

Senator Dr. Sania Nishtar

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Professional qualifications

- D.Sc, Kings College, London, 2019
- FRCP, Fellow of Royal College of Physicians of London, 2005
- Ph.D, Medicine, Kings College London, 2002
- MRCP (UK), Member Royal College of Physicians of London, 1996
- MCPS, Member College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan, 1991
- MBBS, Khyber Medical College Peshawar, 1986. Best graduate of the year with 16 distinctions and gold medals

Current role

- Member of the Senate of Pakistan

Immediate past role (November 2018-April 2022)

- Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation, Federal Minister, Government of Pakistan
- Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Program, Pakistan

Professional experience: a snapshot

Government of Pakistan:

In her role as Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation with the status of Federal Minister (October 2018-April 2022), she was responsible for designing and rolling out the largest social protection program in Pakistan's history, Ehsaas, which was widely acclaimed internationally and reached out to 15 million households. During her 3-and-a-half-year tenure she executed a budget of over 700 billion PKR and spearheaded wide-ranging integrity-building reform. She was also the Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Program during that time.

Sania Nishtar also served as Federal minister in the 2013 Pakistan Caretaker government; during her stint spanning 2 months, she was instrumental in re-establishing Pakistan's Ministry of Health and undertook the widely acclaimed accountability approach to working with the government, through publication of the 'Handover Papers'. Following her stint, she was the featured personality on anti-corruption day in 2013 by the Asian Development Bank.

Before 2013 and in her civil society role, she engaged with government as member of national commissions, restructuring committees and judicial commissions tasked with complex problem solving; she contributed time *pro bono* to write strategies and reform plans and served as member of public sector boards. She is the author of Pakistan's first health reform plan, Pakistan's first compendium of health statistics, and the

country's first national public health plan for Non- Communicable Diseases.

International system:

Dr. Nishtar is former Chair of several multilateral initiatives: WHO's High-Level Commission on Non-communicable diseases; WEF's Global Agenda Council on the Future of Healthcare; U.S National Academy of Sciences Global Study on the Quality of Healthcare in LMICs; UN International Institute for Global Health's Advisory Committee; UN Secretary General's Independent Accountability Panel for Women's and Children's health and WHO's Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity. She also served as a member of Federal Government of Germany's International Advisory Board on Global Health charged with the role of establishing a new global health strategy. In 2015 she was Pakistan's candidate for the position of UNHCR. In 2017, she was Pakistan's nominee for Director-General of the World Health Organisation and was in the final shortlist of three.

She is well known for thought leadership in global health. She has attended over 200 major international conferences, consultations and convenings over the last 15 years as invited expert, chair, moderator, resource person, speaker, and keynote speaker.

Founding institutions and civil society experience: Sania has experience building institutions from scratch; she founded the NGO think tank Heartfile, which served as a powerful voice for health reform in Pakistan while she led it; she designed and deployed Heartfile Health Financing, a fund-based health financing solution, based on which she received the Global Innovation Award by the Rockefeller Foundation in 2011;

Research, intellectual and academic pursuits and thought leadership: Sania Nishtar deeply engaged in global health by being part of global commissions, contributing intellectually in areas spanning health systems, non-communicable diseases, and governance. She is extensively published, with six books and monographs, more than 120 publications in peer reviewed journals including The Lancet and British Medical Journal and led the Pakistan Lancet Series on health reform. Served as Co-chair of NASEM's Study on the Quality of healthcare in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. She has been an Op-ed contributor in The News International, Huffington Post, Wall Street Journal, Guardian and Project Syndicate on matters relevant to health and governance. Her book, Choked Pipes, (Oxford University Press, 2010) is a post-graduate text book and has been the subject of a documentary by an award winning British filmmaker. She has been a member of Advisory Boards of many international journals; has served as expert at the National School of Public Policy, Pakistan; Pakistan Administrative Staff College, National Management College, National Defence University and other academic institutes in Pakistan and internationally.

Sania also worked as a **Physician cardiologist** (1990-2000); She was principal Investigator of the first case control study on coronary risk factors in Pakistan (1996).

Peace building: she has been involved with several peace building initiatives, using health as an entry point

Details about professional experience and assignments

Government of Pakistan

- Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection, Federal Minister, Government of Pakistan (May 2019- April 2022)
- Chair, Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council, Pakistan (Jan 2019-April 2022)
- Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Program, Pakistan (Oct 2018-April 2022)
- Federal Minister, Government of Pakistan (portfolios: Education and Training, Science and Technology, Information Technology and Telecommunications, Health, (2013)
- Official Government of Pakistan Candidate for World Health Organization Director General, (was shortlisted amongst the 3 finalists, 2017)
- Official Government of Pakistan Candidate, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2015)
- Member, National Commission on Science and Technology (2014-present)
- Member Board of Governors, Benazir Income Support Program (2014-present)
- Member, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (2016-present)
- Member, High Court of Pakistan's Commission on Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (2015)
- Chair, Ministry of Finance's Task Force on Strengthening Social Safety Net Institutions (2014-2015)
- Member, Economic Advisory Council, Ministry of Finance (2014-present)
- Member Advisory Committee, Planning Commission (2014-present)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Federal Tax Ombudsman (2014-present)
- Member Board of Directors, Infrastructure Project Development Facility, Ministry of Finance (2006-2009)
- Member Health Committee, National Commission on Government Reforms (2006-07)
- Visiting faculty, National School of Public Policy, Pakistan Administrative Staff College, National Management College; current senate member of the National Defence University and formerly, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

United Nations

- Member, United Nations' Global Alliance for Poverty Reduction (2020-)
- Chair, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (2016-ongoing)
- Chair, UN Secretary General's Independent Accountability Panel for the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2015-2016); stepped down after announcement of WHO DG candidacy to avoid perception of conflict of interest
- World Health Organization
 - Former Co-chair, WHO High-Level Independent Commission on Non- communicable diseases (2017-2019)
 - Official Government of Pakistan Candidate for World Health

Organization Director General, (was shortlisted amongst the 3 finalists, 2017)

- Co-Chair, WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity (2014-2016)
- Member, WHO expert review group on an integrated response to mental health and other chronic diseases (2013-present)
- Member Advisory Group, WHO Health Systems Research Strategy (2013)
- Member, WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Health Promotion (2008-2013)
- Board Member, [WHO's] Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, (2008-2014)
- Member, WHO's Strategic Advisory Committee for Stewardship on Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty (2009)
- Member, WHO Consortium on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives (2008-2009)
- Member, WHO Director General's Expert Working Group on R&D and Financing (2008-2009)
- Member, WHO Director General's High-Level Task Force on Health Systems (2008)
- Member, WHO's Steering Committee, Mega Country Network on Health Promotion (2003-2004)
- Served as Temporary Advisor on numerous occasions
- WHO Conferences
 - Member, Senator Group, WHO NCDs Ashgabat European Ministerial Conference (2013)
 - Council of Deans; First and Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (2011 and 2012)
 - Member, WHO's International Steering Committee, First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCDs (2011)
 - Chair, Drafting Committee, WHO's Venice Statement on Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems (2009)
 - Member, Programme Committee, WHO Global Forum IV (2004)
- WHO Regional Office (WHO EMRO)
 - Member, Network of Health System Experts (2013-present)
 - Member, Regional Director's Technical Advisory Committee (2013)
 - International Advisory Panel, Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal (2013-present)
 - Founder and author, National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion, Pakistan. Tripartite Heartfile-Ministry of Health-WHO partnership (2003)

World Economic Forum

- Co-chair, World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of Health and Healthcare (2015-2016)
- Trustee, Future of Health Global Challenge initiative, World Economic Forum (2016)
- Member, World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council (2007-2021))

Other international organisations

- Independent Member, GAVI Board (2015-2016)
- Chair, GAVI's Independent Evaluation Committee (2011-2014)
- Member, NCD Alliance Expert Advisory Council (2014-present)
- Member, Stockholm Resilience Centre, The EAT-Lancet Commission, (2016-present)
- Member, The Lancet and Rockefeller Foundation Commission on Planetary Health (2014-present)
- Member, The Lancet and Harvard Commission on Pain and Palliative Care (2014-present)
- Lead, Pakistan Lancet Series, Health Transitions in Pakistan, (2010-2013)
- Member Steering Committee, the Emerging Markets Symposium, Green Templeton College, Oxford University (2014-present)
- Member Advisory Committee, Lancet Global Health (2014-present)
- Member, Global Health Policy Advisory Committee. PepsiCo, New York (2009-2010)
- Member, US-Muslim Engagement Initiative (2011)
- Member, Healthcare Advisory Council, Pakistan American Foundation (2011)
- Member, Partners for a New Beginning, Aspen Institute (2011)
- Member, Clinton Global Initiative (2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011)
- Panel of Advisors, Center for Health Market Innovations R4D (2010)
- Member, Board of Trustees, International Union for Health Promotion (2004-2010)
- Member, Working Group, Private Sector in Health Systems, Rockefeller Foundation (2008-2009)
- Member High-Level Task Force, Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health, Aspen Institute (2008)
- Chair, International Consortium on Community Health Promotion, IUHPE (2004-05)
- Chair, Expert Panel on Women and Heart Disease, World Heart Federation (2007)
- Chair, Foundations Advisory Board and Board Member, World Heart Federation (2003-2006)
- Chair, Steering Committee, World Heart Day (2003-2006)
- Chair, International 'Go Red for Women' campaign (2004)
- Executive Council Member, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Cardiac Society (2000-2002)

Civil Society positions in Pakistan

- Founder and President of Pakistan's Health Policy Forum (2005)
- Member Board of Governors, Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (2009-present)
- Member Board of Governors, Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (2013-2016)
- Member Board of Governors, Trust for Voluntary Organizations (2005-2008)
- Member Board of Governors, Chal Foundation (2012-2016)

Clinical experience

- Senior Registrar, Cardiology, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad (1997-2000)

- Clinical attachment, Guys hospital, London (1996)
- Medical Officer, General Medicine, PIMS, Islamabad (1994-1996)
- Medical Officer, Hayat Shaheed Teaching Hospital, Peshawar (1990-1994)

Awards and honours

- *Honoris Causa*, Doctor of Medicine of Kings College, London (2019)
- Named as the top 20 Women Scientists in the Muslim World, 2014
- Rockefeller Foundation's Global Innovation Award, 2011
- Medical Mission Hall of Fame; Toledo, Ohio; 2011
- Featured at the Women in the World Foundation launch in New York, 2011
- Sitara-i-Imtiaz, Pakistan, 2005
- European Society Population Science Award, 2005
- President of Pakistan Student Award and gold medal, 1986
- Best graduate of Khyber Medical College and gold medal, 1986
- Topped all four professional examinations of MBBS with distinction, and awarded 15 gold medals, one for each professional examination and one each for 11 subjects.

Publications

Peer reviewed publications (only peer reviewed publications are listed here. Links and references to other Op-ed and Blogs, can be accessed at <http://www.sanianishtar.info/publications/>)

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Op-ed columns in national newspapers

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International conferences, consultations and invited talks:

This list has not been updated since Feb 2020. For details see <http://www.sanianishtar.info/news/>

Geneva. Feb 5-7, 2020. Official launch of the final report (“*It’s time to walk the talk*”) of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs.

London. October 16, 2019. Awarded with the prestigious Doctor of Science Honoris Causa by Kings College.

New York. September 26, 2019. Joined a high-level meeting with Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Malaysia and ministers from Turkey and Malaysia to discuss imperative of environmental stewardship for addressing poverty.

New York. September 26, 2019. Joined President of Costa Rica, Dr. Sabina Alkire & other ministers at the multidimensional poverty peer network meeting during 74th session of the UN General Assembly.

New York. September 26, 2019. Co-chaired a session on Ehsaas Programme with Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at the SDGs summit in SDGs Action Zone.

New York. September 25, 2019. Inked an MoU with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (B&MGF) on behalf of the government of Pakistan for Ehsaas.

New York. September 24, 2019. Presented Ehsaas Nutrition Plan at the SUN Movement lead group meeting.

New York. September 24, 2019. Launched US-Pakistan Women's Council mentoring campaign.

Geneva. September 9, 2019. Led the final meeting of WHO Independent High-level Global Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs).

Lisbon. August 21-24, 2019. Addressed the opening plenary of 19th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry via video.

Ethiopia. August 4-5, 2019. Attended Harvard Ministerial Retreat as a faculty for Ethiopian women Ministers together with distinguished women leaders from around the world.

Tajikistan. June 17, 2019. Led the Pakistani delegation at CICA summit in Tajikistan. Represented at the summit were 27 member states, which cover over 90% of the Asian continent.

Seattle. June 15, 2019. Met with Bill Gates, founder and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to discuss pressing health and development needs in Pakistan.

Melbourne. April 22, 2019. Delivered the Brenner/Dirks lecture on global health and non-communicable diseases at the international conference on Nephology.

Geneva. April 2-3, 2019. Chaired the third meeting of the WHO High-Level Commission on NCDs.

Berlin. March 18, 2019. Chaired the meeting of the Advisory Board of the United Nations' Institute of Global Health Advisory Committee. At this meeting, the advisory committee took stock of progress and next steps.

New York. March 4-5, 2019. Attended a stakeholder hearing of working group 3 of the High-Level Commission on NCDs. The meeting was convened by the World Economic Forum, and the Governments of USA and Kenya.

Bangkok. February 1, 2019. Attended the Prime Prince Mahidol Award Conference and joined the plenary panel on "The Political Economy of the Determinants of NCDs".

Davos. January 22, 2019. Panelist on the plenary panel on “Global health financing” at the World Economic Forum Annual meeting.

