CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on

BREAKING BARRIERS THROUGH DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY

February 26-29, 2024

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February 26-29, 2024, Islamabad, Pakistan

The conference aims to catalyze collaborative efforts among women professionals, academics, scientists, and community leaders to advance gender-inclusive solutions for climate resilience, sustainable water management, and the integration of local contextualized wisdom into actionable strategies. We also aim to empower and mobilize women and their allies to collectively address the key priorities of the conference.

Key Thematic Areas:

» Green Alliance (Including Climate, Water, Agriculture, AI, and Climate-Smart Technology)
» Private Sector Engagement and Entrepreneurship
» Anti-Corruption
» Localization
» Empower Women Professionals and Academics
» Address Climate Change Challenges
» Strengthen Collaboration

USAID, in collaboration with **National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)** and the **All Pakistan Women Universities Consortium (APWUC)**, is jointly orchestrating this international conference. The mandate of the conference is to improve and enhancing diversity and ensure inclusivity in US and Pakistan's minority serving institutes. In line with this objective, the conference unites MSIs from the U.S., alongside eighteen Women Universities from all across Pakistan. This collaborative effort assembles these institutions on a common platform to actively contribute to the conference's thematic areas, thus fostering a more inclusive and diverse academic landscape.

Key Information for APWUC Member Universities

» **Conference Dates:** Monday, February 26, 2024 to Thursday, February 29, 2024
» **Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 03, 2024
» **Results of abstract review returned to authors:** January 07, 2024
» **Full conference paper submission deadline:** January 20, 2024
» **Paper Pitching Presentation submission deadline:** January 25, 2024
» **Full conference registration fees due for all presenters:** January 30, 2024
» **Case study, Project display, Product/Entrepreneurial Display deadline:** February 10, 2024

Key Information for American MSIs

» **Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 15, 2024
» **Results of abstract review returned to authors:** January 20, 2024
» **Full conference paper submission deadline:** January 30, 2024

» **Paper Pitching Presentation submission deadline:** February 05, 2024
» **Full conference registration fees due for all presenters:** February 10, 2024

The Conference Programme Committee extends a warm invitation for the submission of your abstract. To present your research at the conference, your abstract will undergo a thorough peer review process. Upon successful completion of this review, you will receive an invitation to submit your full conference paper, and your attendance will be confirmed upon completing the registration process.

Key Thematic Areas and Sub-themes

The Conference Programme Committee welcome abstract/ paper submissions by faculty and students from registered women universities/ which are part of the All Pakistan Women Universities Consortium (APWUC).

The thematic areas and sub-themes (not limited to) are as listed below:

Green Alliance
(Including Climate, Water, Agriculture, AI, and Climate-Smart Technology)

» Sustainable Water Management in Agriculture
» Role of AI for Climate Modelling and Prediction
» Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices
» Water-Energy Nexus in Climate Mitigation
» Women Leaders in Green Technology
» Agroecology and Climate Resilience
» Green Financing for Sustainable Agriculture
» Women in Water Resource Management
» Climate-Smart Cities and Infrastructure
» Gender Equality in Climate Adaptation
» Climate Education for Women and Girls/ Faculty engagement and integration of climate in curriculum
» Climate-Resilient Agriculture with Women Farmers
» Women in Climate Policy and Advocacy
» Women' Participation in Renewable Energy

Private Sector Engagement and Entrepreneurship

» Green Entrepreneurship for Women
» Women and the gaming sector: opportunities and Climate entrepreneurship in climate
» Green Offices, Carbon Credits AND Entrepreneurial Opportunities
» Engendered Responsible AI Entrepreneurship
» Women in STEM Entrepreneurship
» Women-led startup: Crowdfunding and Alternate financing
» Entrepreneurship hubs across borders
» Empower Women through Entrepreneurial Skills

Anti-Corruption

- » Women's Role in Transparency and Accountability
- » Anti-Corruption Technologies and Tools
- » Gender Dimensions of Citizens' Engagement in Oversight
- » Whistleblowing and Women's Rights
- » Women in Anti-Corruption Agencies
- » Corporate Governance and Gender Equality
- » Education for Anti-Corruption
- » Media's Role in Fighting Corruption
- » Anti-corruption: combating impunity and ensuring justice

