



**Margalla Dialogue**  
**PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**in**  
**South Asia, Middle East, Central Asia (SAMECA)**

*Partners in Peace, Developing Together*

**Programme**  
*Last Updated*  
*11 Oct. 2019*

**DAY 1: Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**Inaugural Session**

0900-0930 hrs	<b>Reception of Guests</b>
0930-0935 hrs	<b>Recitation from the Holy Quran and National Anthem of Pakistan</b>
0935-0940 hrs	<b>Welcome Address</b> Ambassador Vice Admiral (R) Khan Hasham bin Saddique, HI (M) President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Pakistan
0940-1000 hrs	<b>Keynote Address - I</b>
1000-1015 hrs	<b>Keynote Address - II</b>
1015-1030	<b>Inaugural Address</b> Chief Guest
1030 hrs	<b>Presentation of Mementos/Group Photograph</b>
1035-1050 hrs	<b>Refreshments</b>

# Plenary Session I

## Seeking Peace through Conflict Resolution

**Chair** Hon. Mr Sardar Masood Khan, President, Azad Jammu and Kashmir

**Moderator** Dr Maria Sultan, Director General, South Asia Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI), Pakistan

### Part I

**Session Speakers**  
1050-1105 hrs **Pakistan-India Relations and Regional Stability: Kashmir Issue**  
*Ambassador Sohail Mehmood, Foreign Secretary, Government of Pakistan*

1105-1115 hrs **Jammu & Kashmir Dispute: Legal Perspective**  
*Mr Ahmer Bilal Soofi, President, Research Society International Law (RSIL), Pakistan*

1115-1130 hrs **Waiting to Disappear: An Evolving Humanitarian Tragedy in Jammu & Kashmir**

1130-1140 hrs **Kashmir's Perspective**  
*Ms Mishaal Hussein Mullick, Chairperson, Peace and Culture Organization, Pakistan*

1140-1215 hrs Q & A/Discussion

### Part II

**Moderator** Lt Gen (R) Dr Muhammad Zahid Latif HI (M), Secretary, Ministry of Defence Production, Government of Pakistan

1220-1235 hrs **Intra-Afghan Dialogue: An International Dynamic**  
*M. Fawzia Koofi, Member of Parliament and Vice President National Assembly, Government of Afghanistan*

1235-1250 hrs **Resolution of Yemen Crisis: UN Initiative**  
*Ms Andreea Stoian Karadeli, Peace Mediator at EU and NATO*

1250-1305 hrs	<b>Saudi Perspective on Regional Security</b> <i>Dr Mohammed S. Al Sulami, Chairman, International Institute for Iranian Studies (RASANAHI), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i>
<b>Discussant</b>	<i>Dr Ebtesam Alketbi, President, Emirates Policy Center (EPC), United Arab Emirates</i>
1305-1320 hrs	<b>Discussions and Remarks by the Chair</b> <b>Presentation of Mementos</b>
1320-1415 hrs	<b>Lunch/Prayer Break</b>

## Plenary Session II

### Geopolitics in South Asia, Middle East, Central Asia (SAMECA): Role of US, China and Russia

#### Chair

**Moderator** Professor Dr Syed Rifaat Hussain, Department of Government and Public Policy, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Pakistan

#### Session Speakers

1415-1430 hrs **Articulation of US Foreign Policy in SAMECA and Its Challenges**  
*Professor Emeritus Dr Marvin G. Weinbaum, Director, Afghanistan and Pakistan Program, Middle East Institute, United States of America*

1430-1445 hrs **Russia's Refocus on South and Central Asia: Perspective and Perceptions**  
*Dr Sergei Ermakov, Deputy Head of Center, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS), Russia*

1445-1500 hrs **Regional Dynamics and Outlook: China and Its SAMECA Neighbourhood**  
*Dr Wang Xu, Director, Center for South Asian Studies, Peking University, China*

1500-1515 hrs **Pakistan's Quest for Cooperation and Strategic Stability in Changing Geopolitical Environment in SAMECA**  
*Dr Huma Baqai, Associate Dean, Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Pakistan*

1515-1530 hrs **Great Power Politics in Central Asia: Competing Visions or Complementary Interests?**  
*Ms Lidiya Parkhomchik, Senior Research Officer, Eurasian Research Institute, Kazakhstan*

1530-1545 hrs **Evolving Asia-Pacific Security Architecture: Impact on SAMECA**

1545-1645 hrs **Discussion and Remarks by the Chair**  
**Presentation of Mementos**

