



POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN

25TH ANNUAL POPULATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Institute of Business Administration (IBA)

19th – 21st November 2024, Karachi

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Pathways to Sustainable Development: Navigating Population Growth, Poverty, Productivity, and Climate Change

INTRODUCTION

Since its inception, Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) maintains a history and mandate to emphasize the crucial relationship between population and social development. As PAP navigates the third decade of its journey in an ever changing and evolving world, we pledge to continue and foster this mandate. Toward that end, PAP has, to date, convened 24 Annual Population Research Conferences (APRCs) covering a range of topics related to population and human development, demographic transition, and policy directions to meet the challenges of a rapidly growing population.

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. The PAP and its members continuously strive to look beyond demographic indicators and aim to influence Pakistan policy and practice through good quality research on key population challenges and issues to ensure that decisions are fully informed, respond to ground realities, and driven by evidence. Moreover, the PAP provides a platform that offers an opportunity to bridge the various social science disciplines including economics, public and social policy, statistics, demography, public health, sociology, geography, and anthropology to deliberate upon solutions for pressing population and development related issues of Pakistan in this changing world. 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.

Enhancing productivity across various sectors is crucial for sustainable development. Pakistan faces challenges in terms of low agricultural productivity, inefficient industrial practices, and limited access to technology and innovation. Improving productivity requires investments in infrastructure, human capital, research and development, and institutional reforms to create an enabling environment for growth and innovation.

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, PAP is convening the **25th Annual Population Research Conference in Karachi**, in collaboration with **Population Research Center, Institute of Business Administration** from **19th to 21st November 2024**. The Conference will be organized using a hybrid approach, with on-site and virtual participation.

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 THEME & SUB-THEMES

The overarching theme for the 25th Annual Population Research Conference is

Pathways to Sustainable Development: Navigating Population Growth, Poverty, Productivity, and Climate Change

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

Sub-Theme 1	Sub-Theme 2	Sub-Theme 3	Sub-Theme 4
Population Growth & Stagnant Family Planning	Population Growth & Persistent Poverty and Inequity	Population Growth & Low Productivity	Population Growth & Declining Resilience to Climate Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing Service Delivery Challenges Integrating Family Planning in Health Services Private Sector Engagement for Family Planning Reproductive Health Empowerment Male Engagement in Family Planning Youth-friendly solutions for Family Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen-centered Economic Policies Income Inequality and Disparities Urbanization and Internal Migration Migration and "brain drain" Gender and Social Inclusion Youth Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerating Educational Enrollment and Retention Accelerating Vocational Skill Development Advancing Women's Economic Participation Enhancing Public Sector Productivity Enhancing Public Private Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Justice Human Impact and Responsibility Food Security, Water Scarcity, and Nutrition Health System Resilience Community-led Climate Resilience Leveraging Private Sector and CSR

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

PAP invites social scientists, academics, researchers, and practitioners from diverse backgrounds to [submit research and program abstracts](#) based on the conference theme and sub-themes for oral presentations in Technical Sessions and poster presentations during all conference days. All submissions will be subjected to a rigorous blinded review process for selection.

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present their findings at the conference as oral or poster presentations. Authors accepted for oral presentations will be required to submit a conference paper on the abstract for publication in the Conference Proceedings.

The due dates for submissions are:

- Submission of abstract: 1 September 2024
- Announcement of acceptances: 6 October 2024
- Submission of 2500 word Conference Paper: 8 November 2024 (only for abstracts selected for oral presentations)

25TH APRC ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM



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