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# LEADERS IN ISLAMABAD

## BUSINESS SUMMIT 2025

8<sup>TH</sup>  
EDITION

### NAVIGATING THE UNKNOWN

APRIL 16 & 17, 2025  
ISLAMABAD SERENA HOTEL

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Strategic Partners



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Wednesday, April 16, 2025:

0815 to 0845 hours Registration & Networking

0845 to 1100 hours **Inaugural Session / First Session on "Navigating the Unknown"**



Recitation

National Anthem

Welcome Address by **Muhammad Azfar Ahsan**, Founder & Chairman, Nutshell Group & Pakistan's former Minister for Investment



Opening Address by **Farrukh Amin**, CEO, Unity Foods Limited



Address by **Yousaf Hussain**, President, Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI)

Address by **Aamir Ibrahim**, CEO - Jazz, Chairman - Mobilink Bank & Group Executive Committee Member, VEON



Address by **Jimmy Nguyen**, Founder & CEO, New Win Global and Senior Advisor, Prism Carbon Solutions LLC

Address by **Shaza Fatima Khawaja**, Federal Minister for IT & Telecom



Address by **Jam Kamal Khan**, Federal Minister for Commerce

Address by **Prof. Ahsan Iqbal**, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

Address by **Faisal Karim Kundi**, Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

1100 to 1130 hours Tea break

1130 to 1300 hours **Second Session on "Forging the Future"**



In Conversation with **Muhammad Ali**, Federal Minister & Advisor to the Prime Minister on Privatization

Moderator: **Saqib Ahmad**, Country Managing Director, SAP Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan & Bahrain



In Conversation with **Gen Zubair Mahmood Hayat**, N. I., Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (2016-2019)

In Conversation with **Justice Ayesha Malik**, Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan



Moderator of Conversations: **Mosharraf Zaidi**, Founder, Tabadlab

1300 to 1400 hours Lunch

1400 to 1515 hours **Third Session on "Crafting Sustainable Climate Future"**



Opening Remarks by **Aisha Humera Chaudhary**, Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination

Address by **Helen Brand**, Global CEO, ACCA



Address by **H. E. Dr. Riina Kionka**, European Union's Ambassador to Pakistan

Address by **Dr. Ishrat Husain**, N.I., H.I., Author, Economist, former Federal Minister & Governor, State Bank of Pakistan



Keynote Address by **Senator Dr. Musadik Malik**, Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination

1515 to 1610 hours **Fourth Session / Dialogue on "Climate & Sustainability"**



Panelists:

**Dr. Samuel Rizk**, Resident Representative Pakistan, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Ayla Majid**, Global President, ACCA and Founder & CEO, Planetive



**Maya Inayat Ismail**, Chairperson, Sustainability Forum, HBL & Chairperson, HBL Microfinance Bank

**Umar Ahsan Khan**, CEO, Dawlance



**Sadia Dada**, Chief Distribution & Marcomms Officer, K-Electric

Moderator:

**Sajjeed Aslam**, Partner, Spectreco LLC, USA

1610 to 1700 hours

### **Fifth Session / Keynote Conversation on "Future of Climate Finance"**



Panelists:

**Michael Blank**, Chairman, Prism Carbon Solutions

**Nadia Rehman**, Member Climate Change & Food Security, Planning Commission of Pakistan



**Faisal Mohammed AlShimmari**, Head of ESG & Corporate Strategy, Mashreq

**Amir Shehzad**, Chairman, Unity Foods Limited



**Rizwan Ata**, President & CEO, BankIslami Pakistan Limited

Moderator:

**Sajjeed Aslam**, Partner, Spectreco LLC, USA

1700 to 1730 hours

### **Sixth Session / Conversation on "Changing Narratives"**



Panelists:

**Sharon Ezzeldin**, Founder, HONOR, UK

**Mahmoud Ashraf Hatem**, Partner, Synerjies Middle East & Africa



Moderator:

