



2nd CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (PAECO) COUNTRIES

31st May - 3rd June, 2021, Islamabad - Pakistan



“Promoting Parliamentary Partnership for Regional Integration”

PROGRAMME

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| Monday, May 31, 2021 | |
| All Day Arrivals & Registration of Delegates at Islamabad Serena Hotel | |
| Tuesday, June 1, 2021 (DAY - 1) | |
| 0900 hrs | Meeting of the Secretaries General/Secretaries to Delegations <i>Venue: Quetta Board Room, Serena Hotel</i> |
| 1000 hrs | Meeting of the Executive Council <i>Venue: Faisalabad Board Room, Serena Hotel</i> |
| 1120 hrs | Delegates Assemble in the Conference Hall <i>Venue: Sheeshmahal Hall I & II, Serena Hotel</i> |
| 1125 hrs | Arrival of the Chief Guest |
| INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE | |
| 1130 hrs | National Anthem of Pakistan |
| 1133 hrs | Recitation from the verses of the Holy Quran |
| 1135 hrs | Welcome Remarks by the Speaker National Assembly |
| 1145 hrs | Addresses by the Speakers/Heads of Delegations in alphabetical order <i>i. H.E. Mir Rahman Rahmani, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan</i> <i>ii. H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan</i> <i>iii. H.E. Mr. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran</i> <u>(Virtual Participation)</u> <i>iv. H.E. Mr. Zokirzoda Mahmadtahir, Chairman of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli, Republic of Tajikistan</i> <i>v. H.E. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey</i> <i>vi. H.E. Ms. Gulshat Mammedova, Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan</i> <u>(Virtual Participation)</u> <i>vii. H.E. Mr. Ismoilov Nurdinjon Muydinkhonovich, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i> <i>viii. H.E. Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour, Secretary General of the ECO</i> <u>(Virtual Participation)</u> |
| 1230 hrs | Address by the Chief Guest |
| 1240 hrs | Group Photograph |
| 1300 hrs | Lunch <i>Venue: Sheeshmahal Foyer & Aangan Area, Serena Hotel</i> |
| 1430-1700 hrs | Meeting of the Drafting Committee on matters referred to it by the Executive Council <i>Venue: Quetta Board Room, Serena Hotel</i> |

BREAKOUT SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1430 –
1700 hrs

Meeting of the Women Parliamentarians

Venue: *Kehkashan Hall – III, Serena Hotel*

Session-I: *Women in Leadership Roles: Leading the Agenda of Regional Connectivity*

Chair: H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan

- **Women as Business Leaders: Role of Women Chambers in Enhancing Regional Trade and Business**

Welcome Remarks: *Ms. Munaza Hassan, Secretary WPC*

Lead Speaker: *Begum Sajida Zulfiqar Khan, MNA)*

Afghanistan: *Ms. Shinkai Karokhail, Member of the Wolesi Jirga*

Azerbaijan: *Mrs. Ganira Pashayeva, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Head of the Working Group on the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Inter-Parliamentary Relations*

- **Women as Thought Leaders: Shaping the Future for Regional Cooperation**

Lead Speaker: *Ms. Andleeb Abbas, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs)*

Iran: *Ms. Fatemeh Ghasempour, Head of Women's Islamic Parliamentary Caucus*

Tajikistan: *Mr. Olikzoda Najibullo, Head of Department of International Relations*

- **Role of Women Legislators in Sustainable Peace for Inclusive Development and Economic Security**

Lead Speaker: *Ms. Shazia Marri, MNA*

Turkey: *Mr. Ceyda BÖLÜNMEZ ÇANKIRI, Member of Parliament*

Tea Break

Session-II: *Impact of Climate Change on Women: Affirmative Actions by Regional Parliaments*

Chair: H.E. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey

- **Climate Change Challenges for Women: Parliamentary Solutions**

Lead Speaker: *Ms. Munaza Hassan, Secretary General Women Parliamentary Caucus/Chairperson Standing Committee on Climate Change*

Turkmenistan: *Hon. G. Berkeliyeva, Vice-Chairman of Committee on Social Policy*

Uzbekistan: *Mrs. Butaeva Farida Kuzievna, Member of the Committee on Science, Education, Culture and Sports*