Localization

- » Women-Led Local Initiatives for Sustainable Development
- » Gender-Inclusive Urban Planning
- » Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- » Cultural Diversity and Local Governance
- » Addressing racism in women's' services
- » Sustainable Goal Development for Zero Hunger

Empower Women Professionals and Academics

- » Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in Leadership
- » Women as Financial Managers
- » Advancing Women in STEM Fields
- » Gender Equity in Higher Education
- » Women in Research and Innovation
- » Mentoring and Networking for Women
- » Balancing Work and Family Life
- » The Role of Women in Achieving Gender Equality
- » Overcoming Gender Bias in Academia
- » Women in the Arts and Humanities
- » Women Diaspora leaders and partnerships
- » Women's Role in International Relations
- » Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) as a Tool for Assessing and Enhancing Quality Performance
- » Empower women to fight against abusive treatment and harassment.

Address Climate Change Challenges

- » Climate Science and Research: The Latest Findings
- » Climate Policy, Resilience and Governance: Towards Sustainable Solutions
- » Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change
- » Climate Finance and Investment for Sustainable Solutions
- » Climate Justice and Equity: Bridging the Gap
- » The Impact of Environmental Pollution on Health
- » Environmental impacts of business activity
- » Global warming and its adverse impacts
- » Food security (Water as food)
- » Carbon credits, Research labs and certifications

Strengthen Collaboration

- » Multidisciplinary Approaches to Global Challenges
- » Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development
- » Stakeholders Engagement in Policy Collaboration: Bridging the Gap
- » Working with MSIs - Promoting Cross-Cultural
- » Community-Based Research and Sustainable Practices
- » Youth and Future Leaders: Empowering the Next Generation (music and sports)
- » Academia and Industry Collaboration for Community Development
- » Goals for the Strategic Planning and Performance Audit Framework of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
- » Common Platform for Women Universities Ranking
- » Addressing the Unique Requirements of Women in Higher Education Institutions and the Policy Formulation
- » Platforms for the Engagement of Women Entrepreneurs.

Who can submit conference paper?

- » Faculty and Students from Women Universities registered in Pakistan
- » Members of All Pakistan Women Universities Consortium
- » US Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)

How to Submit Your Abstract
» The corresponding author must provide the following information for the abstract submission:
  • Contact data - Correct spelling of first and last name, position, department, affiliated University, email, contact number, Country.
  • Paper Title - Full paper title for the presentation, (key thematic area and sub-theme)
  • Paper Abstract - 250 to 300 word abstract
» To submit, online submission through email conferencepaper@bbtdi.net
» Submit your abstract (maximum 250 to 300 words), choosing from the presentation type.
» Submit your Case study, Project Display, Product/Entrepreneurial display as per the required format provided on the website. (https://bbtdi.net/guidelines-for-case-study-product-entrepreneurial-display-and-project-display/)
» Submit well before the submission deadlines
» If your abstract is accepted you will be invited to register for the conference and submission of full paper.
» Upon payment of the registration fee, you will receive a confirmation email containing your official receipt.

Activities and Publication
» Researcher would participate in various types of activities such as Panel Discussions, Research Papers, Poster Presentations, Case Studies, Project Display, and Entrepreneurial Showcasing. Selected Papers/ Articles will be published in HEC's recognized journals/ international journals.

Registration and Logistics
» **Registration:** The conference registration fee is PKR 3,000 for participants from Pakistan and US$30 for participants from US. Fee payment guideline and online registration option will be available on conference website from December 15, 2023.
» The conference will cover all expenses related to transportation/ travel, food, and accommodation of registered participants.

Submission
» Please email your abstract and institutional affiliation to conferencepaper@bbtdi.net with 'abstract' in the subject line before the Abstract Submission Deadline. And email your paper and institutional affiliation to conferencepaper@bbtdi.net with '**paper**' in the subject line before the Paper Submission Deadline. For further detail you may contact with **Ms. Nazma Siraj** (Programme Officer-NRSP Head Office) +923008567552 or email at info@bbtdi.net

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We look forward to welcoming you and making your participation as convenient and enjoyable as possible.

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