

Margalla Dialogue

Day 1

December 13th 2021

P R O G R A M M E

Opening Session

1030-1100 hrs

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Dr. Moeed Yusuf, Ex Officio Patron, Islamabad Policy Research Institute

1100-1200 hrs

Chief Guest

H.E. Imran Khan

Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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CEO's Forum

Theme: *Technological solutions and innovative business practices for a more connected, resilient and prosperous world 2021*

This session will explore technological innovation and connectivity prospects for the globe as we enter the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, by combining the expertise of some of the biggest names in the technological and corporate sector from the United Kingdom, China, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and Pakistan. Innovative solutions to prevalent challenges such as poverty, climate change, human resource development and stimulation of indigenous industries for a prosperous future will be explored, debated and discussed at the forum.

Session Moderator

Mr. Badar Khushnood

Co-founder, Bramertz, Pakistan

1200-1230 hrs

Key Note Address

Mr. Asad Umer

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms, Government of Pakistan

1230-1240 hrs

First Speaker

Mr. Mudassar Sheikha

Co-Founder & CEO, Careem

1240-1250 hrs

Second Speaker

Mr. Christopher Schroeder

Co-Founder, Next Billion Ventures

1250-1300 hrs

Third Speaker

Amb. Ali Jehangir Siddiqui

Pakistan's Ambassador at Large for Foreign Investment

1300-1310 hrs

Fourth Speaker

Mr. Shinichi Kitaoka

President, Japan International Cooperation Agency

1310-1350 hrs

Q/A/Discussion

1350-1400 hrs

Concluding Remarks from Moderator

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Commanders Forum

Theme: *The impact of emerging technologies on contemporary warfare*

Technology is shaping modern warfare spanning the entire gamut of low, medium and high intensity conflicts. The robotization of war and application of modern technologies will pose peculiar challenges for role reorientation, training and countering of asymmetric as well as conventional threats by states and non-state actors. Artificial Intelligence and machine learning driven challenges to a state's terrestrial as well as cyber security threats are altering the nature as well as the character of war. The impact of modern disruptive technologies on contemporary warfare along with associated challenges and solutions will be discussed in the Commanders Forum by former and current military commanders from across the globe.

Session Moderator

Mr. Syed Fahd Husain

Journalist & Chairman of the Board, Republic College

1500-1530 hrs

Key Note Address

Gen (r) Ashfaq Parvez Kayani

Former Chief of Army Staff

1530-1540 hrs

First Speaker

Lt. Gen(r) Aamir Riaz

Former President, National Defence University, Pakistan

1540-1550 hrs

Second Speaker

Lt. Gen(r) Michael K. Nagata

*Distinguished Senior Fellow on National Security, Middle East Institute
United States of America*

1550-1600 hrs

Third Speaker

Chinese Military Commander

TBD

1600-1610 hrs

Fourth Speaker

Gen (r) David Julian Richards

Former Chief of the Defence Staff, British Armed Forces, UK

1600-1610 hrs

Fourth Speaker

Lt. Gen (r) Naeem Khalid Lodhi

Former Defence Secretary, Pakistan

1610-1650 hrs

Q/A/Discussion

1650-1700 hrs

Concluding Remarks from Moderator

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Day 2

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Diplomats Forum

Theme: Foreign Policy Challenges of the Future in a changing Geopolitical Landscape

The French Poet Paul Valery's quote "We enter the future facing the past" seems particularly relevant today while trying to understand the foreign policy challenges the world faces in an increasingly volatile geopolitical environment. The 20-year long war in Afghanistan has ended but has opened up a new set of challenges for the international community. The international community continues to identify and grapple with challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic which has killed millions and has brought to the fore the acute inequalities prevalent in the world. On the environment front, the international community has yet to put words to action in order to avoid the devastating effects of global warming and climate change. The dangers of renewed Cold War between the US and China is yet another threat pushing the nations to avoidable tensions. Lastly, future of multilateralism needs to be analyzed considering the harm caused due to increasing tendency of unilateralism in the foreign policy domain. In view of the foregoing, this session will analyze the aforementioned issues by reflecting and probing the past in order to plan for a progressive, inclusive and peaceful future.

Session Moderator

Amb (r) Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Director General, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad

1030-1100 hrs

Key Note Address

H.E Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan

1100-1110 hrs

First Speaker

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

1110-1120 hrs

Second Speaker

Amb (r) Cameron Munter

Former Ambassador to Pakistan, USA

1120-1130 hrs

Third Speaker

Amb. Nong Rong

Ambassador to Pakistan, People's Republic of China

1130-1140 hrs

Fourth Speaker

Amb. Danila Ganich

Russian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Pakistan

1140-1150 hrs

Fifth Speaker

Dr. Christian Turner

British High Commissioner, Pakistan

1150-1200 hrs

Sixth Speaker

Amb (r) Robin Raphel

Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, USA

1150-1240 hrs

Q/A/Discussion

1240-1300 hrs

Concluding Remarks from Moderator

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Scholars Forum

Theme: *Assuaging the pain of economic inequalities in the Post-Pandemic Era*

As nations come to terms with socio-economic realities following the COVID'19 pandemic, multi-lateral and inter-governmental organizations have begun analyzing the impact of the pandemic on economic inequalities; borne from continuous disruptions of supply chains, vaccine inadequacy in the developing world as well as a downward trend in economic indicators before the pandemic disrupted global economy. The impact of these inequalities on the developing world will worsen due to significant difference in global vaccine rates which in turn will affect economic recovery. Eminent scholars from across the world have been invited to the Forum to discuss rising global inequalities and proffer recommendations accordingly.

Session Moderator

Ms. Nasim Zehra

Journalist, Nasim Zehra @8, Channel 24

1400-1430 hrs

Key Note Address

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed

Chairman, Senate Defence Committee, Pakistan

1430-1440 hrs

First Speaker

Prof. Samina Yasmeen

Professor, School of Social Sciences, The University of Western Australia, Australia

1440-1450 hrs

Second Speaker

Dr. Adil Najam

Dean, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, United States of America

1450-1500 hrs

Third Speaker

Dr. Huma Baqai

Associate Professor, Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan

1500-1510 hrs

Fourth Speaker

Dr. Barnett R. Rubin

Senior Fellow, Center on International Cooperation, USA

1510-1520 hrs

Fifth Speaker

Dr. Hu Shisheng

Director, Institute for South Asia Studies, China Institutes for Contemporary International Relations

1520-1550 hrs

Q/A/Discussion

1550-1600 hrs

Concluding Remarks from Moderator

Closing Session

1800-1900 hrs

Chief Guest

Dr. Arif Alvi

President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan