International Conference
Participatory Federalism and Decentralization: From Framework to Functionality
25th - 27th September, 2013

Ramada Hotel, 1 Club Road, Islamabad

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 25, 2013

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Registration

Inaugural Session

10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Recitation of the Holy Quran

Welcome Remarks:

- Marc-André Franche, Country Director UNDP
- Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Chair, Conference Organizing Committee/Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat,

Address:

- Timo Pakkala, Resident Representative United Nations
- Chairman HEC, Islamabad
- Pietro Merlo, Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations

Chief Guest: Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination

Key Note Address: Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, Deputy Assistant Administrator & Deputy Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP
Guest of Honor: Syed Nayyer Hussain Bokhari, Chairman Senate, Pakistan

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Poster Exhibition on Federalism by Research Scholars

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 1: Participatory Federalism: Global Perspectives and Local Linkages

Chair: Senator Raza Rabbani (Former Chairman, Committee on Constitutional Reforms, Pakistan People’s Party)

Session Objective: Sharing global/regional experiences on participatory federalism and understanding the evolving perspectives of participatory federalism in Pakistan

Presentations:

The Transition to Democracy in Ethiopia – The Importance of Federalist Principles and Practices

- Dr. Andreas Eshete, Advisor to Ethiopian Prime Minister

Is Federalism Gendered? Incorporating Gender into Studies of Federalism

- Dr. Vickers Jill, Professor, Carleton University, Canada (Video Call)

Comparative Analysis of Indo-Pak Experiences of Federalism

- Dr. Mohammad Waseem, Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences

Trust Deficit between Center and Provinces: Obstacles to Participatory Federalism
Dr. Rasheed Khan, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sargodha

Discussants:

Dr. Jaffer Ahmed, Director, Pakistan Studies Center, University of Karachi

Dr. Hassan Askari Rizvi, Political Analyst, Daily Times

Dr. Sarfaraz Ensari, Associate Professor, National Defence University, Islamabad

Day 2 – Thursday, September 26, 2013

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Session 2: Local Governance and Development Outcomes: Frameworks of Institutional Interplay

Chair: Greg Ellis, Counselor, AusAid Pakistan

Session Objectives: Integrating the spirit and process of 18th Amendment in redirecting debate on local government for effective service delivery; What could be the indicative framework to develop context-specific local government systems in four provinces?

Presentations:

Democratizing the State through Local Government Reform

- Dr. Ali Cheema, Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences

Article 140 A: Constitutional Contours of Distributed Ownership

- Amjad Bhatti, National Technical Advisor, UNDP
Social Capital as a Determinant of Quality Service Delivery by Local Government Institutions: A review of Rural Water Supply in Punjab

- Fayyaz Baqir, Director, Akhtar Hameed Khan Resource Center

Challenges for conducting Local Government Elections in Pakistan

- Vladimir Pran, Country Director, Democracy Reporting International

Discussant:

Azhar Saeed Malik, Governance Advisor, UNDP Afghanistan

Tea Break

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Chair: Marc-André Franche, Country Director, UNDP Pakistan

Presentations:

Electoral representation in decentralized governance in the Asia Pacific region: Case Studies of selected countries

- Thusitha Pilapitiya, Local Government Advisor, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, UNDP

Presentation from Local Government Minister of Punjab

Presentation from Local Government Minister of Sindh

Local Government System in Balochistan

- Iqbal Marwat, Director General, Local Government Department, Balochistan

Local Government System in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Inayat Ullah Khan, Minister for Local Government, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Discussants:

Preeta Lall, Team Leader, Local Governance Initiative & Network, Swiss Development Cooperation

Muqtader Nasary, Director, Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Afghanistan

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Lunch

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Session 3: Participatory Local Governance: Capacity, Resources, and Innovations

Chair: Paul Molloy, Deputy High Commissioner, Australia

Session Objectives: Identifying and suggesting remedies for capacity gaps of local governance structures; How can local governance empower citizens? Innovative methods of effective service delivery at local level?

