

## **The Conference.**

AGEHI Resource Center- SACHET is privileged to host an International Conference on "Youth and Promotion of Human Development *Investing in Future.*" This unique event aims to bring together a sizeable number i.e. 150 to 200 people from diverse backgrounds, relevant to youth and development, for 3 days in August (10 to 12 Aug) 2003 to share aspirations, perceptions and planning for the future in particular reference to their respective societies.

Youth, being a vibrant segment of any society, is an important human resource responsible for socio-economic development and technological advancements in today's information and knowledge led world. The aspirations and energies of young people for participation in societal life are high but they face the challenges of denial of existence and creation of new opportunities.

Taking cognizance of the fact that there is a lack of opportunities for youth to express themselves, a marked absence of research on youth issues and policy guide lines for youth development, we at SACHET (Society for the Advancement of Community, Health, Education and Training) planned this event as a Communication Project of our Training Program. AGEHI Resource Center, the technical wing of SACHET, is implementing this Project.

## **Themes of the Conference**

The Conference on Youth and Promotion of Human Development will seek to include discussions on various issues and processes related to the following sub themes:

- Peace
- Poverty
- Gender
- Media

## **Target Audience**

While keeping its focus on youth, the Conference aims to provide a meeting ground for age groups falling between 8 to 40 years of age including youth, youth activists, youth leaders, professionals, scholars, civic entrepreneurs, policy makers and researchers to share their knowledge, experiences and insights.

## **Aim and Objectives**

The International Conference on "Youth & Promotion of Human Development" is being organized with an aim of "Investing in Future" i.e. youth.

The objectives of this Conference are:

- To identify the visibility of youth in different dimensions of the process of human development
- To provide a platform to youth to express themselves on various human development concerns
- To determine the role of youth in the process of human development
- To promote knowledge related to information required for consciousness raising, advocacy, training, education and research, decision and policy
- To recommend realistic suggestions for incorporation in Youth policy human development concerns.

## **Expectations**

- Quality research work
- Pool of realistic recommendations
- Determination of youth role in human development
- A resource for youth policy guidelines
- Youth Advocacy Network

## **Sessions**

The 3-day Conference has been divided into different sessions including

- Inaugural session
- Research paper presentation sessions,
- Panel discussion sessions,

- Theatre performance sessions,
- Exhibitions of posters, Educational material/Videos, traditional crafts and IT products/services,
- Concluding session
- Cultural Evening cum Dinner

## **Organizing Team**

- Dr Rakhshinda Perveen, (Founder Executive Director-SACHET)
- Mr. Saleemullah Baig, (Officer Incharge, AGEHI Resource Center)
- Mr Wasiq Mehmood Khan, (Communication Officer)

## **SACHET**

SACHET (Society for the Advancement of Community, Health, Education and Training) is a gender sensitive, environment friendly and youth responsive organization registered as a Voluntary Organization since May 1999.

It is an advocacy and service delivery organization meant for promotion of human development with gender perspectives.

For details visit SACHET website [www.sachet.org.pk](http://www.sachet.org.pk)

## **AGEHI Resource Center-SACHET (2000)**

AGEHI Resource Center, the training and research Resource Center was founded by Dr. Rakhshinda Perveen, Executive Vice President SACHET who is a public health specialist and a civic entrepreneur.

AGEHI an Urdu word bearing meanings like Knowledge, Awareness, Perception and Insight, is the technical wing of SACHET. It is meant to Advocate for Gender Sensitization, Education and Health Promotion by disseminating Information, Networking, Research and Capacity Building.

AGEHI Resource Center informs policy makers, educators, media, concerned citizens, civil society representatives, students, young professionals, researchers and program managers working in the areas of Gender, Education & Health throughout the country through a broad range of activities.

AGEHI Resource Center is working on different types of projects including advocacy, Communication and research

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## **SACHET & YOUTH**

SACHET & Youth-the strategic relationship stems from the very realization on part of SACHET that young people are a major force in the contemporary world. They are key agents for socio economic change in the societal life and investing into this future leadership is to ensure a better and prosperous future.

Comprising a young and vibrant team with average age being 25, SACHET through its programs and policies, has truly remained a youth friendly organization, The foremost challenge for SACHET's young team has been the creation of an enabling environment for youth that could stimulate their imagination, help them build ideals and shape their visions for the days to come. Training Program of SACHET with its aim of "Investing in Future" focuses on creation of such an enabling environment. Thematic areas of different programs, projects and initiatives of SACHET are given below

- Gender
- Education
- Communication
- ICTs (Information & Communication Technologies)
- Sexual & Reproductive Health

## **Approach**

- Advocacy
- Training
- Communication
- Research
- Service Delivery



# Program

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003 (Day 0)

6:00 pm to 7:00      Arrivals  
Reception

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2003 (Day 1)

8:30 am      Registration

9:00 am to 11:00 am      **Inaugural Session**

- Welcome & Introductory Remarks by  
Dr Rakhshinda Perveen,  
*Founder Executive Director SACHET*
- Key note address by Ms Najma Sadeque
- Theatre Performance by Hunerkada-Islamabad
- Remarks by the Chief Guest: Mrs Nilofar Bakhtiar  
*Advisor to the Prime Minister*

11:00 am to 11:30 am      **Refreshments**

11:30 am to 1:00 pm      **Poverty-Panel Discussion**

Chair: Mr. Javed Iqbal  
Chief Executive Officer, Thread Net Hunza  
(NGO)

## **Panelists**

- Dr Arif Mehmood
- Prof Amanullah Khan
- Mr. Inam Ellahi

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm      **Poster Exhibition**