Singapore. November 28, 2018: Keynote Speech at the Third Raffles Dialogue on Future of Human Well-Being and Security

Singapore. November 26, 2018: Keynote Speech at the Ministerial Conference on Diabetes

Dubai. November 11-12, 2018: Attended the Global Agenda Council on the Future of Healthcare of the World Economic Forum as Council member

Geneva. November 6, 2018: Closing keynote speech at the meeting of the Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs

Berlin, November 5, 2018: Attended the Second meeting of the International Advisory Board on Global Health of the Government of Germany

Milan. November 1, 2018: Virtual participation in the World Oncology Forum Task Force

Astana. October 26, 2018: Plenary Panelist at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care

Liverpool. October 9, 2018. Keynote address at the opening of the Healthsystems symposium.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. October 2, 2018: Keynote address at the World Cancer Congress

New York. 27 September 2018: Welcome speech at the event hosted by the High-Level commission on NCDs at the United Nations at the United Nations General Assembly

New York. 27 September 2018: Keynote speech at the United Nations on Childhood Obesity, UNGA 2018 official side session

New York. 26 September 2018, 6 pm: Panelist at the Davos and the World Economic Forum

New York. 26 September 2018: Keynote address at the UNGA side event organized by Access Accelerated

New York. September 25, 2018, 6 pm: Keynote address at the High-Level side event on Food Systems, UNGA 2018 official side session

New York. 25 September 2018: Keynote address at the event organized by Partners in Health, Harvard University.

New York. 25 September 2018: Opening keynote at the NCD care continuum event on the sidelines of UNGA

New York. September 24, 2018: Keynote speech at the launch of the DEFEAT NCD partnership. UNGA 2018 official side session

Salalah, Oman. September 3, 2018: Keynote speech at the EMRO ministerial meeting on Universal Health Coverage

Geneva. August 23, 2018: Chaired the Second meeting of the high-level commission on NCDs

Moscow. July 25, 2018: participated in the NCD experts meeting in Moscow

New York. July 5, 2018: spoke at the opening of the NCDs event at the United Nations' General Assembly

Stockholm. June 11, 2018: speech at the opening of the EAT Stockholm food forum

Geneva. June 1, 2018: Launch of the report of the commission on NCDs at the World Health Organization headquarters

Geneva. May 25, 2018: spoke at several sessions accompanying the 71st World Health Assembly: 1) panelist on the session on NCDs by the NCD alliance; 2)) panelist on the panel organized by the government of Netherlands, Colombia, and Norway; 3) chaired a meeting of the High-Level Commission on NCDs; 4) keynoted the breakfast townhall event of NCD Child; 5) gave opening remarks at the G4 Surgical Alliance.

Washington. May 16, 2018. Charing the Sania Nishtar Chairs the National Academy of Sciences meeting in Washington

Geneva. May 7, 2018. Chair of the meeting of the High-Level Commission on NCDs

Copenhagen. April 9, 2018: closing speech at the World Health Organization NCD Financing Meeting.

Bangkok, February 2, 2018
Prince Mahidhol Award Conference
Plenary speaker during the session: "Making the World Safe from the Threats of Emerging Infectious Diseases"

Davos, January 23-26, 2018
World Economic Forum Annual meeting
Panelist in the sessions "South Asia Outlook" and "Asia Game Changers"

Geneva, January 16, 2018
WHO NCDs Commission Meeting
Attended the meeting as Chair of the WHO Commission on NCDs

Nairobi, *December 18-19, 2017*

The National Academies Global Study on the Quality of Healthcare in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Committee meeting
Attended as Chair of committee

Tokyo, December 12-15, 2017
Universal Health Coverage Forum
Attended as Plenary speaker and moderator

Sharjah, UAE, December 9, 2017
Non-communicable diseases forum
Attended as keynote speaker

London, November 20, 2017
Rethinking the Global System for Health in Agenda 2030
Attended the meeting as an invited expert and speaker

Dubai, November 10-12, 2017
World Economic Forum, Global Agenda Council
Attended as chair of the Global Future Council on Healthcare

Boston, October 23, 2017
Harvard Symposium on women in the workforce
Keynote speaker

Montevideo, Uruguay, October 20, 2017
WHO Global Conference on NCDs
Plenary speaker in closing plenary

Washington, October 18-19, 2017
The National Academies Global Study on the Quality of Healthcare in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
Attended as Chair of committee

San Francisco, October 12, 2017
Women Leaders in Global Health conference, Stanford University
Featured speaker

New York, September 2017
Impact Summit of the World Economic Forum
Plenary speaker

New York, September 2017
Sun Lead group meeting in New York
Member of Advisory Group
New York, September 2017
Launch of the Access to Treatment for NCDs Alliance
Keynote speaker

Brussels: September 7, 2017
European Public Health Alliance's 8th annual conference

Keynote speech

New York: September 18, 2017

Launch of the Access to Treatment for NCDs Alliance

Keynote speech

New York: September 19, 2017

World Economic Forum Sustainable Development Impact Summit

Panelist in session on NCD Financing

Singapore: July 13th 2017

2nd Global Summit on Circulatory Health

Closing keynote speech

Geneva, Switzerland: 22-31, May 2017

Seventieth World Health Assembly

Attended as WHO Director General Nominee

Suva, Fiji: April 25, 2017

Pacific Heads of Health Meeting, Fiji

Addressed participants as WHO Director General Nominee

Quito, Ecuador: March 31, 2017

Special panel discussion for WHO DG nominees at the UNASUR meeting

Addressed participants as WHO Director General Nominee

Geneva, Switzerland: March 6, 2017

Political leadership for global health

Attended as WHO Director General Nominee and plenary panelist

Paris, France: February 10, 2017

DG WHO Nominees event at Science Po in Paris

Attended as WHO Director General Nominee and plenary panelist

Bangkok, Thailand: February 3, 2017

DG WHO Nominees event at Prince Mahidhol Award Conference

Attended as WHO Director General Nominee and plenary panelist

Davos: January: 19-24, 2017

World Economic Forum Annual meeting

Attended as co-Chair of the Global Future Council on Health and Healthcare and moderator of the session on the Future of Healthcare

Geneva, Switzerland: 23 January-1 February 2017.

140th session of the Executive Board of the WHO

Geneva, Switzerland: 1-2 November 2016.

Director-General Candidates forum

Doha, Qatar: November 30, 2016.