Presentations:

Decentralization and Local Government Innovation in providing Urban Services for the Poor in South and South-East Asia

- Asha Ghosh, Former Director, Local Governance Program, Asia Foundation

Local Government Structure of Afghanistan: Opportunities and Challenges

- Atul Shekhar, Regional Manager, Sub-National Governance Program, UNDP Afghanistan
- Nasir Figar, Programs Implementation Manager, Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Afghanistan
What can local government be? Ways of addressing the capacity gap

- Dr. Roberta Ryan, Director, Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government

Local Government Structure of Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges

- Dr. Tofail Ahmad, Local Government Advisor, UNDP Bangladesh

Discussants:

Sofia Dahiya, Capacity Development Advisor, Sub National Governance Programme, UNDP Afghanistan

Tasneem Siddiqui, Chairman, Saiban

Tea Break

4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Chair: Berend de Groot, Counselor, European Union

Presentations:

Panchayat Raj System in India: Opportunities & Challenges

- Raghunandan Raghvan, Advisor, Local Governance Initiative & Network, Swiss Development Cooperation, India

Decentralization Policy in Indonesia and Structure of Local Government

- Budiati Prasetiamartati, Programme Manager Decentralisation and Local Governance, UNDP Indonesia

Local Government Experiences from Nepal: Opportunities & Challenges

- Yam Nath Sharma, Assistant Country Director, Governance, UNDP Nepal
- Purusottam Nepal, Under Secretary/Programme Manager, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, Nepal

Local Government Structure in Sri Lanka: Opportunities & Challenges

- Thusitha Pilapitiya, Local Government Advisor, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, UNDP

Discussants:

Naseer Memon, Executive Director, Strengthening Participatory Organization

Hamidullah Afghan, Transition Manager, Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Afghanistan

Day 3- Friday, September 27, 2013

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 4: Fiscal Federalism: How to Operationalize Economy of Autonomy?

Chair: Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Session Objective: Exploring policy options for revenue generation, fiscal decentralization and redistribution at three-tiers of governance

Presentations:

Appraisal of the 7th National Finance Commission and Recommendations for 8th National Finance Commission Award

- Ayesha Ghauss Pasha, Member of Punjab Provincial Assembly

Agricultural Income Tax in Punjab: Tax Potential and Modes of Tax Collection
- Dr. Anjum Nasim, Professor, Lahore University Management Sciences

Fiscal Federalism: A comparative Analysis of India and Pakistan

- Dr. Govinda Rao, Member Finance Commission, India

Fiscal Federalism & Inter-Governmental Relations: A case study of Russian Federation with Learning for Pakistan

- Galina Kurlyandskaya, Director General, Center for Fiscal Policy, Russian Federation

Implications of 18th Constitutional Amendment for National Planning and Economic Coordination

- Dr. Pervez Tahir, Former Chief Economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan

Discussants:

Dr. Hilton Root, Professor, George Mason University (USA) & Kings College (London)

Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Economic Advisor, Government of Balochistan

Dr. Mughees Ahmed, Professor, Government College University, Faisalabad

Dr. Rashid Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 5: Political Economy of Inter-Governmental Relations in a Federal Framework: Lessons Learnt and Way Forward

Chair: Shafqat Mehmood, Member National Assembly of Pakistan, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf
Session Objective: Lessons learnt and policy options for managing Inter-Governmental Relations in Pakistan with special reference to 18th Amendment

Presentations:

The Evolution of Federal-Provincial Relations in Canada: Some lessons for Pakistan

- Rachel Laforest, Associate Professor, Queens University, Canada

Federalism: Combining Unity and Diversity – A German Case Study

- Reinold Herber, Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations, Germany

Future of Pakistani Federation: Case Study of the Council of Common Interests

- Zafarullah Khan, Executive Director, Center for Civic Education

Interplay between Identity and Rights Movement in Balochistan

- Mushtaq Gaadi, Lecturer, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

Expansion of Own Source Revenue Generation for Provincial/Local Governments in Pakistan

- Hafeez Pasha, Dean, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore

Federalism in Pakistan: Managing Identity Conflicts through State Reform

- Asma Faiz, Teaching Fellow, Lahore University of Management Sciences
Discussants:

Fareedullah Khan, Federal Secretary, Inter-Provincial Coordination Division

Afrasiab Khattak, Senator, Awami National Party

Phillip Gonzalez, Programme Manager, Forum of Federations, Canada

Dr. Saeed Shafqat, Professor, Forman Christian College University, Lahore

Closing Session

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Vote of Thanks:

- Marc-André Franche, Country Director, UNDP Pakistan
- Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat

Remarks:

- Pietro Merlo, Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations, Canada
- Chairman/Executive Director, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad

Concluding Address:

- Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan