

National Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education
Envisioning Holistic Early Childhood Care and Education for Pakistan
Creating an Equitable, Pluralistic and Sustainable Society
March 27-28, 2017
Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad

DAY ONE – MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

OPENING SESSION	
Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex	
8:30 am	Registration of participants
9:35 am	Guests to be seated
9:45 am	Arrival of the Chief Guest
9:45 am	National Anthem
9:50 am	Recitation and Translation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Syed Moeen ud Din Hashmi
9:55 am	Children’s Performance by Roots School
10:05 am	Welcome Address by Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training
10:10 am	Objectives of the Conference by Mr. Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Joint Educational Adviser
	Remarks
10:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nasruddin Rupani, Chairman Early Childhood Development Network of Pakistan • Dr. Shahid Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor Allama Iqbal Open University • Ms. Cristian Lorena Munduate, Deputy Representative UNICEF • Mr. Yasuhiro Tojo, Chief Representative JICA Pakistan
10:20 am	
10:25 am	
10:30 am	
10:35 am	Address by Chief Guest Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training
	Vote of Thanks
	Presentation of Conference Shield to the Chief Guest
	Group photo
HI-TEA	

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

PLENARY-1	
Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE): Initiatives and Practices	
Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex	
Session Chair: Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Federal Education & Professional Training	
Moderator: Dr. Tanzila Nabeel (AIOU)	
Rapporteur : Dr. Afshan Huma	
11:15 am	Opening Keynote: Dr. Manzoor Ahmad, Professor Emeritus BRAC University, Bangladesh
11:45 am	Status of Early Childhood Education in Punjab (Dr. Allah Bakhash Malik, Program Director DSD)
11:55 am	Early Childhood Development Network of Pakistan (ECDNP): Vision and Mission (Siraj Narsi, Founding Director ECDNP)
12:05 am	Presentation on ECE interventions by Allama Iqbal Open University (Dr. Nasir Mahmood)
12:15 am	Presentation on UNICEF support to early childhood in Pakistan (Jan Madad, Education Specialist)
12:25 am	Presentation on ECD programs by Rupani Foundation (Khadija Khan)
12:35 pm	Foundation Open Society Institute's support to promote ECCE in Pakistan (Nargis Sultana)
12:45 pm	Presentation on ECE programs under Parwaan (Mehnaz Aziz)
12:55	Emerging enquirers and 21st century communications: A case study of private sector (Waleed Mushtaq)
1:05 pm	Q&A
1:10 pm	Remarks by the Chair
1:20 pm	LUNCH BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Day 1: March 27	
Session 1: Current status of ECCE in Pakistan	
Venue: Room 104, Academic Complex	
Session Chair: Javed Iqbal, Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa EEF Moderator: Kishwar Hameed (ECDNP) Rapporteur: Dr. Muhammad Athar Hussain	
2:00 pm	Current status of ECD in Pakistan Presenter: Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed:
2:20 pm	A Study of existing Early Childhood Education System in Karachi Pakistan Presenter: Naheed Wasi
2:40 pm	Understanding the transition of ECE children into higher grades Presenter: Shazia Solangi
3:00 pm	Early Childhood Development interventions by AKESP Presenter: Aien Shah
3:20 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
3:30 pm	TEA BREAK

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Session 2: A Holistic early childhood vision for Pakistan

Venue: Room 105, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Siraj Narsi, Founding Director ECDNP

Moderator: Juan Enrique Quinonez (UNICEF)

Rapporteur: Dr. Rehmat Ullah Bhatti

2:00 pm	Effects of Father's Absence on Child Growth and Development during Early Years Presenter: Sana Ziauddin
2:15 pm	Peacebuilding in the minds of young children, parents and teachers Presenter: Seema Lasi
2:30 pm	Non formal approach for ECCE Presenter: Chiho Ohashi (JICA)
2:45 pm	Rethinking and Revamping the Concept of Early Childhood Education and Development Presenters: Wing Cdr. Shagufta Jabeen
3:00 pm	Ego-Its Maintenance & Development in Early Childhood Education Presenter: Amina Murad
3:15 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
3:30 pm	TEA BREAK

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Session 3: Policy discourses around ECCE

