

REGIONAL INCLUSIVE JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM-SOUTH ASIA
ISLAMABAD SERENA HOTEL, JUNE 28-29, 2024

AGENDA:

FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE 2024- (SHEESH MAHAL, ISLAMABAD SERENA HOTEL)	
SYMPOSIUM DAY-1	
<i>Coordinator: Ms. Shazia Munawar, Faculty Member, Federal Judicial Academy</i>	
INAUGURAL SESSION	
09:30-10:00	- Arrival of Delegates and Registration
10:00-10:05	- National Anthem
10:05-10:10	- Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
10:10-10:15	- Welcome Address <i>Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, Director-General, Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad</i>
10:15-10:20	- Opening Remarks <i>Mr. Lansana Wonneh, Country Representative (ai) UN Women Pakistan</i>
10:20-11:00	- Inaugural Speech -Setting the Tone <i>Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan</i>
11:00-11:30	Tea Break
SESSION-I EXPANDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS THROUGH JUDICIAL JURISPRUDENCE	
The authors of Study commissioned by UN Women-Pakistan with funding from European Union on "Expanding Women's Rights through Judicial Jurisprudence" will discuss key findings, focusing on Superior Courts' judgements in Pakistan related to rape, women's inheritance rights, domestic violence, and child marriages. Panelists will offer practical solutions, comparative analysis, and policy recommendations to address procedural gaps, safety net deficiencies, perceptual barriers, and the impact of gender-sensitive legal interpretations. They will focus insights from Nepal's judicial experiences, challenges and progress in Pakistan, a global perspective on gender justice, and a policy-oriented viewpoint on enhancing legal protections for women and children.	
11:30-11:35	Launch of Study commissioned by UN Women-Pakistan with funding from European Union on "Expanding Women's Rights through Judicial Jurisprudence".
11:35-12:00	Authors Response on "Key findings of Study" about; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rape - Women's Inheritance Rights - Domestic Violence - Child Marriages Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Samza Fatima, BZU, Multan 2. Dr. Muhammad Raheem Awan, DG, LAJA
12:00-12:10	Wrapping up Discussion M. Younas Khalid, Team Leader, RoL and Governance, UN Women
12:10-13:10	" Key Highlights of the Study-the Experts Perspective" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Procedural Lacunas b. Lack of Safety Nets c. Perceptual Barriers d. Impact of Gender Sensitive Legal Interpretations

	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION-I</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shazia Munawar, Faculty Member, FJA</p> <p>Panelists: 1. Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla, Supreme Court of Nepal 2. Justice Dr. Khurshid Iqbal, Peshawar High Court 3. Justice Sana Akram Minhas, High Court of Sindh 4. Dr. Zarizana Abdul Aziz, Gender Expert 5. Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq, NCRC</p>
13:10-13:15	Session Takeaways- Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Faculty Member, FJA
13:15-14:15	Lunch Break
SESSION-II ENSURING REPRESENTATION FOR INCLUSIVE JUSTICE	
<p>The Panel will focus on identifying practical strategies, successful models, and recommendations to create a more inclusive and representative judicial system. It will provide expert insights on ensuring meaningful inclusivity and representation in the judiciary, addressing institutional challenges, socio-economic disparities, barriers to justice, and women's leadership roles in judiciary. Particular focus would be on Thailand's approach to judicial inclusivity, institutional challenges and progress made in Pakistan, experiences from the Philippines on overcoming socio-economic disparities and improving representation at various levels and highlighting perspectives on systems response to new entrant's accessibility and acceptability.</p>	
14:15-14:30	<p>Plenary Address by <i>Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan</i></p>
14:30-15:30	<p>“Navigating Meaningful Inclusivity: Ensuring Representation”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Institutional Challenges b. Socio-economic Disparities c. Barriers in Access to Justice d. Women's Representation in Judicial Leadership Roles <p>PANEL DISCUSSION-II</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Hina Muzaffar, AD&SJ, LHC</p> <p>Panelists: 1. Justice Suntariya Muanpawong, Appeal Court, Thailand 2. Justice Omar Sial, High Court of Sindh 3. Justice Muhammad Aamir Nawaz Rana, Judge, HCB 4. Judge Maria Josefina San Juan Torres, Trial Court, Philippines 5. Ms. Nida Usman Chaudhary, Women in Law Initiative 6. Ms. Rida Hosain, FGE-EH Law Firm</p>
15:30-15:35	Session Takeaways- Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Faculty Member, FJA
15:35	Concluding Tea
<p>29TH JUNE 2024- (SHAMADAN HALL, ISLAMABAD SERENA HOTEL)</p> <p>SYMPOSIUM DAY-2</p> <p><i>Coordinator: Ms. Shazia Munawar, Faculty Member, Federal Judicial Academy</i></p>	
SESSION-III PRO-INCLUSIVITY STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS	
<p>The Panel will provide a comprehensive overview of successful strategies, identify areas for improvement, and propose actionable recommendations to enhance inclusivity through structural interventions. The discussion will cover the effectiveness of legal frameworks, enhancement of institutional capacities, and the importance of changing mindsets. It will focus reforms in the Maldivian judiciary, the current reforms and challenges in Pakistan, insights on India's legal</p>	

