



POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN
25TH ANNUAL POPULATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE
**Pathways to Sustainable Development: Navigating Population
Growth, Poverty, Productivity, and Climate Change**

December 4 – 5, 2024 Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi

MISSION STATEMENT

Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) is working to promote and strengthen the discipline of population by providing a platform to subject experts for sharing of scientific knowledge and experiences and facilitating professional development in population and related fields.

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PAP is convening the 25th Annual Population Research Conference in Karachi, in collaboration with Institute of Business Administration (IBA) on 4 – 5 December 2024. The Conference will be organized using a hybrid approach, with on-site and virtual participation.

The PAP Annual Population Research Conferences have been successful in engaging researchers and academics, policy makers, politicians, religious leaders, private sector stakeholders, media, civil society and development partners through their participation and contribution in technical sessions, lectures and panel discussions held during these conferences. We aim to uphold the significant linkages between population and social development during the 25th APRC and advance thought leadership in population that responds to the national context and emerging population needs and imperatives.

SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL POPULATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Pakistan, like many developing nations, stands at a pivotal juncture where the pursuit of sustainable development intertwines with the challenges of population dynamics, poverty alleviation, productivity enhancement, and climate change mitigation. Against the backdrop of these multifaceted challenges, it becomes imperative to understand the interplay between these factors and chart a course towards inclusive and resilient development.

Pakistan's population dynamics present both opportunities and challenges for sustainable development. With an annual growth rate of 2.55% revealed by the 2023 census, the population has witnessed significant expansion over the decades. The implications of this rapid growth are manifold, affecting areas such as healthcare, education, employment, and resource management.

Poverty remains a pervasive issue in Pakistan, with a significant proportion of the population living below the poverty line. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, approximately 24.3% of Pakistanis live below the poverty line. Addressing poverty requires not only economic interventions but also strategies that empower marginalized communities, enhance access to basic services, and promote inclusive growth.

Climate change poses significant threats to Pakistan's development trajectory, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities and affecting sectors such as agriculture, water resources, and infrastructure. According to the Climate Change Profile of Pakistan, the country is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts, including extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and water scarcity. Mitigating climate change requires concerted efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience, and promote sustainable resource management practices.

Navigating these interconnected challenges requires a holistic approach that integrates population dynamics, poverty alleviation strategies, productivity enhancement initiatives, and climate change mitigation efforts. It calls for evidence-based policies, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and innovative solutions tailored to Pakistan's context. By addressing the root causes of poverty, enhancing productivity, and promoting sustainable resource management practices, Pakistan can pave the way for inclusive and sustainable development that ensures a better future for all its citizens.

To facilitate a discussion on these challenges,

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of the 25th Annual Population Research Conference is to bring policy makers, donors, practitioners, researchers, and youth to a common platform to discuss sustainable development in Pakistan. Building upon the contextual challenges of population growth, poverty, productivity, and climate change, the conference seeks to explore interconnections, share best practices, generate solutions, promote collaboration and empowerment through knowledge to realize the Pathways to Sustainable Development: Navigating Population Growth, Poverty, Productivity, and Climate in Pakistan.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

The conference will cover the following four sub-themes, with a wide range of relevant topics under each sub-theme.

Sub-Theme 1: Population Growth & Stagnant Family Planning

Sub-Theme 2: Population Growth & Persistent Poverty and Inequity

Sub-Theme 3: Population Growth & Low Productivity

Sub-Theme 4: Population Growth & Declining Resilience to Climate Change

ACTIVITIES

The conference is divided into inaugural session, key-note speech, plenary sessions, research presentations and panel discussions. Leading experts across Pakistan are invited for open dialogue and their presentations will be published and widely disseminated among all stakeholders.

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