

REPORT

International Conference on “ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND USING OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES” FATIMA JINNAH WOMEN UNIVERSITY, RAWALPINDI, PAKISTAN

The Network of Academies of Sciences in Islamic Countries (NASIC) under the auspices of IAP and with the collaboration of Pakistan Academy of Sciences and Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) organized an International Conference on “Entrepreneurship for Young Women and Using of New Technologies: Issues and Challenges” 26th - 27th November, 2013 at New Auditorium, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi. The purpose of an International Conference was to share and exchange experiences, identify and discuss prospects and options where National Academies within and outside NASIC member countries can enhance their role for the development of Science and Technology for encouraging young women to take up self employment and become entrepreneurs.



The inaugural session of the Conference was held at the Fatima Jinnah Women University on 26th November, which was chaired by the President, NASIC,

Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman. The proceeding started with recitation from Holy Quran, which was followed by inaugural session comprised of Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Vice Chancellor, FJWU, Introduction of Conference by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood Khan, Secretary General NASIC, Address by the Global Network of Science Academies (IAP) representative Prof. Dr. Paul Edward Mugambi, President, Uganda National Academy of Sciences, Address by Guest of Honor Engr. Imtiaz Hussain Gilani, Chairpreson, Higher Education Commission and opening remarks by Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, President, Network of Academies of Sciences in Countries of organization of Islamic Conference (NASIC).



Conference was attended by more than 250 eminent women scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs and students from Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The delegates from Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Senegal, Uganda and United Kingdom also participated. (List of Participants attached)

The following four technical sessions were held; In each session four papers were presented and at the end of every session there were interactive discussions. (Copy of Program attached)

- i. Global and Regional Trends in Women Entrepreneurship.
- ii. Issues and Challenges of Women Entrepreneurship: Pakistani Perspective.
- iii. Critical perspectives on Women Entrepreneurship.
- iv. Quest for Success



After the conclusion of first day Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Vice Chancellor FJWU, hosted a musical evening and a dinner in honour of delegates at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi.



On 27th November, 2013, after the technical sessions the concluding session of the Conference was held in the Auditorium of Fatima Jinnah Women University, at

15:05(hrs) and it was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission. After recitation from Holy Quran, proceedings of the concluding session comprised of Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Vice Chancellor, FJWU, and Summary of the Conference by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood Khan, Secretary General NASIC and Concluding remarks by the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission. The Conference generated a lot of enthusiasm and was well attended and successfully organized.