World Innovation Summit for Health 2016

Shanghai, China: November 25, 2016
Shanghai Global Conference on health promotion

Manila, Philippines, 10–14 October 2016.
Sixty-seventh session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region.
Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Cairo, Egypt, 3–6 October 2016.
Sixty-third session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region.
Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Washington, 26-30 September 2016.
Sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas.
Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Copenhagen, Denmark, 12–15 September 2016.
Sixty-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.
Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. August 2016.
Sixty-sixth session of WHO Regional Committee for African Region.
Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Geneva, Switzerland: 23–28 May 2016. Sixty-Ninth World Health Assembly, Attended as WHO Director General Candidate

Geneva, Switzerland: January 25, 2016
Launching of the final report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity at the World Health Organization headquarter
Co-chaired the meeting

Oxford, UK. January 7-10, 2016
Emerging Markets Symposium at the Green Templeton College, Oxford University:
emerging markets and the future of young people
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland: November 30-December 1, 2016
Partnership Building for NCDs at World Health Organization
Keynote speaker at the event

Geneva, Switzerland: November 30-December 1, 2016
Fourth meeting of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Co-chaired the meeting

Paris, France: December 5, 2015
The Fourth Climate and Health Summit
Plenary talk on the role of public policy in shaping the post 2015 agenda

Istanbul, Turkey, November 18, 2015

The World Cancer Leaders' Summit
Keynote speech on Conflict of interest

Valletta, Malta, October 29-30

EURO Regional consultation of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Chaired the consultation

New York, September 22, 2015

The Rockefeller Foundation hosted global premiere of the documentary based on Sania Nishtar's book, "Choked Pipes"

Washington, September 21, 2015

Opening talk on the "Current state of global financing for pandemic response at the World Bank's Global Pandemic Financing Stakeholders' Meeting

London, September 11, 2015

Royal Society of Medicine hosted sneak preview of a documentary based on Sania Nishtar's book, "Choked Pipes"

Dalian, China, September 9, 2015

Annual meeting of Champions of the World Economic Forum
Moderated a session on the "Future of healthcare"

Mexico, August 26-27, 2015

PAHO Regional consultation of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Chaired the consultation
Attended the meeting as Co-Chair of the Commission

Cairo, Egypt, July 2-3, 2015

EMRO Regional consultation of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Chaired the consultation

Hong Kong, June 22-23, 2015

Third Meeting of the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Attended the meeting as Co-Chair of the Commission

Baku, Azerbaijan, May 2, 2015

Seminar Series, Annual Board Meeting of the Asian Development Bank
Plenary panel speaker

Boston, USA. March 29, 2015

Pakistan Harvard Forum
Keynote speaker

Manila, Philippines, March 24-25, 2015

Regional consultation of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Attended the meeting as Co-Chair of the Commission

New York, USA. January 15-16, 2015

Lancet-Rockefeller Planetary Health Commission Peer review meeting
Attended the meeting as a Commissioner

Geneva-Switzerland. January 13-14, 2015

Second Meeting of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Attended the meeting as Co-Chair of the Commission

Mexico. December 9, 2014

International Seminar on Public Policies against Childhood Obesity and Overweight
Key note speaker of the event through a video link

Dubai, UAE. November 9-10, 2014

World Economic Forum's Summit on the Global Agenda
Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council

Rome, Italy. November 19-21, 2014

Second International Conference on Nutrition, ICN2
Attended meeting as Roundtable Speaker

Melbourne, Australia. October 22, 2014

Nossal Institutes 10th Annual Global Health Forum
Special invited guest for a video presentation

Geneva, Switzerland. October 13- 14, 2014

Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity: Hearings with non-State actors
Attended the Hearings in capacity as Co-chair of the Commission

New York, USA. September 22, 2014

MSH event: A toast to Universal health Coverage
Amongst a select group of global health thinkers who presented a toast to UHC

New York, USA. September 22, 2014

Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care
Attended the meeting as Commissioner

New York, USA. September 22, 2014

Universal Health Coverage: from the health worker lens
Attended as speaker on the panel

New York, USA. September 22, 2014

Rockefeller Foundation's UNGA side event: Delivering on UHC: why the time is now
Attended as speaker on the panel

Bellagio, Lombardy, Italy. July 2014

The Future of Planetary Health Commission meeting convened by Rockefeller
Foundation, the Economist Intelligence Unit and the Lancet
Participated as Commission member

New York, USA. July 11, 2014

NCD Alliance, Government of Sweden and CARICOM panel discussion on the sidelines
of the UN high level review on NCDs on "delivering solutions, accountability and

results”

Moderator of the panel discussion

New York, USA. July 12, 2014

NCDs review at the UN Headquarters

Roundtable speaker

Geneva, Switzerland. July 16-19, 2014

WHO commission on Ending Childhood Obesity

Attended the meeting as Co-Chair of the Commission

Boston, USA. June 1-5, 2014

Ministerial Health Leaders Forum

The Harvard School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School

Attended the forum as an expert resource person

Stockholm, May 26-27, 2014

EAT Forum

Attended the forum as a Panelist

Stordalen Foundation

Geneva-Switzerland, May 19, 2014

Harvard Health Leaders' Ministerial Roundtable

Attended the Roundtable as a Panelist

Davos, January 22-25, 2014

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting

Invitee to the health sessions

Oxford, January 9-12, 2014

Emerging Market Symposium

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Manila, Philippines. December 09, 2013

Asian Development Bank

Keynote address on World Anti-corruption Day celebrations at the Asian Development Bank Headquarters

Dubai, UAE. December 08, 2013

Regional Meeting on Accelerating Progress Towards UHC: Global Experiences & Lessons for the EMR

Attended as plenary panelist and Chair

Abu Dhabi, UAE. November 17-19, 2013

Summit on the Global Agenda, World Economic Forum

Attended as a Council Member

Washington DC, USA. November 6, 2013

Pakistan's Galloping Urbanization, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Attended as Plenary panelist

Jakarta, Indonesia. October 23, 2013

OIC Conference

Panelist via video link

New York, USA. September 23-26, 2013

Clinton Global Initiative

Attended as 2013 members and commitment maker

New York, USA. September 25, 2013

UNICEF

Thought leaders lecture

New York, USA. September 23, 2013

Healthy planet, healthy people: building synergies for sustainable development

Panelist

Pattaya, Thailand, August 25, 2013

World Congress on Health Promotion

Opening Keynote Speaker

Geneva, Switzerland, July 30, 2013

ECOSOC high level segment

Panelist on Universal Health Coverage (through a video link)

Helsinki Finland, June 11-12, 2013

8GCHP 2013 Conference

Participated as Chair of the Plenary session

Geneva Switzerland, 20-28 May, 2013

World Health Assembly 2013

Attended as leader of the Pakistan delegation in Capacity as Federal Minister

Qatar, Doha, April 31, 2013

Invited guest to the High-Level Strategic meeting to accelerate efforts to reach out of school children

Attended as State guest in capacity as Federal Minister of Education

Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates, April 26-27 2013

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Vaccine Summit 2013

Participated as the opening plenary speaker

Gaborone, Botswana, March 2013

Global Thematic Consultation on Health in the post 2015 Development Agenda

attended the meeting as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland. February 2013

WHO Expert group meeting on NCDs

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Davos, Switzerland. January 2013
World Economic Forum Annual Meeting
Attended the meeting as a plenary session panelist

Oxford, UK. January 11-13, 2013
Symposium on Gender inequality in emerging markets
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

London, UK. December 14, 2012
Launch of the Global Burden of Disease Study, hosted by the Lancet and IHME at the Royal Society.
Chaired one of the four sessions

Dubai, UAE. November 12-14, 2012
World Economic Forum Summit on the Global Agenda 2012
Attended as a member of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Wellbeing and Mental Health

Gurgaon, India, November 6-8, 2012
World Economic Forum on India
Attended as panelist on the session “Health Collaboration as a Bridge”

