

## **Dr. Sania Nishtar**

Dr. Sania Nishtar is the internationally acclaimed Pakistani physician and public health expert. She currently co-chairs WHO's High-Level Commission on Non-communicable diseases alongwith the presidents of Uruguay, Finland and Sri-Lanka. She also co-chairs the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the future of healthcare and the U.S National Academy of Sciences Global Study on the Quality of Healthcare in low and middle-income countries. In addition, she also chairs the United Nations International Institute for Global Health's Advisory Committee. She is the founder and president of the NGO Heartfile in Pakistan and has previously served as a federal minister in the Pakistan government in 2013. She was Pakistan's nominee for director-general of the World Health Organisation in 2017 and was in the final shortlist of three. Earlier she was also founding Chair of the UN Secretary General's Independent Accountability Panel for Women's and Children's health and chaired WHO's Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity. She has received many international awards for her work and is widely published. Sania Nishtar graduated from Khyber Medical University as the best graduate in 1986. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and took a Ph.D at Kings College London.