

Pakistan Women in the Economy Symposium

Texas A&M University & U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council

November 13-14, 2019

Annenberg Presidential Conference Center

Texas A&M University

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:30 pm Welcome Reception

- ❖ Dean Mark Welsh, *The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University*
- ❖ Ervin Massinga, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

Thursday, November 14, 2019

9:00 – 9:50 am Welcoming Remarks: U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council

- ❖ Michael Young, *President of Texas A&M University*
- ❖ Ervin Massinga, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Department of State*
- ❖ Ubaid ur Rehman Nizamani, *Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.*

10:00 – 11:00 Opening Keynote Address: Dr. Sania Nishtar, *Special Assistant to Prime Minister Khan on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Pakistan*

11:05-11:30 am History of the US-Pakistan Women's Council

- ❖ Radhika Prabhu, *Executive Director, the U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council, U.S. Department of State*

Panel Discussion

- ❖ Shaista Mahmood, *Founding Member, the U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council*
- ❖ Esperanza Jelalian, *President, U.S. Pakistan Business Council*
- ❖ Inga Litvinsky, *Senior Policy Advisor, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State*

11:35 – 12:30 pm Plenary Panel: Ambitious Ideas to Propel Women in the Economy Forward

- ❖ Moderator, Dr. Raymond Roberston, *Director, Mosbacher Institute for Economics, Trade and Public Policy, Bush School of Government and Public Service*
- ❖ Elizabeth Vazquez, *CEO, WEConnect International*
- ❖ Leslie Cruz, *CEO, STEMconnector*

❖ Duraid Qureshi, *CEO, Hum Network Ltd.*

12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch, Presidential Dining Room

1:30-2:00 pm Armchair talk:

❖ Kalsoom Lakhani, *CEO, Invest2Innovate*

❖ Facilitator, Dr. Elsa Murano, *President, Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, Texas A&M University*

2:05 – 3:00 pm Diaspora roundtable

❖ Moderated by Nayab Khan, *Policy Advisor, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State*

3:05 – 4:00 pm Adolescent Girls and the Next Generation

❖ Nell Merlino, *Born Worthy*

❖ Maliha Khan, *Chief Programmes Officer, Malala Fund*

❖ Moderator, Tessa Pennington, *Special Assistant, U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council, Bush School of Government and Public Service*