



2nd Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly of Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO) Countries

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"PROMOTING PARLIAMENTARY PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION"

2nd General Conference of PAECO

The idea of a parliamentary forum for the member countries of Economic Cooperation Organization is now a reality. The establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO) is a manifestation of the will of people's representatives of the Member Parliaments to work in a spirit of friendship and trust to overcome the daunting challenges of recent times. In continuation of hosting the inaugural Conference of PAECO in Islamabad, the Honourable Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser is delighted to host 2nd General Conference of the PAECO in Islamabad. The Honourable Speaker envisions that this Conference will bring together the parliamentary leadership of all ECO member countries including; Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan to devise the future road map of PAECO for ensuring continuity of the activities of the forum, and also provide a platform for discussing increasingly important contemporary issues such as the corona virus pandemic currently encapsulating the world.

Prime Minister's Message



Mr. Imran Khan
Prime Minister
Islamic Republic Of Pakistan

It is my profound privilege to welcome fellow Parliamentarians and delegates from the ECO member states to the 2nd General Conference of the PAECO in Pakistan to deliberate upon the imperative theme of "Promoting Parliamentary

Partnership for Regional Integration,". My heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Asad Qaiser, Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, for taking this historic initiative towards regional cooperation at a time when the UN member states had already pledged to begin 2020 as a "Decade of Action".

I am confident that the 2nd General PAECO Conference will prove a defining moment towards identifying a viable road map for the respective governments of all ECO member states. I wish all Members of National Parliaments and parliamentary dignitaries of ECO countries a memorable stay in Pakistan and a fruitful participation in the conference.

President's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the constellation of Members of Parliament (MPs) and their respective parliamentary delegations from the ECO member states, at the 2nd General Conference of PAECO in Islamabad.

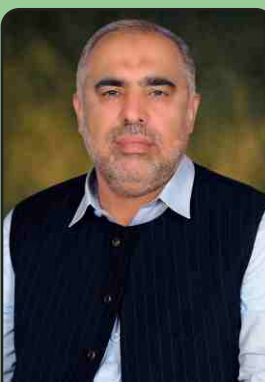


Dr. Arif Alvi
President
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

I believe trade and connectivity among ECO member states can play a pivotal role in ensuring cohesive regional development and prosperity. In the past few decades economic integration among regional states has gained momentum and governments are prioritizing regional integration to improve standard of living in their countries. I also felicitate the Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser for bringing together this august assembly of National Members of Parliament (MPs) and high-level parliamentary experts and staffers from all ECO Member states. I wish all the delegates a memorable stay in Islamabad.

Speaker's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the Parliamentary colleagues from the PAECO Nations on the occasion of 2nd General Conference of the PAECO. I am delighted to witness a large and diverse group of presiding officers, elected members and participants combining intellectual brilliance with hands-on experience to make this event a remarkable success.



Mr. Asad Qaiser
Speaker
National Assembly of Pakistan

Lastly, I look forward to achieving fruitful outcomes from the Conference for the benefit and common good of the people of the ECO region at large. Lastly, on behalf of the people and Parliament of Pakistan, I wish you all a successful Conference and an enjoyable stay.

THE PARLIAMENT OF PAKISTAN AT A GLANCE

According to the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan there should be a Majilis-e-Shoora (Parliament) of Pakistan consisting of the President and two Houses to be known respectively as the National Assembly and the Senate. The National Assembly and Senate consist of the following composition according to Article 51 & Article 59 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan respectively.

Province / Area	General Seats	Women Seats	Non-Muslim Seats	Total Seats
Balochistan	16	04	–	20
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45	10	–	55
Punjab	141	32	–	173
Sindh	61	14	–	75
Federal Capital	03	–	–	03
			10	10
Total:-	266	60	10	336

Province / Territories	General	Technocrats Ulema	Women	Non-Muslim	Total Seats
Balochistan	14	04	04	01	23
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	14	04	04	01	23
Punjab	14	04	04	01	23
Sindh	14	04	04	01	23
Federal Capital	02	01	01	–	04
Total:-	58	17	17	04	96

Deputy Speaker's Message

It is my profound pleasure to welcome the Honourable Presiding Officers, Parliamentarians and Delegates of the 2nd General Conference of the PAECO in Islamabad.

I congratulate the Honourable Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser for providing the underlined vision of enhanced parliamentary effort for regional cooperation through this imperative parliamentary moot despite number of challenges particularly in shape of covid-19. I am sure that this Conference, Islamabad, will prove to be a watershed towards establishing closer integration amongst the ECO countries.