Beijing China, November 1-4, 2012
2nd Global Symposium on Health System Research and Meeting of the Board of the Alliance HPSR-Beijing.
Attended as a plenary panelist in the Session “Post – 2015 Development Goals – Framing the Issues, Prioritizing Health and Using Evidence

Berlin, Germany, October 21-23, 2012
COHRED Partner Symposium-Global Health Summit
Beyond Forum 2012: Research and Innovation for Health, Equity and Development
Attended the meeting as a panelist

Tokyo, Japan, October 10-13, 2012
Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund
Global Health Session 1: Making the Case for Investing in Health, Again
Attended the meeting as a panelist

Bellagio Italy, September 25-28, 2012
Complex Systems Analysis: Advancing Health Systems Policy and Design and Planning at the Rockefeller Foundations’ Bellagio Center
Co-hosted the meeting

New York, USA. September 23-25, 2012
Clinton Global Initiative
Attended the meeting as a 2012 Member of CGI and Commitment maker

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, September 10-12, 2012
High Level Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases organized by the Saudi

Arabian Ministry of Health and the WHO East Mediterranean Regional Office
Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker

Hiroshima, Japan. August 25, 2012

The 20th IPPNW World Congress

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker in the session “World without Structural Violence and Human Security”.

London, UK. August 1, 2012

Global Health Policy Summit hosted by the Imperial College London and Qatar Foundation

Attended as a panelist in the session on Innovative Delivery Models

Washington, USA. July 22, 2012

Learning from HIV experience: An NCDs and health systems perspective. High level satellite meeting during the International AIDS conference hosted by WHO and UNAIDS

Opening Plenary speaker

London, UK. July 11, 2012

The London Launch of the Heartfile Leaders' Network at the House of Lords Key note speaker

New York, USA. June 25, 2012

Clinton Global Initiative: Mid Year Meeting

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker and Commitment presenter at a Commitment Workshop on “Multi-sectoral action on NCDs”.

Washington, USA. June 14-15, 2012

High level meeting on Child Survival: a Call to Action

Attended the meeting as a panelist in the session on “How to Reach Every Child with Essential Services: Coverage with quality and equity.”

Washington, USA. June 13, 2012

Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative, Board Meeting

Attended as Chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee and presented the committee update

Boston, USA. June 12, 2012

2nd Meeting of the Advisory Group of the WHO Global Strategy for Health Systems Research

Attended the meeting as a member of the Advisory Group

Washington, USA. June 11, 2012

Heartfile Leader's Network launch hosted by Partners for a New Beginning, Aspen Institute

Attended the meeting as keynote speaker

Cape Town, South Africa. April 2012

COHRED Forum 2012

Attended two sessions as panelist and chaired one session

Oslo, Norway, April 2012 GAVI

Board Retreat

Attended the meeting in her capacity as Chair of GAVI's Evaluation Advisory Committee

New-York, USA. April 2012

2nd High Level Meeting on Wellbeing and Happiness

Hosted by Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley of Bhutan at the UN General Assembly

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

New-York, USA. April 2012

Columbia University consultation on Wellbeing and Happiness hosted by Jeffery Sachs

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Cairo, Egypt. March 2012

WHO High-Level Meeting on Health Priorities, EMRO

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Washington, USA. February 2012

NCD Working Group

Addressing Gaps in Policy and Research for Non-Communicable Diseases

Attended the meeting as a panellist

Davos, Switzerland. January 2012

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting

Attended as a Panelist on the session "Innovative Development Models"

Geneva, Switzerland. January 2012

GAVI Evaluation Advisory Meeting

Attended as the chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee

Abu Dhabi, UAE. December 2011

2nd World Health Care Congress Middle East

Plenary speaker on Innovative Financing Models for Global Health Care Challenges

Dubai, UAE. December 2011

WHO Joint RPC/NCD Consultative Meeting on Building Regional NCD Research Agenda and Enhancing Implementation on NCD Action Plan

Attended the meeting as an invited expert and WHO advisor

Istanbul, Turkey. December 2011

PNB Global Chapter Meeting

Attended the meeting as a plenary speaker and Member of the Partners for a New Beginning initiative

Dhaka, Bangladesh. November 2011

GAVI Alliance Board Meeting

Attended as the chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee

Geneva, Switzerland. October 2011

World Health Organization, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research Meeting
Attended the meeting as a Board Member of the Alliance

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. October 2011

World Health Organization Conference on Social Determinants of Health
Participated at the Ministerial Panel

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. October 2011

World Economic Forum Summit on the Global Agenda 2011
Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council on Health and
Wellness

New York, USA. September, 2011

Clinton Global Initiative
Attended the meeting as an invited member and commitment featuring

St Gallen, Switzerland. August 30, 2011

The World Ageing and Generations conference, 2011
Plenary speaker in the first session titled “Demography meets health”

Delhi, India. July 30, 2011

Aman ki Asha Health committee meeting
Attended the meeting as meeting chair

New York, USA. July 27, 2011

Rockefeller Foundation’s Innovation Forum
Attended the forum as a recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation’s Innovation Award

Rome, Italy. July 15, 2011

IAS pre-meeting on NCDs and HIV and AIDs
*Chaired and moderated a panel discussion on “the rising prevalence of NCDs—
implications for health policy and financing”*

New York, USA. June 16, 2011

UN General Assembly Civil Society hearing on NCDs in preparation for the high level
meeting in September.
Participated as the eminent panelist on one of the three roundtables

Washington, USA. June 14-15, 2011

Global Health Council meeting
*Chaired the preview of WHO TDR’s IDEAS Report and participated in the World Heart
Federation panel on “collaborating to battle the number one cause of death: research
alliance and case studies from the global cardiology community”.*

Washington, USA. June 14, 2011

US Institute of Peace seminar on Building Pakistan’s human capital: a focus on health
and education
Participated in the meeting as a panelist

Moscow, Russia. April 27-29, 2011

First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy lifestyles and Non-communicable disease prevention and control

Participated in the meeting as member of the international Steering Committee and as a conference rapporteur for the closing plenary.

Toledo, Ohio. April 8, 2011

University of Toledo, Medical Mission Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

attended the meeting as a new inductee in the Hall of Fame

Dhaka, Bangladesh, March 15, 2011

13th Annual Scientific Conference icddr,b

Gave a presentation in the opening plenary on "Managing the public-private mix: remedies for the Mixed Health Systems Syndrome"

New York, USA. February 25, 2011

Parallel Event: 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York>

Non-communicable diseases: a Priority for women's health and development

Talk on women's' health and health systems

Lahore. February 17-19, 2011

US-Pakistan Muslim Engagement Initiative

Attended the meeting as a invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland. January 26-27.

First Global Ministerial Conference on health Lifestyles and NCD control Moscow.

Planning meeting

Attended the meeting as member of the Steering Committee

Oxford, UK. January 14-16, 2011

The Emerging Markets Symposium on Urbanization, health and human security:

challenges for the emerging market countries

Attended the meeting as a invited expert and panelist

Bangkok, Thailand. December 14-15

Rockefeller Foundation's Partners convening meeting: overcoming inequities in Asia.

