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Plenary Session

Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani

Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani took oath of the office of the Prime Minister of Pakistan on March 25, 2008 as the country's 22nd Prime Minister. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani began his political career in 1978 as member of the Central Working Committee of a leading political party PML. He served as Federal Minister for Housing and Works and later for Railways between 1985 and 1986, and Minister for Tourism and later Housing and Works till 1990. He took oath of the office of Minister for Local Government and Rural Development in 1993 during the interim government.

He was elected as Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan in 1993 and held this responsibility up to 1997. He graduated from the renowned Government College, Lahore and got his Masters degree in Journalism from the Punjab University.



Mr. Andrew Mitchell

Member of Parliament for Sutton Coldfield, Secretary of State for International Development

Mr. Andrew Mitchell MP, and Secretary of State for International Development, is an experienced and highly effective MP and Government Minister. He was the Member of Parliament for Gedling from 1987 to 1997. During this period he held office as a Government Whip and as Minister for Social Security. He also served as a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party from 1992 to 1993. In 2001 he was re-elected to Parliament as MP for Sutton Coldfield. In November 2003, he was appointed Shadow Minister for Economic Affairs. From September 2004 until the end

of the Parliamentary term, he was Shadow Minister for Home Affairs. Following the General Election in May 2005, Mr. Andrew was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for International Development and Secretary of State for International Development following the 2010 General Election.



Mr. Richard C. Holbrooke
US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Richard C. Holbrooke is the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. He served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, where he was also a member of President Clinton's cabinet (1999-2001). He served as President Clinton's Special Envoy to Bosnia and Kosovo and Special Envoy to Cyprus on a pro-bono basis while a private citizen. From 1993-1994, he was the US Ambassador to Germany. During the Carter Administration (1977-1981), he served as the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and was in charge of U.S. relations with China at the time Sino-American relations were normalized in December of 1978.



He has received over twenty honorary degrees and numerous awards, including several Nobel Peace Prize nominations. He was Director Emeritus of The Africa-America Institute, was on the Advisory Board of MEMRI, was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and formerly a member of the U.S. Board of Governors of Interpeace, and a former Professor-at-Large, Brown University.

Ms. Isabel Guerrero
Vice President, World Bank

Ms. Isabel Guerrero is World Bank's Vice President for the South Asia Region since July 2008. She has held management positions in various countries and regions since joining the Bank in 1982. For the last eleven years, Ms. Guerrero has worked as a Country Director for Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru (1997-2002); Colombia and Mexico (2002-2007); and India. Ms. Guerrero has extensive experience in managing significant change in complex organizational environments, promoting new ways of doing business and innovative development solutions.



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Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao
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Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Zhao was the Deputy Governor of the Export-Import Bank of China, where he was the chairperson for both the Assets and Liability Management Committee and the Centralized Procurement Evaluation Committee. Mr. Zhao served as the Director-General for the International Department of the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China (PRC) from 2002 to 2004. He was ADB's Executive Director for PRC from March 1999 to September 2002 and the World Bank's Alternate Executive Director for PRC from January 1997 to February 1999. Mr. Zhao holds an M. A. degree in Economics from George Washington University.

Mr. Adnan Mazarei
Assistant Director, International Monetary Fund

Mr Mazarei is Assistant Director at IMF. He started his career with the IMF in 1993 and held various positions during his tenure with the IMF. Mr. Mazarei graduated from University of California in 1987 and a Ph.D in 1995 in Economics.



Ms. Makiko Kikuta
Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

Makiko Kikuta is a member of the Japanese House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature). A native of Kamo, Niigata, she graduated from a high school in Kamo and studied in Heilongjiang University in China. After having served in the assembly of Kamo for two terms since 1995, she ran unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives in 2000 as a member of Ichiro Ozawa's Liberal Party, which merged with the DPJ in 2003. She ran again in 2003 and was elected for the first time.



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Session I: State of the Economy – Challenges & Response

Mr. Salman Siddique **Secretary, Ministry of Finance**

Mr. Siddique took over as Federal Finance Secretary in 2009. He has held various senior positions during his service with the Federal and Punjab Governments, including Federal Secretary Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas, Chief Secretary Punjab, Provincial Census Commissioner Punjab, Commissioner Lahore Division and Finance Secretary/Principal Secretary Finance & Taxation, Punjab. He played a vital role in acquiring World Bank and International Monetary Fund assistance for development of education and health in Punjab.



Mr. Siddique holds a Masters Degree in English from Punjab University and an MSc in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from London School of Economics & Political Science, UK.

Mr. Shahid Hafiz Kardar **Governor, State Bank of Pakistan**

Mr. Kardar assumed the charge of the office of Governor, State Bank of Pakistan in September, 2010. Mr. Kardar has served as Minister for various economic ministries in Government of Punjab from November 1999 to January 2001. During his long and illustrious career, he also held several other key positions including Chairman of the Punjab Education Foundation from June 2005-October 2008; Member, National Commission for Government Reform (2006-2008), Banking Laws Review Commission, and the Advisory Board of Kashf Microfinance Bank Ltd. He has contributed to several policy documents.



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Session II: Towards Growth & Sectoral Reform

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Raja Pervez Ashraf
Minister for Water & Power

Mr. Ashraf is the Federal Minister for Water and Power of Pakistan. He is a senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party and has been twice elected as a Member of the National Assembly (MNA). Raja Pervez Ashraf has remained Chairman of Social Action from 1994-1996. After completing a B.A degree from University of Sindh in 1970, his professional occupation has been that of business and agriculture.



Dr. Nadeem UI Haque
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Dr. Haque, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, has over 24 years' operational experience at the IMF, as leader of the technical assistance missions and policy and research teams, and as a resident representative. He has strong background in economic analysis and policy development, reflected in numerous publications in academic and policy journals and conference participation. He has extensive experience of central banking and monetary policy and worked in 2 central banks as IMF Representative. He also led organizational reform and efforts for nationwide deregulation in Sri Lanka. Dr. Haque did his MA and PhD in Economics from University of Chicago.



Syed Naveed Qamar
Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources

Syed Naveed Qamar is the Federal Minister for Petroleum & Natural Resources with additional charge of Minister for Privatization. Earlier, in 2008, he worked as Federal Minister for Privatization and Investment and was given additional portfolios of Ministries of Finance, Ports and Shipping. He also served as Provincial Minister for Information Government of Sindh in 1990, Chairman, Privatization Commission in 1993 and Federal Minister for Finance and Privatization in 1996. Presently he is also member of the National Assembly's Standing Committees on Rules & Privileges.



Mr. Syed Naveed Qamar graduated in Computer Science from Manchester University and MS/ MBA from California.

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Session III: Aid Effectiveness

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Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar,

Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs

Hina Rabbani Khar is Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs since 2008. Ms Hina got elected as Member of National Assembly (MNA) in 2008. She also served as Minister of State for Economic Affairs Division during 2004-2008. A businesswoman by profession, she graduated with a B.Sc. (Hons) from Lahore University of Management Sciences in 1999, and received her M.Sc. degree in Management from University of Massachusetts, U.S.A in 2001.



Mr. Rachid Benmessaoud

Country Director World Bank

Mr. Benmessaoud is Country Director World Bank, Pakistan. He joined the Bank in 1990 as an Energy Planner in the then Europe, Middle East and North Africa Vice Presidency. Since then, he has held various positions in the Bank, with his most recent assignment as Operations Adviser for India in the South Asia Region. Rachid Benmessaoud was the Operations Adviser for the World Bank in New Delhi. He is responsible for oversight of the World Bank's portfolio in India. Before joining the Delhi Office, Mr. Benmessaoud worked in energy, infrastructure, and municipal finance projects in the Middle East & North Africa and Europe & Central Asia Regions of the World Bank, Washington, DC. Mr. Benmessaoud holds a Doctor-Engineering Degree (France) and a Masters in Business Administration (USA).



Mr. Jordan Ryan

Assistant Secretary General, UNDP

Mr. Ryan currently serves as Assistant Administrator for the United Nations Development Programme at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. He also serves as Director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery. Prior to joining UNDP, he was in private practice as an attorney, both in California and New York, and as an international legal consultant in Asia and in the Middle East.



Mr. Ryan was also the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of the United Nations Mission in Liberia since 2006. His 20 years of experience with the UN includes serving at different capacities in developing countries and in post-crisis setting. Mr. Ryan obtained his J.D. from George Washington University and a M.A. from Columbia School of International and Public Affairs.

Mr. James Moran
Director for Asia, European Commission

James Moran has served as director for Asia, Directorate General for External Relations of the European Commission since 2006. He formerly headed the China and Southeast Asian units at the Commission. Since joining the European Commission in 1983, Mr. Moran has served in various posts in Brussels and was head EU Delegations in Ethiopia, Jamaica and Jordan, heading the latter two missions. His work on Asia includes the initiation of the July 2003 EU strategy for its ties with Southeast Asia and the production of the European Commission's September 2003, and October 2006 policy papers on EU-China relations. He was educated at Keele, Harvard and London Universities.



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Session IV: Closing Session

Mr. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi **Minister for Foreign Affairs**

An agriculturist by profession, Mr. Qureshi completed a B.A degree in 1978 from University of the Punjab followed by an M.A in 1983 from Cambridge University. During his political career, he has been elected MPA Punjab from 1985 to 1988, 1988 to 1990 and 1990 to 1993. He has also been elected Chairman, District Council Multan from 1987 to 1991, MNA from 1993 to 1996, and District Nazim Multan, from 2001 to 2002. He served as Provincial Minister of Finance, Punjab from 1990-1993 and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs from 1994-1996. He has also been associated with organizations such as Farmers Association Pakistan (FAP) in 1991, SOS in 1997 and Gymkhana Club in 1992.