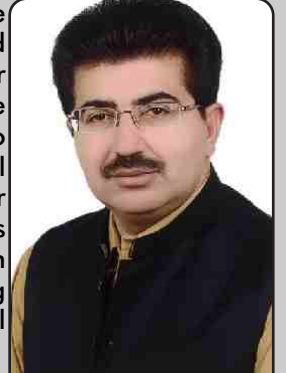


Muhammad Qasim Khan Suri
Deputy Speaker
National Assembly of Pakistan

Chairman's Senate Message

I am delighted to welcome all the Members of Parliament (MPs) and delegates from the PAECO member states at the 2nd general Conference PAECO in Islamabad. I also congratulate the Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser for bringing together galaxy of MPs from the member countries to delve on the imperative theme, "Promoting Parliamentary Partnership for Regional Integration."

I believe that such initiatives towards gradual regional integration will lead to sustainable development and poverty alleviation of millions of our local communities. I wish all delegates including national MPs from participating nations, a memorable stay in our serene capital. Best of Luck!



Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani
Chairman
Senate of Pakistan

Secretary General PAECO Message



Tahir Hussain
Secretary
National Assembly of Pakistan

The National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has the pleasure of hosting the 2nd General Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly of Economic Cooperation Organization (PAECO) in Islamabad.

After successfully hosting the first General Conference of PAECO in Islamabad in 2013, the National Assembly of Pakistan, as the Secretariat of PAECO, has remained in liaison with the PAECO Member Parliaments for ensuring continuity of the PAECO activities.

We, at the National Assembly Secretariat of Pakistan have put our efforts whole heartedly in the arrangement of this Conference and sincerely hope that it proves to be a great success for the participants. We express our heartiest gratitude to the PAECO Member Parliaments for their overwhelming response and participation.

PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY



Fourth Conference of Speakers of Parliaments on the theme "Countering Terrorism & Strengthening Regional Connectivity" held in March, 2021 in Turkey

Honourable Speakers

Mir Rahman Rahmani
Speaker, Wolesi Jirga
Islamic Republic of
Afghanistan



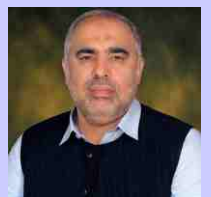
MS. Sahiba Gafarova,
Speaker, Mili Majlis
Azerbaijan Republic



**Mohammad Bagher
Ghalibaf**
Speaker
Islamic Parliament of Iran



Mr. Asad Qaiser
Speaker
National Assembly of
Pakistan



**Mr. Zokirzoda
Mahmatov**
Speaker
Majlisi Namoyandagon
Majlisi Oli Tajikistan



**Mr. Nurdinjon
Ismoilov**
Speaker
Legislative Chamber of
Oliy Majlis Uzbekistan



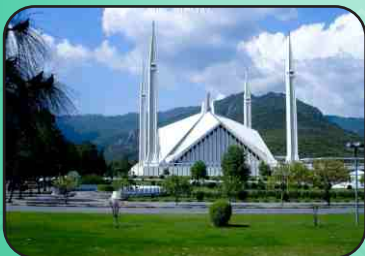
**Prof. Dr. Mustafa
Sentop**
Speaker
Grand National
Assembly of Turkey



**Ms. Gulshat
Mammedova**
Chairperson of the
Mejlis of Turkmenistan



Islamabad the Beautiful

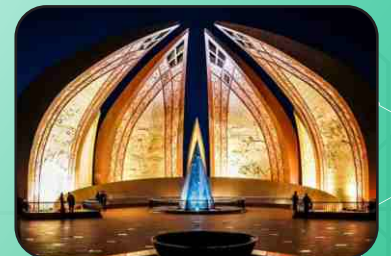


Faisal Mosque

Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, is one of the most beautiful, green cities of the country. Surrounded on one side by the lush green Margalla Hills, it gives a perfect blend of sightseeing and an urban lifestyle.
Total Area: 220 km²
Population: 1.015 million (2017)

37 °C | °F

Precipitation: 20%
Humidity: 26%
Wind: 14 km/h



Pakistan Monument

BILATERAL MEETINGS



Islamabad 31.05.2021: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Ismoilov Nurdinjon Muydinkhonovich called on Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser at Parliament House



Islamabad 31.05.2021: Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan Mir Rahman Rahmani called on Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser at Parliament House

GUESTS ARRIVAL



H.E. Mir Rahman Rahmani, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan received by Dr. Haider Ali Khan (MNA)



H.E. Mir Rahman Rahmani, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with Dr. Haider Ali Khan (MNA)



H.E. Nurdinjon Ismoilov, Speaker Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan exchanging views with Mr. Yaqoob Sheikh (MNA)



H.E. Nurdinjon Ismoilov, Speaker Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan received by Mr. Yaqoob Sheikh (MNA)



Chairman of the majlisi Namoyandagon Tajikistan exchanging views with Mr. Prince M. NAWAZ KHAN MNA



Chairman of the majlisi Namoyandagon Tajikistan Arrival at Islamabad Airport received by Mr. Prince M. NAWAZ KHAN MNA