



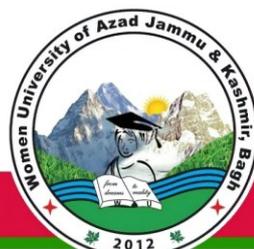
Cross-sectoral dialogue about SDGs

Cross-Sectoral Dialogue through the “1st International Conference on Emerging Trends in Linguistics, Literature, and Social Sciences”

The 1st International Conference on Emerging Trends in Linguistics, Literature and Social Sciences, organized on August 22-23, 2024, at Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (WUAJ&K), Bagh. It was designed in alignment with the objectives of SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. The primary aim of the conference was to foster cross-sectoral dialogue by engaging participants from academia, government institutions, non-governmental organizations, and international bodies. By bringing together diverse perspectives, the conference created a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and joint exploration of solutions to contemporary social and cultural challenges that are directly connected to the Sustainable Development Goals. Through its multidisciplinary approach, the conference highlighted the role of linguistics, literature, and social sciences in addressing global issues such as social inclusion, cultural understanding, and sustainable development. More importantly, it initiated and strengthened partnerships between sectors, ensuring that the outcomes of academic research can inform policy, guide community practices, and support development initiatives. In this way, the conference not only facilitated dialogue but also embodied the essence of SDG 17 by promoting cooperation, partnership, and collective action at both national and international levels. ([Annex I](#))

Strengthening Partnerships through the International Conference on Diversity and Inclusivity

The Vice Chancellor of WUAJ&K, Dr. Abdul Hamid, along with the Controller of Examination, Dr. Tahira Batool, Miss Tahzeeb, Ms. Rabia Mustafa, Ms. Erum, and Ms. Misbah, participated in the "Breaking Barriers through Diversity and Inclusivity" (BBTDI) conference. The BBTDI was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, from February 26 to 29, 2024, organized by the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) in collaboration with USAID and the All Pakistan Women Universities Consortium (APWUC). The event aimed to empower women and minorities by fostering cooperation between U.S. Minority Serving Institutions and women's universities across Pakistan.



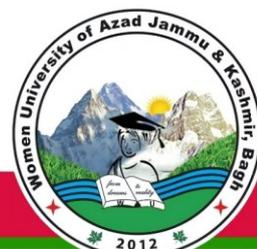


This initiative is firmly aligned with SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, as it provided a robust platform for cross-sectoral dialogue among higher education institutions, government representatives, policymakers, NGOs, and international delegates. The Vice Chancellor actively participated in the inaugural ceremony, engaging in networking with national and international policymakers, university leaders, and stakeholders, thereby strengthening institutional partnerships. Furthermore, five faculty members from our university presented their research papers at the conference, contributing scholarly insights to the discourse on inclusivity and diversity. The university also showcased its cultural identity and institutional achievements through a dedicated stall, fostering cross-cultural exchange and promoting collaborative engagement.

By actively participating at multiple levels—leadership, faculty, research, and cultural representation- the university demonstrated its commitment to building partnerships, promoting inclusivity, and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. The collaborative nature of this consortium, backed by a formal agreement, reinforces the long-term vision of institutional cooperation and sustained dialogue across sectors. [\(Annex II\)](#)

Signing of the MoU with Women University Swabi

The signing of an MoU with Women University of Swabi on August 22, 2024, represents a significant step in strengthening institutional collaboration and directly contributes to the objectives of SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Through this formal agreement, both universities have committed to academic cooperation, joint research, faculty and student exchange, and collaborative initiatives that promote sustainable development. This partnership not only fosters knowledge sharing and capacity building but also aligns with the SDG 17 indicator of initiating cross-sectoral dialogue. It creates long-term opportunities for collaboration between higher education institutions, policymakers, and community stakeholders. [\(Annex III\)](#)





Cross-Sectoral Dialogue: Global Issues and Kashmir

The Department of International Relations at Women’s University organized a seminar on “Current Global Issues and Trends: Eight Decades of Military Envision/Aggression in Indian Kashmir – Challenges and Way Forward.” This seminar directly contributed to the SDG indicator of cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs by providing a platform for discussion on peace, justice, human rights, and international cooperation, which are core elements of SDG 16 and SDG 17. By engaging students, faculty, and invited experts in a dialogue on pressing global challenges, the seminar fostered awareness of the interconnectedness of regional conflicts with international development goals. It encouraged participants to critically examine pathways toward sustainable peace and stability while highlighting the importance of partnerships, dialogue, and informed policymaking. In this way, the seminar not only enriched academic understanding of international issues but also aligned with the spirit of the SDGs by promoting knowledge exchange, cross-sectoral learning, and collaborative approaches to addressing global challenges. ([Annex IV](#))



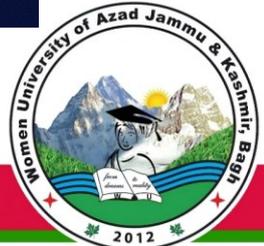


Annex I



Dr. Aleosnita from Malaysia on “Artificial Intelligence in Education”

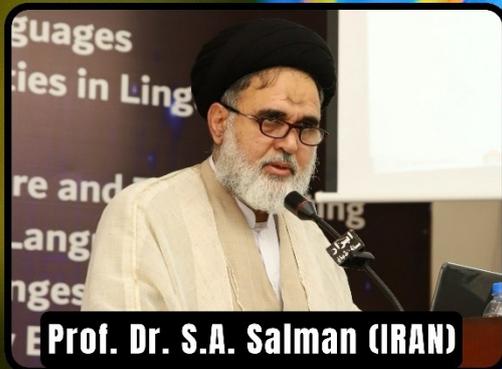
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International Speakers in Conference

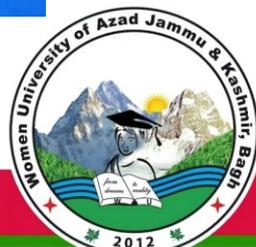
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Prof. Dr. S.A. Salman (IRAN)



Dr. Aleosnita (Malaysia)



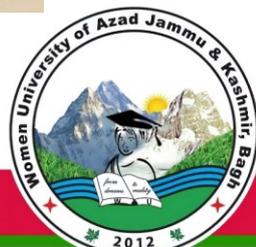


Annex II



Breaking barriers through diversity and inclusivity

25-29 February, 2024





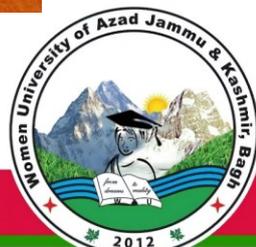
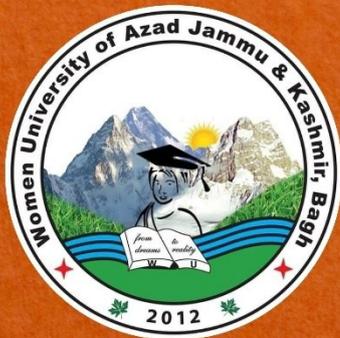
Annex III



**Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony Between Women
University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Women University Swabi**

August 22, 2024

Collaboration





Annex IV