*Chief Guest: Mr. Gayan Chand Singh, MNA*  
**Lunch**

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm      **Gender-Panel Discussion**

**Chair:** Dr Humala Khalid  
*Consultant UNESCO-Pakistan*

## **Panelists**

- Dr. Farah Mufty
- Ms Naheeda Mehboob Elahi
- Dr Noman Sattar
- Dr Talat Jabeen
- Mr. Zubair Faisal Abbasi

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm      **Refreshments**

**Free Evening**

Monday, August 11, 03 (Day 2)

9:00 am to 10:30 am      **Special Session on FAD**

(Fight Against Dowry- Jahez Ke Khilaf Jang)  
A project cum social movement

**Chief Guest:** Ms Asia Azeem, MNA

**Chair:** Ms. Shabnam Shakeel

- ✓ Presentation on FAD (Fight Against Dowry)  
by Dr Rakhshinda Perveen

10: 30 am to 11:00 am      **Refreshments**



11:00 12:30 pm

### **Research Papers Presentation Session-I**

Chair: Mr. Shahab Khawaja

*Additional Secretary Ministry of Population Welfare-  
Govt. of Pakistan*

- ✓ Women's Empowerment & Education  
(Jamshoro/Sindh, Pakistan by Dr S. K Kamrani)
- ✓ Investing in adolescents, an informed effort for  
information, education & communication  
(Karachi/Sindh Pakistan by Mr. Imran Arain &  
Nayab Burney)
- ✓ Determinants of Youth Development in Pakistan  
(Islamabad/Pakistan by Ms Azeema Faizunissa &  
Atif Ikram Butt)
- ✓ Understand Youth-A Case Study of Youth Help  
Line (Islamabad/Pakistan By Ms Anoshey Nazir)
- ✓ Gender & IT (Information Technology)  
(Islamabad/Pakistan by Ms Shazia Haris)

12:30 pm

### **Crafts/Videos Exhibition**

Chief Guest: Ch. Khalid Latif,

*Secretary Ministry of Minorities, Culture, Sports,  
Tourism & Youth Affairs*

1:00 pm

### **Lunch**

4:30 to 6:30

### **Peace-Panel Discussion Session**

Chair: Dr Inayatullah

*Council of Social Sciences*

#### **Panelists**

- Ms Farzana Naushab
- Ms Fauzia Minallah
- Mr. Jamal Shah
- Syed Muhammad Anwar

Tuesday, August 12, 03 (Day 3)

9:00 am to 10:30 am

### **Research Papers Presentation Session-II**

Chair: Dr. Arjumand Faisal

- ✓ Human Resource Development Needs in  
Pakistan, special reference to Balochistan,  
Issues & Challenges (Quetta/Balochistan,  
Pakistan by Dr Shafiq ur Rehman)
- ✓ ICTs & Youth: Challenges for transformation into a  
knowledge based society and a smart generation  
(Malaysia by Ms Seema Abdullah)
- ✓ Youth: Empowerment, through participation  
(Lahore/Punjab, Pakistan by Mr. Ali Salman)
- ✓ Gender Bias in education: when will we break the  
jinx? (India by Ms Geeta Sharma)

10:30 am to 11:00 am

### **IT Exhibition**

Chief Guest: Dr Junaid Zaidi

*Rector COMSATS Institute of Information  
Technology*

### **Refreshments**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm **Two parallel sessions**





### Media-Panel Discussion Session

Chair: Ms Humaira Awais Shahid,  
Member Provincial Assembly (Punjab)

#### Panelists:

- Mr. Kaleem Ahsan
- Ms Nabahat Shireen
- Ms Nargis Zaidi
- Mr. Zahir Shah

### Gender-Panel Discussion Session

Chair Dr. Habib Khan  
Director General,  
Academy of Educational Planning & Management,  
Ministry of Education

#### Panelists:

- Mr. Arif Mehmood
- Ms Mominah Mehmood
- Mr. Qindeel Shujaat

### Lunch

### Concluding Session

- Comments/Views by young people
- Wrap up by Dr. Rakhshinda Perveen
- Remarks By Dr A. Q Khan (NI & Bar, HI)  
President SACHET
- Prize Distribution & Address By  
Chief Guest: Mr Rais Munir Ahmed,  
Minister for Minorities, Culture, Sports, Tourism &  
Youth Affairs
- Theatre Performance  
By PAVHNA Peer Educators Group
- Vote of thanks by Mr. Muhammad Faheem  
Secretary General SACHET
- Refreshments

### Cultural Evening

- Music Performance
- Theatre Performance
- Dinner

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(Aug 10 - 12, 2003)



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## بین الاقوامی کانفرنس ”نوجوان اور انسانی ترقی میں اضافہ“ مستقبل میں سرمایہ کاری

سائے کے آگہی ریسورس مرکز نے 10 تا 12 اگست 2003ء ”نوجوان اور انسانی ترقی میں اضافہ“ مستقبل میں سرمایہ کاری کے عنوان سے ایک تین روزہ کانفرنس کا انعقاد کیا ہے۔ جس میں 40 تا 8 سال کی عمر کے افراد حصہ لے سکتے ہیں۔ کانفرنس میں منتخب موضوعات پر مقالے پڑھے جائیں گے اور مذاکرے ہوں گے۔ نیز اس میں تھیٹر پرفارمنس بھی پیش کی جائیں گی۔ سکول اور کالج کے طالب علموں کے لئے اس کانفرنس میں خصوصی تصویری مقابلوں کا اہتمام بھی کیا گیا ہے۔ کانفرنس اور ان مقابلوں میں وہ نوجوان بھی حصہ لے سکتے ہیں جو سکول اور کالج کی تعلیم سے فراغت پا چکے ہیں۔