

Children First: Catalyzing Change in a World of Polycrisis

22-23 August, 2025



AGENDA Inaugural Ceremony

Friday, August 22, 2025 Venue: Auditorium, Aga Khan University

Time	Sessions	Speaker
16:30 – 17:00	Registration	
17:00 – 17:05	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Medical Student, AKU
17:05 – 17:10	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Fyezah Jehan Chair & Professor, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
17:10 – 17:15	Introduction and Overview of the Conference	Dr. Imran Nisar Chair, Conference Committee Associate Professor & Vice-Chair (Research), Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
17:15 – 17:25	Remarks by the Vice Provost Research	Dr. Salim Virani Professor & Vice Provost Aga Khan University
17:25 – 17:45	Keynote address: "Ensuring Child Survival During a Crisis Situation"	Dr. Durre Samin Akram Professor Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
17:45 – 18:05	Keynote address: "The Pessimism of the Intellect, the Optimism of the Will"	Dr. Anthony Costello Professor, Global Health and Sustainable Development University College London (UCL)

18:05 – 18:25	Panel Discussion on "Clinic, Classroom and Community: Paeds Paths Explored"	Moderator: Dr. Imran Nisar Associate Professor & Vice-Chair (Research), Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
		Panelist: Dr. Arshalooz Rahman Clinical Associate Professor Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
		Dr. Ali Faisal Saleem Associate Professor Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
		Dr. Khadija Humayun Professor Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
18:25 – 18:40	Launch of the Neonatal Guidelines	Dr. Sohail Salat Associate Professor Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Aga Khan University
18:40 – 18:50	Closing Remarks by the Associate Dean Research, Medical College	Dr. Farah Naz Qamar Professor & Associate Dean Aga Khan University, Pakistan
	Dinner	