

February 1, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend the CSocD54 Side Event [“Rethinking Social Development through Partnerships in Pakistan”](#) on February 5, 2016 @ 3pm at the UNHQ Conference Room E. *Due to security restrictions only those who are registered for the conference or have a UN Badge will be able to attend.*

Through this event, **Family Education Services Foundation (FESF) & American Pakistan Foundation (APF)** are excited to highlight social development initiatives of NGOs based in Pakistan in accordance to the UN Global Goals. This event is part of a series of events taking place in both Pakistan and the United States. These include:

- Youth Round Table Discussion hosted by Pakistanis 4 Social Change in at SUNY Stony Brook, New York
- UN Global Goals Discussion at the MUNIK VII hosted by NOWPDP in Karachi, Pakistan
- Youth Round Table Discussion on Development and Global Goals hosted by Youth Advocacy Network in Lahore, Pakistan

An outcome document will combine the joint recommendations of participant NGOs from these events for the UN and other affiliate entities as a post-session document and action plan via Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in accordance to Article 71 of the UN Charter (ECOSOC resolution 1996/31).

Panelists:

1. Ibrahim Khan, Representative of Deaf Reach – Deaf Reach Schools and Training Centers provide free education and vocational training to deaf children and youth.
2. Dr. Iffat Zafar, Co-Founder of doctHERs- doctHERs is a marketplace that connects female doctors to millions of underserved patients in real time while leveraging online technology.
3. Zulfi Jafri, Representative of NAYA JEEVAN – Naya Jeevan seeks to alleviate poverty in the emerging world by providing low-income families with affordable access to quality healthcare.
4. Todd Shea, Founder of CDRS – Comprehensive Disaster Response Service provides disaster relief and social welfare work in AJK and Pakistan.

Featuring Educational NGOs TCF and DIL (via video) that are educating thousands of students in Pakistan.

Moderator: Aameena Zia, Adjunct Professor at the City University of New York & the UN Consultant for American Pakistan Foundation.

About the Organizer:

In 2015 APF@UN was launched as an initiative of the American Pakistan Foundation (APF), in collaboration with the **Family Education Services Foundation (FESF)**, to serve as a multi-stakeholder in accordance with the UN Charter Article 71 which regulates consultative status between Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and NGOs.

This consortium of social development representation of Pakistan civil society (NGOs) is the first of its kind. APF@UN aims to bridge the information gap between Pakistan NGOs and the international development framework; works to connect the international development framework with specific targets of successes on the grassroots level in Pakistan; and works to ensure sustainable development in Pakistan through its multi-stakeholder approach to partnership.

For questions or comments please contact APF@UN at un@americanpakistan.org.

Your RSVP is requested & we look forward to seeing you Feb. 5th.

Sincerely,

The APF@UN Team



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