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Dubai, UAE. November 29-December 1, 2010

Summit of the Global Agenda Council, World Economic Forum

Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council

Singapore. November 25, 2010

4th NTS-Asia annual convention

Talk on Global Architecture and Health in the opening plenary (participation through video).

Montreux, Switzerland. November 16-19, 2010

First Global Symposium on health systems research

i) Attended the meeting as member of the Council of Deans and Steering committee; ii) gave a plenary talk on Mixed Health Systems for Universal Coverage in the state of the

art research plenary session; and iii) chaired the satellite session on Heartfile Health Financing

New York, USA. October 22-27, 2010

The Changing landscape of global public health: hosted by Columbia University School of Public Health

Plenary discussant response on the paper: “trends transforming the landscape”

London, UK. September 15, 2010

The Lancet Pakistan Series—Authors’ meeting. The Lancet

Co-chaired the meeting as series co-editor

Bellagio, Lake Como, Italy.

HIV and Health Systems: A Bellagio Center Conference. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

August 17-20, 2010

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Oxford, UK. July 21, 2010

Follow up to the Emerging Market’s Symposium on health management. Green Templeton College, Oxford University, UK.

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Singapore. June 28-29, 2010.

Global Health Study Group Workshop. Center on Asia and Globalization, Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Amman, Jordan; June 7, 2010

Regional Conference on Achieving better health equity and efficiency in Middle East and North Africa. MENA Health policy Forum

Keynote address at the opening plenary

Delhi, India. May 31, 2010

AMEA Health and Wellness Council meeting, PEPSICo

Attended the meeting as a member of the Council

Milan, Italy; May 14, 2010

Bocconi University and Rockefeller foundation initiative on attaining universal coverage.

Talk on “Achieving universal health coverage: experiences of Pakistan”

Geneva, Switzerland; May 13, 2010

WHO Consultation on the Report of the Expert Working Group on R&D and Financing

Made the presentation on the report to the WHO Executive Board

Geneva, Switzerland; April 8-10, 2010

WHO Consultation - Review of International Experience in NCD Prevention and Control

Attended the consultation as an expert and speaker

Singapore, March 18, 2010

Strengthening health systems in Asia conference.

Panelist in the final plenary: way forward and recommendations (participation through video)

Geneva, Switzerland, March 3, 2010

Introductory seminar on Choked Pipes at the World Health Organization headquarter

Bangkok, Thailand, January 29, 2010

Prince Mahidhol Award Conference

Plenary session panelist in the session entitled "Who does what to health information systems"

Concurrent session panelist in the session entitled "Assessing health systems performance"

Dubai, UAE, January 26, 2010

Meeting of Friends of Democratic Pakistan

Concurrent and Plenary session presentation on Public-Private partnerships in the health sector

Oxford, UK, December 4, 2009

The Emerging Markets Symposium. Oxford University, Green Templeton College

Attended the Symposium as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland, November 30–December 02, 2009

3rd Meeting of WHO Director General's Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group

Dubai, UAE, November 20–22, 2009

Summit of the Global Agenda Council, World Economic Forum

Attended the meeting as a member of the Global Agenda Council

Havana, Cuba, November 16–20, 2009

13th Annual Meeting of the Global Forum for Health Research

Chaired the launch of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research's report entitled: Systems Thinking

Panelist at the Pre-Launch Preview of the self authored Book: Choked Pipes

Panelist in the closing plenary: recorded comments communicated

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvY1zupVQf8>

Nairobi, Kenya, October 26-30, 2009

7th Global Conference on Health Promotion

Panellist at the plenary session entitled: Convergent strategies, divergent histories, emergent opportunities:

health promotion, the social determinants of health and primary health care.

Recorded comments accessible at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H-z1muiMUA>

and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dAqVYlIxAO>

Puyuhuapy, Chile, October 19–21, 2009

Planning meeting of the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

Attended the meeting as a member of Scientific Advisory Committee

Geneva, Switzerland, October 13-14, 2009

Board meeting. Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

Attended as a Member of the Board

New York, USA, August 27–28, 2009

PepsiCo Global Health Policy meeting

Attended the meeting as a member of PepsiCo's Global Health Advisory Committee

Dubai, UAE, August 20–21, 2009

AMEA Health & Wellness meeting

Attended the meeting as a member of PepsiCo's Global Health Advisory Committee

Klong Luang, Thailand, July 19 -25, 2009

Asian Institute of Technology Professional Development course on “Enabling Effective District Leadership for Reproductive Health in Pakistan”

Talk in the plenary session entitled: Health Policy Challenge in Pakistan

Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-8, 2009

United Nations Economic and Social Council Ministerial roundtable breakfast on Addressing Non-Communicable Diseases and Injuries

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland; June 29-30, 2009

Second Meeting of WHO Director General's Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group

Venice, Italy; June 22-23, 2009

World Health Organization's High-level dialogue on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems

Attended the meeting as the Chair of the Drafting Committee of the Venice Statement on Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives

Geneva, Switzerland; May 16, 2009

Consultation on Global Initiatives, Health System Strengthening and Universal Health Coverage

Attended the meeting as a member of the Results for Development and Rockefeller Foundation's Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems.

Istanbul, Turkey; April 27-28, 2009. 12th World Congress on Public Health

Talk in the plenary session entitled: Redesigning Health Systems in a Changing World

Title of the talk: Strengthening the Evidence Base of Health Reform in Pakistan:

Implications for the Global Community

Chiangmai, Thailand; April 23-24, 2009

Meeting of the World Health Organization's Implementers Consortium on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives

Attended the meeting as a member of WHO's Maximizing Positive Synergies Group

Washington DC, USA; April 12-14, 2009. Institute of Medicine Committee on Preventing the Global Epidemic of Cardiovascular Disease: Meeting the Challenges in Developing Countries.

*Talk in the plenary: Prevention, Implementation and Health Systems Strengthening
Talk entitled: Chronic Disease Management in Health Care Systems in Middle- and Low-Income Countries*

Geneva, Switzerland; March 26-27, 2009

4th Expert Consultation on World Health Organization's Maximizing Positive Synergies between Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives

Attended the meeting as a member of WHO's Maximizing Positive Synergies Group

Colombo, Sri Lanka; March 16-18, 2009. United Nations Economic and Social Council. South Asian Regional Ministerial Meeting in support of the 2009 Economic and Social Council's Annual Ministerial Review.

Talk in the plenary session entitled: New Initiatives to Finance Health Care—Heartfile's Health Equity Project

Rome, Italy; February 16-18, 2009

World Health Organization's meeting on the Lancet Series on Maximizing Positive Synergies between Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems

Attended the meeting as a member of WHO's Maximizing Positive Synergies Group

Bangkok, Thailand; January 29-30, 2009

Consultation of the Rockefeller Foundation's Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems at the Price Mahidhol Conference

Attended the Symposium as a member of the Working Group

Geneva, Switzerland; January 12-14, 2009

1st Meeting of WHO Director General's Expert Working Group on R&D Financing

Attended the meeting as a member of the Expert Working Group

Boston, USA; December 3-5, 2008

Research Agendas in Global Health Systems. Harvard University

Talk in the plenary session entitled: Health systems issues in implementation

Hong Kong; December 2-3, 2008

Clinton Global Initiative

Attended the meeting to make a joint commitment with the Clinton Global Initiative

Bamako, Mali; November 16-19, 2008. Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health

Panelist in the session entitled: The Private Sector in Mixed Health Systems

Panelist in the ministerial discussion entitled: From Global Health Initiatives to Primary Health Care: Scaling up Research and learning for Health Systems

Tokyo, Japan; November 1-4, 2008

International Conference on Global Action for Health System Strengthening. G8

Hokkaido Toyako Summit Follow up.