- **Women in Climate Agenda**

Lead Speaker: *Ms. Zartaj Gul, Minister of State for Climate Change*

Pakistan: *Ms. Naureen Ibrahim, Member National Assembly*

Iran: *Ms. Somayeh Rafiei, Member of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee*

- **Wrap Up of the Discussion by Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, MNA/Treasurer of Women Parliamentary Caucus**

1430 -
1700 hrs

Panel Discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on SDGs implementation in the region

Venue: *Sheeshmahal Hall – III, Serena Hotel*

- **Welcome Remarks by the Chair of the Session, Mr. Riaz Fatyana, Convener Parliamentary Task Force on Sustainable Development Goals**

- **The Race for COVID-19 Vaccine**

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Nausheen Hamid, Parliamentary Secretary for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination/Convener Sub-Group on SDG-3*

Afghanistan: *Mr. Abdul Aziz Hakimi, Member of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan*

Azerbaijan: *Mr. Tahir Mirkishili, Chair of the Committee on Economic Policy, Industries and Enterprising*

- **Open Data for a More Effective COVID-19 Response and SDGs Implementation**

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha, MNA/Convener Special Group on SDGs Scorecard Development*

Iran: *Dr. Mohammad Reza Pou Ebrahimi, Chairman of the Economic Committee*

Kazakhstan: *Mr. Mynbay Darkhan Kamzabekuly, Committee on Social & Cultural Development*

- **What can Parliaments do to Achieve SDGs**

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Nafisa Shah, Member National Assembly of Pakistan*

Turkmenistan: *Hon. A. Sarjayeov, Chairman of Committee on Social Policy*

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| | <p><u>Afghanistan:</u> Mr. Mohammad Rahim Hassan Yar, Chairman of the Economic Commission</p> <p>- Q & A Session</p> <p>- Closing address by the Chief Guest: Hon. Mr. Qasim Khan Suri, Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan</p> |
| 1930 hrs | <p>Cultural Evening followed by Dinner hosted by the Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan</p> <p>Venue: Pakistan National Council of Arts</p> |

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| Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (DAY - 2) | |
| 1000-1200 hrs | <p>Meeting of the Drafting Committee on matters referred to it by the Executive Council</p> <p>Venue: Quetta Board Room, Serena Hotel</p> |
| 1000 - 1300 hrs | <p>Session on the role of Parliaments in enhancing Trade & Connectivity</p> <p>Venue: Kehkashan Hall – III, Serena Hotel</p> <p>- Welcome Remarks by the Chair: Honorable Mr. Asad Umar, Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives</p> <p>- Presentation of a case study on Parliamentary role in enhancing Trade and Connectivity</p> <p>THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – (Time-limit for an intervention is 5-minutes)</p> <p>- Session-I: Promoting Regional Trade and Prospects for a fully realized ECOTA</p> <p>Lead Speaker: Ms. Shandana Gulzar Khan, MNA/Chairperson Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians</p> <p><u>Afghanistan:</u> Mr. Abdul Aziz Hakimi, Member of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan</p> <p><u>Azerbaijan:</u> Mr. Tahir Karimli- Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights</p> <p>Session-II: Facilitating Transit Trade</p> <p>Lead Speaker: Mr. Yaqoob Sheikh, Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Affairs</p> <p><u>Iran:</u> Dr. Ahmad Amirabadi Farahani, Chairman of Iran-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship Group</p> <p>Session-III: Promoting People-to-People Contacts</p> <p>Lead Speaker: Syed Naveed Qamar, Chairman Standing Committee on Commerce</p> <p><u>Uzbekistan:</u> Mr. Salikhov Erkin Tagirovich, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Security</p> <p><u>Afghanistan:</u> Mr. Mohammad Rahim Hassan Yar, Chairman of the Economic Committee</p> <p>Concluding Remarks by: Honorable Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour, Secretary General ECO</p> |
| 1000 - 1300 hrs | <p>Special Session on Advancing Tourism for Development and Poverty Alleviation</p> <p>Venue: Sheeshmahal – III, Serena Hotel</p> <p>Welcome Remarks by the Chair: Honorable Mr. Fawad Chaudhry, Minister for Information & Broadcasting</p> <p>Advancing Tourism in the ECO Region viz a viz Development of Essential Infrastructure & Promoting Partnerships for Capacity Building and Poverty Alleviation</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sania Nishtar, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation</p> <p>Speeches by the delegates in alphabetical Order (6-7 minutes each)</p> <p><u>Afghanistan:</u> Ms. Shinkai Karokhail, Member of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan</p> <p><u>Azerbaijan:</u> Ms. Malahat Ibrahimgizi- Deputy Chair of the Committee on Labour and Social Policy</p> <p><u>Iran:</u> Dr. Seyed Ehsan Khandouzi, Vice Chairman of the Economic Committee</p> <p><u>Kazakhstan:</u> Mr. Mynbay Darkhan Kamzabekuly, Committee on Social & Cultural Development</p> <p><u>Tajikistan:</u> Mr. Fattohzoda Saidmurod, Chair of the Committee on International Affairs, Public Associations & Information</p> <p><u>Turkmenistan:</u> Hon. G. Rozyyev, Chairman of Committee on Science, Education, Culture & Youth Policy</p> |