frameworks and institutional capacities, inclusivity efforts and challenges in Bangladesh, and how mindset changes within judicial and institutional frameworks can foster inclusivity in Pakistan.	
10:00-10:15	<p>“Fostering Inclusivity through Structural Interventions”</p> <p>Keynote Address by <i>Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan</i></p>
10:15-11:20	<p>“Promising Practices for Meaningful Inclusivity: The Structural Interventions”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Legal Frameworks</i> b. <i>Institutional Capacities</i> c. <i>Changing the Mindset</i> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION-III</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shazia Munawar, Faculty Member, FJA</p> <p>Panelists: 1. Justice Aisha Shujune Muhammad, Supreme Court of Maldives 2. Justice Aalia Neelum, Judge, Lahore High Court 3. Ms. Madhu Mehra, PLD, India (via Zoom) 4. Ms. Kamrun Nahar, Naripokkho, Bangladesh (via Zoom) 5. Ms. Fouzia Viqar, FOSPAH 6. Ms. Wadeya Mushtaq Malik, AD&SJ, PHC</p>
11:20-11:30	Session Takeaways- Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Faculty Member, FJA
11:30-12:00	Tea Break
SESSION-IV ENSURING INCLUSIVITY THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING	
<p>The Panel discussion will aim to highlight successful examples, identify areas for improvement, and propose strategies to empower women in the judiciary through comprehensive capacity enhancement efforts. It will share insights on enhancing judicial capacity with a focus on gender fair language, training opportunities, research endeavors, and international collaboration. Particular focus would be on the implementation and impact of gender fair language within the judiciary, perspectives from Sri Lanka on the importance of judicial training and capacity building, experiences from India on fostering research initiatives and promoting international collaboration to enhance inclusivity and academicians/faculty view on how capacity enhancement pursuits can foster inclusivity.</p>	
12:00-13:10	<p>"Empowerment through Capacity Enhancement”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Gender Inclusive Language</i> b. <i>Training Opportunities</i> c. <i>Research on Language and Gender</i> d. <i>International Collaboration</i> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION-IV</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Muhammad Amir Munir, Faculty Member, FJA</p> <p>Panelists: 1. Justice Shiranee Tilakawardane, Former Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka (Via Zoom) 2. Justice Saman Rafat Imtiaz, Islamabad High Court 3. Dr. Sadaf Aziz, LUMS, Lahore 4. Ms. Munaza Hasan Nasir, Lahore School of Economics 5. Ms. Marva Khan Cheema, LUMS, Lahore</p>
13:10-13:15	Session Takeaways- Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Faculty Member, FJA
13:15-14:15	Lunch Break

SESSION-V	
14:15-14:25	- Inclusive Justice: Carving Future from Existing Opportunities <i>Ms. Sharmeela Rasool, Country Representative, UN Women Pakistan</i>
14:25-14:35	- EU Support for Rule of Law and Promoting Women Access to Justice in the Region <i>Dr. Riina Kionka, European Union Ambassador to Pakistan</i>
14:35-14:45	- UN Commitment to Justice-Where do we need a leap <i>Mr. Mohamed Yahya, UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan</i>
14:45-15:00	- Distinguished Address by <i>Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, the Chief Justice of Pakistan</i>
15:00-15:15	Souvenirs/Acknowledgements
15:15-15:30	Vote of Thanks and Closing <i>Director-General, Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad</i>
15:30	Concluding Hi-Tea