

4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

February 22-23, 2023

Nurturing for Transforming Lives: The Power of Early Childhood Development

Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex

Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Pakistan

DAY-1: WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 22, 2023

OPENING SESSION	
Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex	
08:30 (hrs)	Registration of participants
09:30	Guests to be seated
10:00	Arrival of the Chief Guest: Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed HEC Chairman
10:00	National Anthem
10:05	Recitation and Translation from the Holy Quran, Mr. Ibtisam Ur Rehman, AIOU
10:10	Welcome Address - Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice Chancellor Allama Iqbal Open University, AIOU
10:15	Objectives & Background of the International Conference on ECD - Ms. Khadija Khan, CEO of Pakistan Alliance for Early Childhood
10: 20	UNICEF Approach towards ECD Agenda in Pakistan – Abdullah Fadil - the Country Representative of UNICEF Pakistan
10:25	WHO Remarks– Dr.Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, the Country Representative and Head of Mission in Pakistan

10:35	Topic: Nurturing for Transforming Lives: The Power of Early Childhood Development Keynote Speaker: Arinna Dia, Associate Director, Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, Head Quarters
10:45	ECD Landscape and governance in Pakistan – Dr. Nazir Ahmed Chief Nutrition, SUN Focal Point from Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.
	Address by the Chief Guest
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Presentation of Shields ii. Group Photo iii. Expo Visit iv. Tea

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PLENARY-I: Prioritizing Investments in Early Childhood Development in a Changing World for Children: The Science and What Actions Work	
Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex	
Session Chair: Ms. Mehnaz Aziz, Convener of the Parliamentary Child Rights Caucus and Parliamentary Secretary Law and Justice National Assembly of Pakistan Moderator: Dr Saba Shuja, Manager ECD, UNICEF Rapporteur: Ms. Samina Ghafoor, ECD Consultant SUN Secretariate	
11:30	Rupani Foundations Initiatives for ECD in Pakistan – Mr. Syed Jalaludin, Global Director, Rupani Foundation
11:40	Topic: Prioritizing Investments in Early Childhood Development in a Changing World for Children: The Science and What Actions Work Keynote Presenter: Dr Saba Shuja, Manager ECD, UNICEF

11:55	Topic: Developmental Requirements of Children, Importance of 1st 1000 days for Child Development, Responsive Caregiving, Recognizing Danger Signs and Taking Timely Action Presenter: Professor Junaid Rasheed, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore
12:15	Topic: ECD in Emergencies – Virtual Presentation Presenter: Dr Bernadette Daelmans, WHO Geneva
12:30	Topic: Early Child Development; Identification of Developmental Delays & Intervention”: Prof. Dr. Shazia Maqbool, Professor Developmental Pediatrics, University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore
12:45	Topic: Impact of Floods on Early Childhood Development Presenter: Dr Salman Kirmani, MBBS, DABMGG, DABP Associate Professor & Chair, Division of Women & Child Health, The Aga Khan University
13:00	Q & A
13:20	Conclusion by the Chair
13:30	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair
13:50	Visit Early Childhood Development (ECD) Exhibition & Lunch

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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Session I: Good Health		Session II: Adequate Nutrition	Session III: Responsive Caregiving	Session IV: Responsive Caregiving
Venue: Room No. 107		Venue: Room No. 108	Venue: Room No. 109	Venue: Room No. 207
Session Chair: Dr. Samia Rizwan, UNICEF Moderator: Dr. Naeem Zafar, President PEHCHAAN Rapporteur: Ms. Samina Ghafoor		Session Chair: Mr. Anteneh Girma Minas, UNICEF Moderator: Mr. Baddar Uzaman Rapporteur: Dr. Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, AIOU	Session Chair: Ms. Ambreena Ahmed, Director, Teachers' Resource Center Moderator: Dr Rukhsana Durani, AIOU Rapporteur: Dr. Zafar Iqbal Lilah, AIOU	Session Chair: Professor Dr Shazia Maqbool Moderator: Dr Uzma Qudsia Rapporteur: Dr. Zaheer, AIOU
15:00	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator
15:10	Topic: Breast Feeding Practices and Knowledge in Semi-urban Area of Pakistan Presenter: Zernosh Sarwar- Children Hospital	Topic: Adaptation of mhGAP for Maternal Mental Health and Well-being: Foundation for better Child Development Presenter: Bushra Khan - (University of Karachi)	Topic: Transition Programme in Early Childhood Development Presenter: Saima Mazhar, AKESP	Topic: Study on Impact of Caregivers' Mental Health on Early Childhood Development across Different Communities in Pakistan Presenter: Hadiqa Qaisar
15:25	Topic: Impact of Screen Media Usage on Early Childhood Development Presenter: Kamila	Topic: Nutritional Outcomes in An Integrated Early Childhood Development Project in a Rural Area of	Topic: Awareness Campaign on Parental Training in Early Childhood Development and Care	Topic: The Basic Needs of Children According to UNCRC and its Comparison with Islam and Judaism.

	Iftikhar- Children hospital Lahore	District Peshawar, Pakistan Presenter: Dr Saeed Anwar- Peshawar Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan	Presenter: Imran Nazir and Hina Noor - Army Special Education Academy)	Presenter: Syed abdul Basit - International Islamic University Islamabad
15:40	Topic: The Relationship Between Teacher High Expectations and Student Learning. Presenter: Nuzhat Saadia Qureshi - PhD Scholar, AIOU		Topic: Parenting Practices and Aggression in Childhood Behavior Disorders Presenter: Fatima Rahman - University of Child Health Sciences, Children's Hospital Lahore	Topic: System analysis of Modern Maternal and child health care practices during Pregnancy – Presenter: Zainab Hassan, M.Phil student in Department of Anthropology at Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad
16:55	Topic: Risk Factors for Specific Language Delay In Children Presenter: Inbisat Ansari - The Children's hospital and UCHS, Lahore			
17:10	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A

17:20	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair
17:30	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair
TEA & NETWORKING				

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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Session I: Early Childhood Development in Emergencies		Session IV: Safety & Security	
Venue: Room No. 203		Venue: Room No. 205	
Session Chair: Dr Salman Kirmani Moderator: Mr. Jalal Hunzai, CEO Rupani Foundation Rapporteur: Dr. Muhammad Sami Ullah		Session Chair: Dr Shahzad Mithani, Child Protection Expert Moderator: Ms. Farzana, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Rapporteur: Dr. Hina Noor, AIOU	
15:00	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	
15:10	Topic: Challenges faced by Primary School Teachers during the COVID-19 period in District Attock	Topic: Technology is a tool for Learning: Voices of Teachers and Parents of Young Children	

	Presenter: Hajira Salam - M.Phil Education DNFCE AIOU	Presenter: Shahnaz Pirani - Head Start School System
15:25	Topic: Designing Activities for Moral and Physical Development in Early Childhood Education Classrooms Presenter: Aleena Ayub - Allama Iqbal Open University	Topic: Parental Emotional Abuse influencing Early Childhood Development Presenter: Mamonah Ambreen
15:40	Topic: Psychological Distress and Coping Strategies among Pregnant Women Presenter: Muhammad Omer Shehzad - Independent Researcher	
15:55	Q&A	Q&A
16:05	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair
16:30	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair

DAY-1: WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 22, 2023– CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Workshop I: Early Childhood Development in Emergencies	
Room No. 206	
Session Chair: Mr. Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Sr. Advisor, Allama Iqbal Open University Workshop Facilitator: Tabinda Jabeen Saira Shahab, Teachers Resource Center (TRC) Rapporteur: Dr. Farkhanda, AIOU	
15:00 – 16:30	Early Childhood Development in Emergencies
16:45	Q&A Session
16:55	Conclusion by the Chair
17:10	Presentation of Conference Shields to Workshop Facilitator and Chair

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Workshop II: Inclusion in Early Childhood Development	
Room No. 204	
Session Chair: Prof. Dr Humaira Bano, Chairperson/Director, Institute of Special Education, University of Punjab, Lahore Workshop Facilitator: Dr Kausar Waqar, Senior Instructor, AKU Rapporteur: Ms. Samina Ghafoor, Curriculum Expert and Teacher Trainer	
15:00 – 16:30	Topic: Inclusion in Early Childhood Development

16:45	Q&A Session
16:55	Conclusion by the Chair
17:10	Presentation of Conference Shields to Workshop Facilitator and Chair

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	PANEL DISCUSSION-II: Role of Distance and Non-Formal Education in Early Childhood Development	
	Venue: 104	
15:00-16:30	Session Chair: Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Ch. Chairman DNFCE Moderator: Dr. Naila Naseer, AIOU Rapporteur: Dr. Tahira Bibi, AIOU	
	Panelist 1	Mr. Abid Gill, JICA
	Panelist 2	Mr. Bilal Aziz, JICA
	Panelist 3	Dr. Muhammad Athar Hussain, AIOU

DAY-2: THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 23, 2023

PLENARY-II: Nurturing Care Framework - Plans, Advocacy, and Implementation in Pakistan- How this Compares with the Region, South Asia?

Venue: W.M. Zaki Auditorium, Academic Complex

Session Chair: Dr Baseer Achakzai, DG Health, Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination

Moderator: Anteneh Girma Minas, Chief Nutrition UNICEF

Rapporteur : Ms. Khadija Khan, CEO PAFEC

10:30	Keynote: Importance of Nurturing Care Framework – What is happening in relation to this in South Asia? Presenter: Mita Gupta - UNICEF Regional Advisor on ECD
10:45	Topics: Highest Prevalence of Maternal Depression in South Asia: An Overview of the Missing Links to Inform Child Development Strategies in Pakistan Presenter: Abdul Wahab Yousafzai, Prof. & Consultant of Psychiatry, Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad
11: 05	Topic: Positive Child Development and Strategies for Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing in the School Context – Virtual Presentation Presenter: Dr Eva Oberle, Assistant Professor at Human Early Learning Partnership in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia
11:25	Topic: “Education, not Discrimination: Learnings from Malawi’s inclusive Pre-schools Project” Virtual Presentation Presenter: Mr. Guy Le Fanu, Senior Global Technical Lead, Education at Sightsavers, UK
11:40	Topic: Programme Development (Key Family Care Practices) & Budget Allocation, Capacity Building, Resource mobilization, ECD data Collection and Management System Presenter: Mr. Badar Uzaman, Programme Policy Officer, SUN Secretariat, MoPDSI & Dr Saba Shuja, UNICEF

11:55	Topic: Save the Children Approaches to Early Childhood Development Presenter: Ms. Sehar Taimoor Khan, Education Advisor, Save the Children
12:15	Q&A
12: 25	Conclusion by the Chair
12:40	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair
12:50– 14:00	Poster Presentation & Lunch Break
Poster Presentation	
Venue: Corridor & Lobby 1st Floor	
Coordinator: Dr. Azhar Mumtaz Saddi, AIOU & Mr Arshad Mehmood Qamar Rapporteur: Hafiz Tahir Jamil AIOU	
1	Topic: Professional Development of ECD Teachers: Problem-Solving Teaching Method's Effect on Improvement of HOTs of ECD Teachers in Mathematics Presenter: Razzaq Ahmad
2	Topic: Effectiveness of Self-Regulation Training for the Treatment of Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Presenter: Iffat Nawaz Durrani, Allama Iqbal Open University; Hina Noor, AIOU; Shamaila Hamid Mahmud (AIOU Student)
3	Topic: Factors Affecting Teacher Retention and Turnover at ECE Level in Private Schools Presenter: Shagufta Ibad

4	Topic: Early Childhood Care and Education: A Comparative Study Regarding Access and Personality Development in Public and Private Schools of District Karak, Pakistan Presenter: Muhammad Kifayat Ullah Khan Khattak
5	Topic: Predicting Fathers' Participation and Involvement in Early Intervention and Daily Care of their Children with Deafness Presenter: Tehmina Ibad

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DAY 2: THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Session I: Early Learning & Development Opportunities	Session II: Early Learning & Development Opportunities	Session III: Early Learning & Development Opportunities	Session IV: Early Learning & Development Opportunities	Session V: Early Learning & Development Opportunities
Venue: Room No. 204	Venue: Room No.107	Venue: Room No. 108	Venue: Room No. 109	Venue: Room No. 206
Session Chair: Ms. Iza World Bank Moderator: Erum Burki Rapporteur Dr. Aftab Ahmed, AIOU	Session Chair: Dr Sughra Chaudhry Khan Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal Mir ,AIOU Rapporteur: Ms. Shafia Rafique, Principal, Little	Session Chair: Dr Shahzad Mithani Moderator: Dr. Tanveer Afzal, AIOU Rapporteur: Ms. Samina Ghafoor, SUN Secretariat	Session Chair: Dr Batool Atta, Assistant Prof, University of AJ&K Moderator: Mr. Syed Jalaluddin Shah, Global Director, Rupani Foundation Rapporteur: Dr. Tooba Saleem	Session Chair: Prof. Dr Tanzela Nabeel Moderator: Dr Munnaza Ambreen, AIOU Rapporteur: Dr. Sidra Rizwan, AIOU

		Fellows Day Care			
14:00	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator	Opening of Session by Moderator
14:10	Topic: The Lens Behind the Semblance of Parents: Sifting Parental Involvement from the Formation Years of Juveniles Care and Education Presenter: Romela Zaynab - Iqra University	Topic: Mothers' Experiences of Applying into their Caregiving Practices ECD Knowledge Learned through Midwife Counselling Sessions Presenter: Uzm a Hussain- Aga Khan University, Karachi	Topic: The View of Preschool Teachers about Creating Learning Environment in Classrooms Presenter: Salma Abdul Qayyum - AIOU	Topic: Development of Skills at Preoperational Stage; A Comparative Study on Cognitive Development of Urban and Rural School Children Presenter: Arshad Mehmood Qamar - AIOU	Topic: An Exploration of Parents' Experiences With Early Childhood Education In Pre Schools Presenter: Alia Bibi - Allama iqbal open university
14:25	Topic: Support for Early Educator Development (SEED): Building Foundations for Learner-centered Early Education, a Video-based Resource for	Topic: Effect of Communicative Approach on paragraph writing in English among Early Graders	Topic: Promoting Playful and Positive Parenting in Nurturing Children: Teachers and Parents' Perspectives Presenter: Haseena	Topic: A survey of Early Childhood Development and Pedagogical Skills for ECE Workers Presenter: Dr. Rahmat Ullah Bhatti - Allama Iqbal	

	Teachers in low-resource Contexts. Presenter: Marvi Soomro - Innovate Educate & Inspire (IEI) Pakistan	Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Samiullah - ECE&ETED AIOU Islamabad	Malik - Independent Researcher	Open University Islamabad	
15:10	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A		
15:20	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair	Conclusion by the Session Chair		
15:30	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Cha3ir	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair	Presentation of Conference Shields to Speakers and Chair		

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Online Sessions (All Subthemes)

Room No: 110

Session Chair: Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Ch. AIOU

Moderator: Mr. Hamid Nadeem, AIOU

Rapporteur: Dr. Sarwat Maqbool, AIOU

	DAY 2: THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 23, 2023	
	PANEL DISCUSSION-I: Role of AIOU in Early Childhood Development	
	Venue: Room 104	
14:00-15:30	Session Chair: Dr. Fazal ur Rehman, AIOU Moderator: Dr. Mubeshra Tufail, AIOU Rapporteur: Dr. Muhammad Sami Ullah, AIOU	
	Panelist 1	Dr. Rehmatullah Bhatti, AIOU
	Panelist 2	Dr. Nasir Hussain Shah, AIOU
	Panelist 3	Dr. Rukhsana Durrani, AIOU

DAY-2: THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 23, 2023– CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Workshop I: Impact of Play-based Learning on Child Development	
Room No. 205	
Session Chair: Dr Haji Parveen, General Manager Design and Strategy Human Development Foundation Workshop Facilitator: Ms. Lala Rukh, Right to Play Rapporteur: Dr. Azhar Majeed Qureshi, AIOU	
14:00	Impact of Play-based Learning on Child Development

15:10	Q&A Session
15:20	Conclusion by the Chair
15:30	Presentation of Conference Shields to Workshop Facilitator and Chair

DAY - 2: FEBRUARY 23, 2023	
CLOSING SESSION	
Venue: Main Auditorium, VC Secretariat, AIOU	
15:50	Guests to be seated
16:15	Arrival of the Chief Guest
16:15	National Anthem
16:20	Recitation and Translation from the Holy Quran
16:25	Welcome Note: Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice Chancellor Allama Iqbal Open University, AIOU
16:30	Reflection on the Conference - Mr. Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Sr. Advisor, AIOU
16:35	Conference Findings, Recommendations, and Way forward - Dr.Saba Shuja, Manager ECD, UNICEF & Mr. Badar Uzaman, Programme Policy Officer, MoPDSI

16:45	Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. Aamir Ashraf Khawaja, Federal Secretary Education, and Professional Training
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Presentation of the shieldsii. Group photoiii. Tea