Attended the conference as an invited expert

Bellagio, Italy; October 28-31, 2008

Strengthening Health Systems Capacity and Leadership, Rockefeller Foundation and Columbia University

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Bellagio, Italy; October 6-8, 2008

Expert Consultation of the Working Group on the Role of the Private Sector in Health Systems;

Results for Development Institute and Rockefeller Foundation

Geneva, Switzerland; October 2-3, 2008

Third Expert Consultation on Positive Synergies between

Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives; World Health Organization

Attended the meeting as a member of WHO's Maximizing Positive Synergies Group

Mexico City, Mexico; August 5, 2008

Second Expert Consultation on Positive Synergies between

Health Systems and Global Health Initiatives; World Health Organization

Attended the meeting as a member of WHO's Maximizing Positive Synergies Group

Divone, France; June 2, 2008

World Health Organization's Director General's high-level Consultation on Scaling up Research and Learning for Better Health

Attended the consultation as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland; May 25, 2008. Geneva Health Forum

Panelist in the session entitled: Can Mixed Health Systems be Equitable?

Panelist in the session entitled: Management of Chronic Diseases

Panelist on the Closing Plenary

Nyon, Switzerland; May 25-27, 2008

From Mexico to Mali: Taking Stock of Achievements in Health Policy and Systems Research; Alliance for Policy and Systems Research

Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland; May 24, 2008

Strengthening health systems; Brookings Institute and Rockefeller consultation

Attended the meeting as a member of the Working Group

San Francisco, California; USA; April 9-11, 2008. Global Philanthropy Forum

Panelist in the session entitled: Maternal and Child Health

Bangkok, Thailand; January 30-February 2, 2008

Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2008

Meeting of the Working Group on Private Sector in Health Systems.
Attended the meeting as a member of the working group

London, UK; December 4, 2007. Launch of the Lancet Series on Chronic Diseases
Panelist in the session entitled: Health Reform and Chronic Diseases

Beijing, China; October 29-November 2, 2007. Global Forum for Health Research
Panelist in the closing plenary entitled: *The Future of Research for Health*
Talk on: *Research Priorities for Chronic Diseases*

New York, USA; September 26-28, 2007. Clinton Global Initiative
Panelist in the session entitled: Over- and Under-Nutrition

Dalian, China; September 1-5, 2007
World Economic Forum Meeting of the New Champions
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Atlanta, USA; August 12-16, 2007
Centers for Disease Control; National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention;
Regional and Global Collaboration Implementation Group
Attended the meeting as a member of the implementation group

London, UK; July 2-5, 2007
World Health Organization and Department of Health UK
Global Health Promotion
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Vancouver, Canada; June 13-15, 2007. World Congress on Health Promotion
Panelist in the plenary session entitled: Inequities in Health

Chicago, USA; May 29-31, 2007. Annual Convention of the Human Development
Foundation
Talk in the plenary session entitled: Challenges in Health Policy in Pakistan

Washington, USA; April 25-28, 2007. Annual Forum of the Centers for Disease Control
*Talk in the plenary session entitled: The National Action Plan on Non-Communicable
Diseases in Pakistan*

Cairo, Egypt; March 27-28, 2007
Regional Consultation to develop Guidelines on CVD Management; World Health
Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Geneva, Switzerland; Feb 4-8, 2007
Expert Consultation to Prevent Chronic Disease; World Health Organization
Chaired the meeting

Bangkok, Thailand; February 1-3, 2007. Prince Mahidol Award Conference

Talk in concurrent session entitled: *From Development of a Program to the Delivery of Preventive and Control Services in Non-Communicable Diseases – a Perspective from Pakistan*

Cairo, Egypt; October 29-November 2, 2006. Global Forum for Health Research
Panelist in the closing plenary

Paris, France; October 5-8, 2006
Global Strategy on Diet and Physical Activity; World Health Organization
Chaired the meeting

Barcelona, Spain; August 31-September 6, 2006. World Congress of Cardiology
Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Planning for Cardiovascular Diseases
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Women as a Resource for Cardiovascular Diseases
Prevention

Kuwait; June 19-21, 2006. World Health Organization's Expert Consultation on NCDs
Talk entitled: Integration of Non-Communicable Diseases into Primary Health Care

Cairo, Egypt; June 12-15, 2006
Country Cooperation Strategy; World Health Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region
Chaired the meeting

Nairobi, Kenya; May 1-6, 2006
Workshop on Community Health Promotion
International Union for Health Promotion
Attended the meeting as a member of the Consortium on Community Health Promotion

New York, USA; February 8-13, 2006
World Heart Federation
Chaired the Foundations Advisory Board meeting

Delhi, India; February 18-20, 2006
International Symposium on Cardiovascular Diseases, Diabetes and Stroke. All India Institute of Medical Sciences
Keynote address

Bellagio, Italy; December, 2005
How to Improve Cardiovascular Health Outcomes in Less Well-Resourced Settings; World Heart Federation
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Bogota, Columbia; November, 2005
Planning Global Physical Activity Interventions; International Union of Health Promotion
Attended the meeting as an invited expert

Accra, Ghana; October 16-19, 2005

Training Seminar on Chronic Disease Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa. Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA, and the International Union for Health Promotion
Attended as the Seminar Faculty

Geneva, Switzerland; October, 26-28, 2005

World Health Organization Annual Global Forum

Panelist at the Plenary Session entitled: Preventing the Chronic Disease Pandemic

Mumbai, India; September 16-18, 2005. Global Forum for Health Research

Talk entitled: Mainstreaming Chronic Disease on the Agendas of the Developing Countries

Stockholm, Sweden; September 3-7, 2005 (ESC Population Science Lecture)

European Congress of Cardiology

Population Science Lecture entitled: Women and Heart Disease: Impact, Imperatives and Implications

Iguaçu, Brazil; May 19-25, 2005. 6th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Community Contributions to CVD Prevention and National Action Plan for NCD Prevention in Pakistan

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; May 4-9, 2005

International Consortium for Community Health Promotion

Chaired the meeting

Cairo, Egypt; April 10-12, 2005

Regional Consultation for WHO Global Program of Work 2005; World Health Organization Office of the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Attended as an invited expert

Orlando, USA; February 18, 2005. Second Women Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke

Talk in plenary session entitled: Community Control of Hypertension in the Developing Countries

Miami, Florida; December, 2004

Implementing the WHO Global Strategy on Physical Activity

Attended as an invited expert

Atlanta USA; November 17-22, 2004

Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA; Community Health Promotion Workshop

Attended as an invited expert

Ottawa, Canada; November 3-6, 2004. World Health Organization's Global Forum on Non-Communicable Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. Global Forum IV.