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| | <p>Turkey: <i>Mrs. Ceyda BÖLÜNMEZ ÇANKIRI, Member of Parliament</i></p> <p>Uzbekistan: <i>Mr. Zohidov Erkin Azamovich, Chairman of the Committee on Science, Education, Culture and Sports</i></p> <p>Afghanistan: <i>Mr. Mohammad Tayyab Ata, Member of the Upper House of Afghanistan</i></p> <p>Round Table Q & A Session with Participants</p> <p>Concluding Remarks & Way Forward by the Chair: <i>Mr. Fawad Chaudhry, Minister for Information & Broadcasting</i></p> |
| 1200 – 1300 hrs | <p>Meeting of the Executive Council</p> <p><i>Venue: Quetta Board Room, Serena Hotel</i></p> |
| 1300 hrs | <p>Lunch hosted by the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan</p> <p><i>Venue: Kehkashan Hall-I & Aangan Area, Serena Hotel</i></p> |
| CONCLUDING SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE | |
| 1500 hrs | <p>Delegates assemble in the Conference venue</p> <p><i>Venue: Sheeshmahal Hall I & II, Serena Hotel</i></p> |
| 1505 hrs | Secretary of the 2 nd General Conference of PAECO calls meeting to order |
| 1510 hrs | Secretary of the 2 nd General Conference of PAECO places decisions of the Executive Council for approval of the General Conference |
| 1545 hrs | Signing of the Islamabad Declaration |
| 1555 hrs | <p>Addresses by the Speakers/Heads of Delegations in alphabetical order</p> <p>i. <i>H.E. Mir Rahman Rahmani, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan</i></p> <p>ii. <i>H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan</i></p> <p>iii. <i>H.E. Mr. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran</i> (Virtual Participation)</p> <p>iv. <i>H.E. Mr. Zokirzoda Mahmadtahir, Chairman of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli, Republic of Tajikistan</i></p> <p>v. <i>H.E. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şentop, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey</i></p> <p>vi. <i>H.E. Ms. Gulshat Mammedova, Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan</i> (Virtual Participation)</p> <p>vii. <i>H.E. Mr. Ismoilov Nurdinjon Muydinkhonovich, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i></p> |
| 1645 hrs | The General Conference is formally closed by the President of the General Conference |
| CLOSING CEREMONY | |
| 1715 hrs | Arrival of the Chief Guest |
| 1720 hrs | National Anthem of Pakistan |
| 1723 hrs | Recitation from the verses of the Holy Quran |
| 1728 hrs | Address by the President of the 2 nd General Conference of PAECO |
| 1738 hrs | President of the 2 nd General Conference of PAECO presents Islamabad Declaration to the Chief Guest |
| 1740 hrs | Address by the Chief Guest |
| 1750 hrs | Closing Ceremony ends |
| CITY TOUR / FREE EVENING | |
| 1900 hrs | <p>Dinner hosted by the Chairman Senate of Pakistan</p> <p><i>Venue: Ministers' Enclave, Islamabad</i></p> |

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| Thursday, June 3, 2021 | |
| All Day Departures | |