

**International Conference: Gender Mainstreaming and the MDGs**  
**Marriott Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan**  
**28-30 March 2005**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

*Inauguration*

**Day I: Monday, 28 March 2005**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	
9:00-1:00pm	Registration	Marriot Lobby
12:00pm	<i>Working Lunch</i> - Conference Delegates only ( <b>Sponsored by Habib Bank</b> )	
1:00-5:30pm	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	
1:00pm	Guests to be seated	
1:30pm	Arrival of the Chief Guest	
1:30pm	National Anthem of Pakistan	
1:35pm	Recitation from the Holy Quran	
1:40pm	Welcome Address	<i>Nilofar Bakhtiar</i> , Advisor, Ministry of Women Development
1:50pm	Introduction	<i>Laila Sarfaraz</i> , Executive VP, APWA
1:55pm	Documentary Screening: Tribute to Begum Raa'na Liaquat Ali Khan	
2:10pm	Keynote Address	<i>Mehr Khan Williams</i> , Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
2:20pm	Address by Chief Guest	<i>Mr. Shaukat Aziz</i> , Prime Minister of Pakistan
2:35pm	<i>Networking Hi-Tea</i> (Sponsored by First Women Bank Limited)	Marquee
3:30-5:30pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION: Mainstreaming Gender into National Development Policies</b>	
	<b>Chair: Dr. Nafis Sadik</b> , Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific <b>Co-Chair: Dr. Pervez Tahir</b> , Chief Economist, Planning Commission, Gov't of Pakistan <b>Panelist 1: Onder Yucer</b> , Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative, Pakistan <b>Panelist 2: Sarojini Ganju Thakur</b> , Chief Programme Officer, Gender Section, Social Transformation Programmes Division, Common Wealth <b>Panelist 3: Dr. Massouda Jalal</b> , Minister for Women's Affairs, Afghanistan <b>Panelist 4: Sarbulund Khan</b> , Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN <b>Panelist 5: Dr. Riffat Hassan</b> , Prof. of Religious Studies, University of Louisville, Kentucky <b>Panelist 6: Marianne Haslegrave</b> , Consultant on Partnerships for SRH & MDGs, Millennium Project <b>General Discussion</b> <b>Closing by Chair</b>	
8:00-10:00pm	Dinner ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	

**Day 2: Tuesday, 29 March 2005**

8:30-9:30am	Drafting Committee Meeting with Rapporteurs (closed)				
9:30- 5:30pm	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b>				
	Ambassador Hall 1	Ambassador Hall 2	Ambassador Hall 3	Margalla Room	Conference Room 2
	<b>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</b>  (MDG 3 & 8)	<b>Gender Equality, Human Rights and Peace</b>  (Millennium Declaration & MDG 8)	<b>Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation</b>  (MDG 1, 7 & 8)	<b>Gender Equality and Health</b>  (MDG 4,5,6 & 8)	<b>Gender Equality and Education</b>  (MDG 2, 3 &8)
<b>Session 1:</b> 9:30-11:10am	Political Participation and Leadership (A1)	Human Rights and Gender based Approach to Human Development (B1)	Microfinance and Skills Development (C1)	Sexual and Reproductive Health (D1)	Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education (E1)
11:10-11:40am	<b>Networking Tea Break (Crystal Ballroom)</b>				
<b>Session 2:</b> 11:40- 1:20pm	Legal Frameworks including Islamic Law (A2)	Gender-based Violence, Trafficking and Refugees (B2)	Integrated Rural Development and Environmental Sustainability (C2)	STIs and HIV/AIDS (D2)	Literacy, Non-formal and Life-skills based Education for Development (E2)
1:20-2:20pm	<b>Lunch Sponsored by Habib Bank (Crystal Ballroom)</b>				
<b>Session 3:</b> 2:20-4:00pm	Gender Roles in Media and Entertainment (A3)	Women's Role in Conflict-Prevention, Resolution and Peace-Building (B3)	Economic Empowerment through Public, Private and Civil Society Partnerships to address Poverty (C3)	Inclusion and Social Protection (D3)	Public-Private and Civil Society Partnerships for Education (E3)
4:00-4:30pm	<b>Networking Tea Break (Crystal Ballroom)</b>				
<b>Session 4:</b> 4:30-5:30pm	<b>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: The Way Forward Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action</b>  (A4)	<b>Gender Equality, Human Rights and Peace: The Way Forward Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action</b>  (B4)	<b>Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation: The Way Forward Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action</b>  (C4)	<b>Gender Equality and Health: The Way Forward Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action</b>  (D4)	<b>Gender Equality and Education: The Way Forward Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action</b>  (E4)
5:30-8:30pm	Drafting Committee and Rapporteurs (Closed)				
8:00pm	Dinner and Cultural Show (Serena Hotel, by invitation only)				

### Day 3: Wednesday, 30 March 2005

10::30-12:30pm	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>		Crystal Ballroom, Marriot
10:30am	Networking Brunch Sponsored by Nestle		
11:30am	Recitation from the Holy Quran		
11:35am	Opening Remarks	<i>Suhail Safdar</i> , Secretary, Ministry of Women Development	
11:40am	Presentation of Conference Recommendations (Islamabad Plan of Action)	<i>Nilofar Bakhtiar</i> , Advisor to the PM on Women Development	
11:50am	Documentary Screening "Pakistani Women Moving Ahead"	<i>Documentary by Ministry of Women Development</i>	
12:00pm	Keynote Address	<i>Ambassador Shirin Tahir-Kheli</i> , Special Asst to the US President & Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rts & Int'l Operations	
12:15pm	Closing Remarks and Support for Implementation of ' <b>Islamabad Plan of Action</b> '	<i>Sarbulund Khan</i> , Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, UN	
12:25pm	Vote of Thanks	<i>Tazeen Faridi</i> , President, APWA	
1:00-2:30pm	<b>Lunch</b> (by invitation only)		
3:00pm -open	<b>Free Time or Excursion Sign-up</b>		