Talk in plenary session entitled: Pakistan's National Plan of Action on Chronic Diseases

Hong Kong; October 1-3, 2004. Global Conference on Cardiovascular Clinical Trials
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Prevention of Diabetes and CVD in South Asia

Oxford, UK; August 31-September 4, 2004
Oxford Vision 2020 Initiative meeting; University of Oxford
Attended as a member of the Oxvision initiative

Milan, Italy; June 12-15, 2004. 5th International Heart Health Conference.
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Implementing WHO CVD Risk Management Package in Primary Health
Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Guideline Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Melbourne, Australia; March 23-26, 2004. WHO Mega Country Health Promotion Network Meeting
Talk in concurrent session entitled: National Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Promotion in Pakistan

Singapore, January 14-17, 2004. Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Impact of Global Trends in Cardiovascular Diseases on the Health Economics of Developing Countries

Ghana, Accra; December 5-11, 2003
Capacity-Building for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa
Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA, and the International Union for Health Promotion
Attended the meeting as the Seminar Faculty

Beijing, China; November 6-10, 2003. 5th International Symposium on Hypertension and Related Diseases
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Control in the Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges

Prague, Czech Republic; September 4-6, 2003. Annual Meeting of Heart Friends Around the World.
Talk in plenary session entitled: The Role of Foundations in Heart Disease Prevention at a Global Level

Helsinki, Finland; August 3-8, 2003. 12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health
Talk in concurrent session entitled: Tobacco Control as part of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: the Heartfile Experience

Geneva, Switzerland; March 31-April 1, 2003
Mega Country Network Meeting
World Health Organization Department of Health Promotion of Non-Communicable Diseases

Attended as member of the Steering Committee of WHO's Mega Country Initiative

Colombo, Sri Lanka; March 26-28, 2003

PREMISE II Workshop; World Health Organization

Attended as member of the PREMISE Study Group and Principal Investigator for Pakistan

Geneva, Switzerland; December 11-13, 2002

Mega Country Network Meeting

WHO Department of Health Promotion of Non-Communicable Diseases

Attended as member of the Steering Committee of WHO's Mega Country Initiative

Doha, Qatar; December 9-12, 2002. Qatar Sports International; World Sports Forum

Talk in plenary session entitled: Cardiovascular Health through Sports

Geneva, Switzerland; October 7-11, 2002. WHO Meeting of Interested Parties (MIP)

Talk in plenary session entitled: Communicating Risks to Health

Beirut, Lebanon; July 5-7, 2002

WHO Workshop on Non-Communicable Disease Surveillance in the EMRO Region

Attended as an invited expert

Geneva, Switzerland; July, 2002

WHO, CVD Risk Reduction through Integrated Management of Hypertension, Diabetes and Smoking

Attended as an invited expert

Sydney, Australia; May 7-10, 2002. XIV World Congress of Cardiology

State-of-the-art invited talk entitled: An Evidence-based Approach to CVD Prevention in the Developing Countries

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Justifying Cost of Treatment in the Developing World

Cairo, Egypt; April 10-12, 2002. 3rd East Mediterranean Heart Health Network International Congress

Talk in plenary session entitled: CVD Prevention in Women

Talk in plenary session entitled: Hypertension Control in EMRO

event held in conjunction with WHO's Interregional Workshop on Initiative for Scaling Up Secondary Prevention of Stroke and Myocardial Infarction in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Kandy, Sri Lanka; February, 2002

WHO Interregional Workshop on Initiative for Scaling Up Secondary Prevention of Stroke and Myocardial Infarction in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Attended as member of the study group

Manila, Philippines; October 3-6, 2001. 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Print and Electronic Media for Cardiovascular

Disease Public Awareness: the Potential for Replication

Stockholm, Sweden; September 1, 2001. Global Forum Meeting for Cardiovascular Diseases

Talk in plenary session entitled: Risk Factor of Cardiovascular Disease Management in the Developing Countries

Osaka, Japan; May 27-31, 2001. 5th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology and 4th International Heart Health Conference

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Pakistan's Heartfile

Isfahan, Iran; May 1-3, 2001. 1st National Seminar on Women and Hormone Replacement Therapy

Talk in plenary session entitled: Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factors

Talk in plenary session entitled: Guidelines for Hormone Replacement Therapy as part of Primary Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease

Chennai, India; December 7-10, 2000. 54th Annual Meeting of the Cardiological Society of India

Talk in plenary session entitled: Women in South Asia: a Long Way from Basic CVD Care

Colombo, Sri Lanka; September 25-29, 2000. 1st Annual Symposium of the Sri Lanka Heart Association

Talk in plenary session entitled: Preventing CVD in South Asia in the Face of the Impending Pandemic

Katmandu, Nepal; July 2000. 1st Congress of the Nepal Society of Cardiology

Talk in plenary session entitled: Algorithms for the Management of Hypertension in the SAARC Region

Current Management of Heart Failure

Isfahan Iran; May 2000

Isfahan Cardiovascular Research Institute

Talk in plenary session entitled: Development of National Guidelines on Hormone Replacement Therapy

Victoria, Canada; May 7-10, 2000. First Women Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Preventive Cardiovascular Care amongst Females in Pakistan: an Unfinished Agenda

Talk in concurrent session entitled: Barriers: Access to Care for Women in the Developing Countries

Dhaka, Bangladesh; February 2000. First SAARC Congress of Cardiology

Talk in plenary session entitled: Optimization of Therapeutic and Lifestyle Advice to Patients with Coronary Heart Disease in Pakistan

Lahore, Pakistan; October **1999**. 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Cardiology
Talk in plenary session entitled: CAD Prevention in the Developing World: Priority or Bail Out Stenosis Quantification on Diagnostic Coronary Angiograms
Presentation entitled: Missed Therapeutic Windows of Opportunity in the Optimal Management of CAD in Pakistan
Presentation entitled: Analysis of Dietary Pattern in the context of Establishing Coronary Risk Profiles in Patients with Documented CAD in Pakistan

Baltimore, USA; October 1999. Grand Clinical Rounds of the John Hopkins Medical University
Talk entitled: Pakistan's Heartfile

Athens, Greece; April 1999. 4th International Congress of Nuclear Cardiology
Poster Presentation: Inferior Wall Artifacts in Pakistanis: the Central Obesity Effect

Talks and keynote speeches in Pakistan

Sania Nishtar makes regular appearances in national conferences and discourses on health, governance, and women's leadership in Pakistan—in many events as a keynote speaker. In addition, she is also a regular review panelist/speaker at the National School of Public Policy, Pakistan Administrative Staff College, National Management College, National Defence University and other academic institutes in Pakistan.

This curriculum vitae does not list details about keynote speeches and other appearances in the country, as there is an exhaustive list and space precludes their inclusion. To a certain extent these activities can be tracked through the twitter account @Sanianishtar