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05-06 NOVEMBER, IBA KARACHI

Day 1 — Thursday, November 5, 2026

Time	Session / Panel	Venue
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration	G&T Auditorium
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome Address — **Yaqoob Khan Bangash**, Dean SESS	G&T Auditorium
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Opening Remarks — **S. Akbar Zaidi**, Executive Director IBA	G&T Auditorium
10:20 AM – 11:20 AM	**Keynote Address** **Adil Najam** **Dean Emeritus; Professor of International Relations and Earth & Environment** **Boston University**	G&T Auditorium
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	**Theatre Performance on Sustainability**	G&T Auditorium
12:00 AM – 12:10 AM	Tea Break	G&T Auditorium, Foyer
12:10 AM – 01:30 PM	**Keynote Address** **Iwi Ugiagbe-Green** **Professor - Manchester Metropolitan University**	G&T Auditorium
01:30 PM - 2:30 PM	**Lunch**	**Event Hall, Student Centre**
2:30 PM -4:00 PM	**Prosperity Under Pressure: What Is Holding Back Job Creation in Pakistan? (World Bank)** **Panelist** • **Maria Qazi** – World Bank • **Muhammad Nasir** – Professor SESS IBA • **Yasmin Haider** – CEO World Concepts • **Junaid Iqbal** – Founder Caravan Media **Moderator** • **Saad Rajput** – World Bank	G&T Auditorium

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Day 1 — Thursday, November 5, 2026 (continued)		
Time	**Session / Panel**	**Venue**
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	**The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Advancing Evidence-Based Policymaking in Pakistan** **Panelist** • **Irshad Shodar** CEO SSPA • **Tariq Rafi** Chairman SHEC • **Tehmina Mangan** VC BNBWU **Moderator** • **Shakeel Khoja** Professor & Dean SMCS – IBA Karachi	Seminar Room MAV-1, Adamjee Building
04:00 PM – 05:30 PM	**Leadership Session: Leading Beyond Crisis: Resilience, Reform and Renewal** • **Zafar Masud** President and CEO Bank of Punjab **Moderator** • **Maleeha Sattar** ITU Lahore	G&T Auditorium
04:00 PM – 05:30 PM	**Parallel Session - Gender, Water Conflicts and Local Livelihoods** **Panelist** • **Danish Mustafa** Professor – King's College London • **Aliya Amirali** Assistant Professor – Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad **Moderator** • **Arsalan Waheed** Assistant Professor – SSLA IBA Karachi	Seminar room MAV-1, Adamjee Building
05:30 PM – 05:40 PM	Networking Tea/Coffee	G&T Auditorium, Foyer
04:00 – 05:30 PM	**Parallel Technical Sessions**	**MAS-1, MAS-2, MAV-1 Seminar rooms, Adamjee Building**
06:00 PM – 07:00 PM	**Conversation with** • **Umar Saif –** Former IT Minister, • **Miftah Ismail –** Former Finance Minister **Moderator** **Yaqoob Khan Bangash** Dean – School of Economics and Social Sciences, IBA Karachi	G&T Auditorium
07:00 PM	**Dinner**	

Day 2 — Friday, November 6, 2026		
Time	**Session / Panel**	**Venue**
09:15 AM – 09:30 AM	Welcome to Guests and Program — **Lubna Naz**, Director CBER	G&T Auditorium
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	**Conversation with Rashid Langrial – Chairman FBR** **Moderator** **Ammar Habib** Assistant Professor – IBA Karachi	G&T Auditorium
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	**Tea Break**	G&T Auditorium, Foyer
11:10 AM – 01:00 PM	**Populism, Democratic Institutions, and Political Stability** **Panelist** • **Evren Balta** Professor-Ozyegin University, Turkey • **Adeel Malik** Professor-University of Oxford • **Ajay Gudavarthy (On line)** Associate Professor-Jawaharlal Nehru University-New Delhi, India • **Nafisa Shah** Member National Assemble of Pakistan **Moderator** • **Farhan Hanif Siddiqi** Professor & Chairperson SSLA IBA, Karachi	G&T Auditorium
11:10 AM – 01:00 PM	**Artificial Intelligence in Economic Research, Policy and Planning** **Panelist** • **Muhammad Ali** Chief Technology & Information Officer Sky47 Limited • **Sohail Javaad Syed** Executive Director DFS Group State Bank of Pakistan • **Rizwan Ahmed Khan** Professor-SMCS, IBA Karachi **Moderator** • **Sahar Arshad Mahmood** Assistant Professor-SESS IBA Karachi	Seminar Room MAS-2, Adamjee Building
11:10 AM – 01:00 PM	**Impact Session** **From Policy to People: Demonstrating Impact Through Experience** Network of Organizations Working for People with Disabilities Pakistan (NOWPDP)	Seminar room MAS-1, Adamjee Building
01:00 PM – 02:30 PM	**Prayer Break and Lunch**	**Event Hall, Student Centre**
02:30 PM – 03:30 PM	**Keynote Speech – Sherry Rehman** Senator and Parliamentary Leader, Senate of Pakistan **"The Sun, the Self and Power in the Age of Disruption"** **Navigating change in the next axial age.**	G&T Auditorium

Day 2 — Friday, November 6, 2026 (continued)		
Time	**Session / Panel**	**Venue**
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	**Loss and Damage from Floods in South Asia: Regional Perspectives and Lessons for Pakistan** **Panelist** • **K. Enam Ul Haq**, Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh (Online) • **Nazim Ud din**, Aga Khan University, Karachi. • **Asiya Ashraf** -UNICEF Pakistan **Moderator** • **Ghamze Ali Siyal** Assistant Professor SESS – IBA Karachi	Seminar Room MAV-1, Adamjee Building
02:30 PM – 05:30 PM	**Grand Dialogue on Trade and Tariff Reforms for a Competitive Economy** • **Manzoor Ahmed** - Trade Facilitation Expert • **Louie Dane** - Economist, FCDO • **Naveed Abbas Memon** - Cheif Domain Officer, PSW • **Mukarram Ansari**- Member FBR • **Javed Kureishi** – CEO Pakistan Business Council • **Aamir Allawala**- CEO Tecno Group • **Vaqar Ahmed**- Team Lead OPM • **Aisha Moriani**- Former Federal Joint Secretary. Ministry of Commerce **Moderator** • **Aadil Nakhoda** Assistant Professor- SESS IBA Karachi	Seminar room MAS-1, Adamjee Building
05:30 PM – 05:45 PM	**Closing Remarks — Audience Reflections**	**G&T Auditorium**