure the research potential of women does not go unrecognized and unharnessed?</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr.Samina Amin Qadir, Vice Chancellor, Fatimah Jinnah University, Pakistan  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Fahima Aziz, Vice Chancellor, Asian Women University Bangladesh  <b>Speaker:</b> Dorothy Garland, Director Professional Networks, The Association of Commonwealth Countries, UK</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion followed by Q&amp;A</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Dr Maryam Rab</p>
1040 – 1100	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>
1100 – 1200	<p><b>Plenary 4: Intellectual property rights: Whose research is it?</b> The protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) has become one of the most contentious issues in global commerce where IP is not only about possessing knowledge but a tool for economic advancement and one where the attribution of benefits or rights arising from the production and exploitation of research is centre stage.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Berni Hambleton, Founder, Sterling IP, UK</p>

	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Deepti Sachdev, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama, Chairperson, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Jill Farrell, Director Internationalisation, University of Strathclyde</p>
1200 – 1315	<p><b>Open Session</b></p> <p>This policy dialogue has been carefully curated to ensure that a good mixture of key issues is covered through input from expert speakers, group and plenary discussions. However, it is inevitable that there will be some new issues/opportunities arising which participants feel need further exploration, or haven't been adequately covered by the dialogue.</p> <p>Participants are asked to nominate topics/issues/opportunities emerging from the dialogue around which they would like to convene a small likeminded group in order to share, seek input and come up with some next steps, recommendation or ideas for further exploration.</p> <p>Participants will be able to draw upon some of the world's leading experts and key decision makers in the field of Higher education. Participants will also be able to identify the potential for future partnerships and collaboration to develop these ideas and solutions further.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Nishat, Sarah, Maryam, Ismail</p>
1315 – 1330	<p><b>Presentations from groups and recommendations for action</b></p> <p>The group convenor is requested to feedback for <u>no more than 5 minutes</u> on their big issue/opportunity and what they plan to do next and with whom</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Peter Upton</p>
1330 – 1340	<p><b>Concluding Remarks &amp; Close:</b></p> <p><b>Michelle Potts</b> - Regional Director Education, South Asia (British Council)</p>
1340	<b>Lunch</b>
1900	<b>Dinner by Minister for Education, Government of Punjab at Hazoori Bagh Lahore</b>