Venue: Room 106, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Joint Educational Adviser, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training

Moderator: Jan Madad (UNICEF)

Rapporteur: Ms Mubeshera Tufail

2:00 pm	ECE in Light of the Holy Quran Presenter: Dr. Shahida Mohiuddin (IoBM)
2:20 pm	Assessing Early Childhood Vulnerabilities in Karachi, Pakistan Presenter: Dr. Ghazala Rafique (AKU-HDP)
2:40 pm	Correlation of Heredity and Environment on Students' Learning Achievements Presenter: Dr. Zaigham Janjua (AIOU)
3:00 pm	ECCE and Article 25-A Free and Compulsory Education in Pakistan Presenter: Advocate Tahir Iqbal (Founding Director ECDNP)
3:20 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
3:30 pm	TEA BREAK

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Session 4: Approaches to a holistic early childhood curriculum

Venue: Room 104, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Nargis Sultana, Foundation Open Society Institute

Moderator: Dr. Dilshad Ashraf (Aga Khan University-IED)

Rapporteur: Dr. Zahid Majeed

4:00 pm	Active Learning through Project Based Learning in Class I English Language Lessons Presenter: Tabasum Murtaza
4:15 pm	Teachers Guide Development through Action Research Approach Presenter: Imtiaz Alam
4:30 pm	National ECE curriculum needs reform Presenter: Nasira Habib
4:45 pm	Critical Thinking in Early Years Presenter: Ambreena (TRC)
5:00 pm	Q&A
5:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
	END OF DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS

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Session 5: ECCE Funding: Challenges and Opportunities

Venue: Room 105, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Haidar Yaqub, Plan International, Asia Regional Office

Moderator: Dr. Audrey Juma (Notre Dame Institute of Education)

Rapporteur: Dr. Fazal ur Rehman

4:00 pm	ECD funding: challenges and opportunities in Balochistan Presenter: Irfan Ahmed Awan
4:15 pm	Early Childhood Interventions by Punjab Government Presenter: Directorate of Staff Development Punjab
4:30 pm	Brief information about Pre-School Education in Afghanistan Presenter: Parween Azimi
4:45 pm	The state of children's access to education and health Presenter: Sadia Hussain (SPARC)
5:00 pm	Q&A
5:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
	END OF DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS

6:30 pm

MUSHAIRA AND CONFERENCE DINNER

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DAY TWO – TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

PLENARY 2	
<i>Health and nutrition care in early childhood</i>	
Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex	
Session Chair: Saira Afzal Tarar, State Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Moderator: Dr. Ghazala Rafique (Aga Khan University-Human Development Program) Rapporteur: Dr. Naveed Sultana	
9:30 am	Early Childhood Development perspective from Springs Program Presenter: Dr. Assad Hafeez, Director General Health
9:45 am	Health System Response to Nutrition Challenges in Children Presenter: Dr. Assai Ardakani, WHO Representative Pakistan
10:00	Health in Early Years Presenter: Dr. Tabish Hazir
10:10 am	Effect of Integrated Responsive Stimulation and Nutrition Interventions on Child Development in the Lady Health Worker Programme, Pakistan Presenter: Muneera Rasheed
10:20 am	Health and nutrition in early childhood Presenter: Prof. Dr. Naumana Anjum
10:30 am	Q&A
10:40 am	Remarks by the Session Chair
10:45 am	TEA BREAK

Day 2: March 28

Session 6: *Innovations and best practices in teaching, learning and assessment of ECCE*

Venue: Room 104, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Ali Raza, Adviser on Prime Minister's Education Reforms

Moderator: Ms Sadia Adnan (Principal FDE)

Rapporteur: Ms Ayesha Tetaly

11:00 am	Broad Class Presenter: Fakhira Najeeb
11:15 am	A quest for Gender Equity: Exploring the Existing Situation in an Early Childhood Classroom in Karachi Pakistan Presenter: Nasima Zainulabidin
11:30 am	ECD Bridges: Rupani Foundation's Umeed Center Program Presenter: Neelofar Ali
11:45 am	Innovative practices of Bahria Foundation: System development in ECCE Presenter: Asifa Sohail
12:00 pm	Q&A
12:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair

Poster Presentations on ECCE

Venue: Tea break area

12:15 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction and description of the Concrete Pictorial Abstract (CPA) instructional approach to teaching of Mathematic Presenter: Humaira Malik (Beaconhouse School System)2. Research on Reading Buddies (Kitabi Dost) Presenter: Rukhsana Naeem3. Holistic approach to child development through inclusiveness Presenter: Ghazala Yasmeen (Mehnaz Fatima Educational and Welfare Organization)4. Play to Learn Presenter: Lala Rukh (Right to Play)
1:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

Day 2: March 28

Session 7: Teacher preparation for ECCE

Venue: Room 105, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Dr. Baela Raza Jamil, Advisor Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi

Moderator: Khadija Khan (ECNDP)

Rapporteur: Dr. Sidra Rizwan

11:00 am	Teacher's Perception for ECD Presenter: Dr. Audrey Juma
11:15 am	Multimodal Pedagogies: Supporting the Cognitive Aspects at Early Childhood Stage Presenter: Uzma Khalid Ghouri
11:30 am	Initiatives for preparation of ECE teachers: AIOU perspective Presenters: Dr. Fazal-ur-Rehman and Dr. Muhammad Athar Hussain
11:45 am	Inclusion of Children with Special Needs in ECE: What teachers characteristics matter Presenters: Dr. Zahid Majeed
12:00 pm	Q&A
12:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
12:15 pm	Poster Presentations on ECCE
1:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

Day 2: March 28**Session 8: ECCE: community-based models and practices****Venue: Room 106, Academic Complex****Session Chair: Nasruddin Rupani, Chairman ECD Network of Pakistan****Moderator: Dr. Dil Angaiz (Karakoram International University)****Rapporteur: Ms Tooba Salim**

11:00 am	Community-based Model and Practices in Balochistan Presenter: S. Shoaib Ali
11:15 am	“Concourse to Innovation in the Public Sector schools of Sindh” A Case study of ECD Initiative by Sindh Education Foundation Presenters: Huma Jabeen
11:30 am	Towards 2030: What Works for Early Childhood Education in Pakistan? Presenter: Saba Saeed
11:45 am	Community-based initiatives in ECE Presenter: Dr. Rehmat Ullah Bhatti
12:00 pm	Q&A
12:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
12:15 pm	Poster Presentations on ECCE
1:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

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Session 9: Advocacy, awareness-raising and social mobilization for ECCE	
Venue: Room 107, Academic Complex	
Session Chair: Mehnaz Aziz, Chief Executive and Founding Director, Children's Global Network Moderator: Dr. Hamid Hassan (Federal College of Education) Rapporteur: Dr. Tanveer Afzal	
11:00 am	Do Socio-Economic Dynamics Matter in Intellectual Disability among Children? Presenter: Dr. Shakeel Ahmed
11:20 am	Toba Tek Singh – Conversions to ECCE Model Presenters: UNICEF Team
11:40 am	Community mobilization for early childhood education in Pakistan Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Ajmal
12:00 pm	Q&A
12:10 pm	Remarks by the Session Chair
12:15 pm	Poster Presentations
1:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

Day 2: March 28	
Session 10: Interactive Workshop on Early Childhood	
Venue: Room 104, Academic Complex	
Session Chairs: Nadya Karim-Shaw, Country Representative World Learning Moderator: Dr. Fazal-ur-Rehman (AIOU) Rapporteur: Dr. Munazza Ambreen	
1:30 pm	Science of Early Child Development Facilitators: Dr. Ghazala Rafique and Seema Lasi (Aga Khan University-Human Development Program)
2:15 pm	Remarks by Session Chair
2:30 pm	Proceed to W.M. Zaki Auditorium for Conference Closing

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3:09 pm	Welcome Note by Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training
3:20 pm	Reflections on the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Nasir Mahmood
3:30 pm	Conference findings, recommendations and way forward Mr. Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Joint Educational Adviser
3:35 pm	Address by Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training
3:45 pm	Address by the Chief Guest
	Presentation of Conference Shield to the Chief Guest
	Group photo
	Refreshments
	Departure of the Chief Guest