1650 hrs **Refreshments**

**DAY TWO –Thursday November 14, 2019**

0900-1000 hrs      **Reception of Guests**

**Plenary Session III**  
**Prospects of Economic Integration in SAMECA:**  
**Exploring New Vistas of Cooperation**

<b>Chair</b>	Hon. Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtiar, Federal Minister of Planning, Development and Reform, Government of Pakistan
<b>Moderator</b>	Professor Dr Eatnaz Ahmad, Memorial Chair, State Bank of Pakistan, School of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan
<b>Keynote Address</b> 1000-1020 hrs	Mr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to Prime Minister on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan
<b>Session Speakers</b> 1020-1040 hrs	<b>Potential of Pakistan as a Trade and Energy Hub in SAMECA</b> <i>Mr Yaseen Anwar, Former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan</i>
1040-1100 hrs	<b>China's BRI: Reviving Connectivity and Crafting Growing Transregional Linkages in SAMECA</b> <i>Dr Wang Zhengxu, Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, China</i>
1100-1120 hrs	<b>Energy Connectivity: Role for Central Asia</b> <i>Mr Leonid Savin, Founder and Chief Editor, Journal of Eurasian Affairs, Russia</i>
1120-1140 hrs	<b>Iranian Perspective on Regional Trade and Transportation Initiatives</b> <i>Ambassador Javad Kachoueian, Former Ambassador of Iran to Ireland, Government of Islamic Republic of Iran</i>
1140-1200 hrs	<b>Building Trade and Investment Linkages – Gulf, China and CPEC</b>
1200-1240 hrs	<b>Discussion and Remarks by the Chair</b> <b>Presentation of Mementos</b>

## Plenary Session IV

### Ecological Imbalance, Climate Change and Water Scarcity: Approaches for Regional Cooperation

<b>Chair</b>	Hon. Ms Zartaj Gul, Minister of State for Climate Change, Government of Pakistan
<b>Moderator</b>	Ambassador (R) Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
<b>Session Speakers</b>	
1245-1300 hrs	<b>Transboundary Water Management: Pakistan-India and Pakistan-Afghanistan</b> <i>Dr Pervaiz Amir, Water Expert, Global Water Partnership, Pakistan</i>
1300-1315 hrs	<b>Mitigation of Ecological Degradation in South Asia: Towards Inclusive Regional Approach</b> <i>Maj. Gen. (R) ANM Muniruzzaman, President, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Bangladesh</i>
1315-1330 hrs	<b>Challenges and Prospects for Climate Finance in South Asia: Role of International Community</b>
1330-1345 hrs	<b>Climate Change Hotspots in South Asia: Glacier Loss and Way Forward</b> <i>Dr Netra P. Timsina, Chairperson Board of Directors, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies, Nepal</i>
<b>Discussant</b>	<i>Mr Waheed Ibrahim 'Ogar', CEO Kalaavehi Consultants, Maldives</i>
1345-1415 hrs	<b>Discussions and Remarks by the Chair</b>
1415-1420 hrs	<b>Recommendations to be prepared by the Moderator</b>
	<b>Presentation of Mementos</b>
1420-1520 hrs	<b>Lunch/Prayer Break</b>

# Simultaneous Technology Session

## Cyberspace in 2025: Cyber Security Challenges in SAMECA and Prospects for Multilateral Cooperation

<b>Chair</b>	Hon. Fawad Ahmed Chaudhry, Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan
<b>Moderator</b>	Mr Ammar Jaffery, Director General, Center of Information Technology (CIT), Pakistan
1000-1020 hrs	Mr Nahil Mahmood, CEO, Delta Tech, Pakistan
1020-1040 hrs	Under Consideration
1040-1100 hrs	Under Consideration
1100- 1120 hrs	Under Consideration
1120-1240 hrs	<b>Discussion and Remarks by the Chair</b>
1240-1250 hrs	<b>Presentation of Mementos</b>
	<b>Working Tea/Coffee</b>

## Concluding Session

1530-1610 hrs	Presentation of Margalla Dialogue Recommendations by Session Moderators
1610-1615 hrs	Vote of Thanks Ambassador Vice Admiral Khan Hasham bin Saddique, HI (M) President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Pakistan
1615-1635 hrs	Concluding Address Chief Guest
	<b>Presentation of Mementos</b>
1635-1640 hrs	<b>Group Photograph</b>
1640 hrs	<b>Hi-Tea</b>