**Rida Qazi**, Advisor on Special Initiatives & Investments, Senate of Pakistan

1730 to 1745 hours

Networking Tea

## **Thursday, April 17, 2025:**

0830 to 0900 hours

Registration & Networking

0900 to 1100 hours

### **Seventh Session on "The Digital Future"**



Address by **Michael Foley**, Advisor, Watu Global

Topic: ***African Experience in Bridging the Digital Divide***



Address by **Prof. Michael Sung**, Chairman, CarbonBlue Innovations & HorizenDigital and Founding Director, Institute of Digital Finance Innovation, Zhejiang International Business School

Topic: ***The Digital Economy***



Address by **Maz Hussain**, Partner, Digital Lighthouse Leader, KPMG Saudi Arabia

Topic: ***Intelligent Economies***



### **Future Stage: Digital Leaders Dialogue on "What Matters Now?"**

Panelists:

**Burak Ozer**, Group Chief Financial Officer, VEON

**Brenden McKittrick**, CEO, Internet of Aviation & Chairman, AeroBloc



**Abdul Haseeb**, Managing Director, TMC Private Limited

**Usman Asif**, Founder & CEO, Devsinc

**Saqib Ahmad Khan**, Country General Manager, GBM

**Asif Ahmad**, Group Chief Business Solutions Officer, PTCL Group

Moderator:

**Saqib Ahmad**, Country Managing Director, SAP Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan & Bahrain



1100 to 1130 hours Networking Tea

1130 to 1300 hours **Eighth Session on "The Symphony of Ecosystems"**



Keynote Address by **H. E. Jane Marriott**, CMG, OBE, High Commissioner of UK in Pakistan

**Future Stage: Keynote Dialogue on "The Symphony of Ecosystems"**

Panelists:



**Jahangir Piracha**, Managing Director & CEO, Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited

**Jahanzeb Khan**, President & CEO, easypaisa digital bank



**Asif Peer**, CEO & Managing Director, Systems Limited

**Fatima Asad-Said**, Chief Executive Officer, Abacus



**Haaris M. Chaudhary**, President & CEO, Mobilink Microfinance Bank Limited

**Aqeel Ahmad**, Group Chief Executive Officer, SITECH



**Abrar Mir**, Chief Information & Transformation Officer, HBL

Moderator:

**Mujeeb Zahur**, Managing Director, S&P Global Pakistan

1300 to 1400 hours Lunch

1400 to 1500 hours **Ninth Session / Dialogue on "The Rise of Forgotten Markets: Unlocking Hidden Opportunities"**

Panelists:



**Abu Bakar**, CEO, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB)

**Ching-Ping Lin**, COO, Partner at Orbit Startups



**Konstantin Makarov**, Senior Executive Officer, StratLink, Middle East & Africa and Strategic Advisor - Global Markets - Van Tuyl Companies and Perry Ellis International

**Mohamed Ehab Hafez**, Chief Executive Officer, Entlaq Holding Egypt



**Emmanuel Quezada**, CEO & Founder, U-Topia

Moderator:

**Usman Yousuf**, Director – Nutshell Communications, Chairman – ProPakistani, Regional Entrepreneur & Investor

1500 to 1545 hours **Tenth Session / Dialogue on "Pakistan's Economy & Business Climate - Is Pakistan Ready for a Turnaround?"**



**Muhammad Azfar Ahsan**, Pakistan's former Minister for Investment

**Dr. Amjad Waheed**, Chief Executive Officer, NBP Funds



**Ali Khizar**, Director Research, Business Recorder

Moderator:

**Sajjeed Aslam**, Partner, Spectreco LLC, USA

1545 to 1700 hours **Closing Session / Eleventh Session on "The BIG Picture"**



Address by **Asad Umar**, Pakistan's former Minister for Finance, Planning & Development

Address by **Shahid Khaqan Abbasi**, Prime Minister of Pakistan (2017-18)



Closing Remarks by **Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman**, Pakistan's Chief of Air Staff (2015-2018) & Chief Executive Strategic Engagements, Nutshell Group

1700 to 1730 hours Networking Tea

Summit Moderator: **Teymoor Nabili**, Anchor, CNBC