Two-Day International Conference on Migration and Desertification
5-6 January 2011

Conference Programme

Organized by:
Department of Rural Sociology

In Collaboration with:
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University of Agriculture
Faisalabad
### Day-1

**9:00- 11:30**  
**Inaugural Session (Iqbal Auditorium)**

**Presided by**  
Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan  
Vice Chancellor, U.A.F

**Chief Guest**  
Prof. Dr. Nizam-ud- Din  
Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat

**Guest of Honour**  
Ms. Ursula Saarbeck  
Director, DAAD, Islamabad

**Opening Remarks**  
Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Maann  
Chairman, Department of Rural Sociology

**Welcome Address**  
Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan  
Vice Chancellor

**Key Note Address**  
Prof. Dr. Beatrice Knerr  
Head of the Department of Migration & Development University of Kassal, Germany

**Address by Guest of Honour**

**Address by Chief Guest**

**Vote of Thanks**  
Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Zafar  
Dean, Faculty of Agri. Economics & Rural Sociology

**11:30**  
**Tea / Refreshment**

**12:00- 13:30**  
**Panel Discussion (New Senate Hall)**  
**Migration and Desertification**

**Chair:**  
Dr. Sabiha H. Syed  
Director Migration Research Center, Islamabad

**Panelists:**

1. Prof. Dr. Beatrice Knerr - Deptt. Migration & Development Kassal Uni. Germany
2. Dr. G. M. Arif - Joint Director, PIDE University, Islamabad
3. Dr. Naushin Mahmood - Ex-Vice Chancellor, PIDE University, Islamabad
4. Prof. Dr. Nizam-ud-Din - Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat
5. Prof. Dr. Grace Clark - Deptt. of Sociology, F.C College University, Lahore

**13:30- 14:30**  
**Lunch Break**
14:30 - 16:30  Technical Session (New Senate Hall)
Migration, Gender and Domestic workers

Chair:
Prof. Dr. Grace Clark
Deptt. of Sociology, F.C. College University, Lahore

Presentations:

1. The disintegration of the pastoral Bucolic Splendour,
   Its Impacts and Mitigation Measures - Dr. Abdillahi Aboud
2. International Migration and Domestic workers: An Analytical Review
   & lessons for Pakistan - Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Maann
3. Migration of Highly Qualified to Germany, A case studies on migrant
   from Iran, India, Jordan, Nepal and China - Prof. Dr. Beatrice Knerr
4. A Study on Chinese Students in Germany - Zhao Xi
5. Influence of Migration on HIV/AIDS - Dr. Shahbaz Ahmad
6. Rural - Urban Migration in Pakistan: The Gender Perspective -
   Faiza Rashid & Saira Akhtar

19:00 - 21:00  Cultural Show (Iqbal Auditorium)

Day-2

09:30 - 11:30  Technical Session (New Senate Hall)
Migration, Livelihoods and Resettlement Issues

Chair
Dr. G. M. Arif
Joint Director, PIDE University,

Presentations:

1. Role of Remittances in Reducing Vulnerability and Improving Livelihoods of
   Forest Dweller in Northwest Pakistan - Babar Shahbaz and Tanvir Ali
2. Impact of international migration on the livelihoods of immigrants -
   Sabah Saleem, Izhar Khan, Ashfaq Maann
3. Women Health Issues in Displaced communities of flood affected areas -
   Mehnaz Gull, Saira Akhtar
4. Role of International Migration in Agricultural Development and Farmer's
   Livelihoods: A Case Study of an Agrarian Community - Sadaf Mahmood,
   Izhar Ahmed Khan
5. Public Policies Support to International Migration and Socio-Demographic Impact of International Remittances on the Families Left Behind in Pakistan - Saif Abbasi, Zahira Batool and M. Iqbal Zafar
6. A study of Chinese Migrants in Germany - Zhao Xi
7. Pastrolism, Migration and Environmental Health - Dr. Abdillahi Aboud

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Panel Discussion
Migration and Policy Issues

Chair:
Prof. Dr. Saeed Shafqat
Director, Center for Public Policy and Governance,
F.C. College University Lahore

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   Egerton University, Kenya

13:30- 14:30  Lunch Break

14:30- 15:30  Concluding Session

Presided by
Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan
Vice Chancellor, UAF

Chief Guest
Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain
Vice Chancellor, G.C.U. Faisalabad

Guest of honour-I
Dr. Nousheen Mahmood
EX-Vice Chancellor PIDE University, Islamabad

Vote of Thanks
Prof. Dr. Asif Ali
Director External Linkages, UAF