



U.S. - PAKISTAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

What is the USPWC?

The Council is a public private partnership that seeks to increase women's economic participation in Pakistan through entrepreneurship, employment and education. The second phase of the Council was launched in 2019 as a partnership between U.S. State Department and Texas A&M University in cooperation with the private sector, non-profits, and academia in both countries.



What does the USPWC do?



Connect: We connect people, organizations and government leaders in Pakistan and the United States to incubate ideas and initiatives on women's economic participation.



Catalyze: We catalyze commitments from the private sector, non-profits, governments and academic institutions in both countries to unleash women's economic potential in Pakistan.



Convene: Through quarterly meetings of our members in Pakistan, events, and dialogue, we advance thought leadership and action to advance women's economic empowerment.

What is the impact of the Council?

**Between 2012 and 2018,
the Council reached
236,000 people in Pakistan.**



What is the USPWC currently working on?

Pakistan's Million Women Mentor Program: An initiative to spark the interest and confidence in women and girls to pursue STEM careers and leadership opportunities through the power of mentoring.

Women's Business Opportunity Initiative: An initiative to help women-owned businesses succeed in global value chains

Summer Sisters Enrichment Program for Adolescent Girls: An initiative designed to give pre-college Pakistani girls the opportunity to study at top U.S. universities.

Research and Data: Texas A&M University, the Council's academic host, undertakes research initiatives, including measurement and evaluation projects of other Council initiatives.

Annual Policy Symposium on Women in the Economy in Pakistan & Public-Private Dialogue: Meetings designed to convene Council members and generate new, innovative ways for the Council to achieve its goals.

Council Governance

The Council is led by an Executive Director and guided by an Executive Committee:

Alice Wells: Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ervin Massinga: Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Pakistan, U.S. Department of State

Joel Maybury: Director, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State

Esperanza Jelalian: President, U.S.—Pakistan Business Council

Mujeeb Zahur: Managing Director, S&P Global, Pakistan

Radhika Prabhu: Executive Director, U.S.—Pakistan Women's Council, U.S. Department of State

Michael Young: President of Texas A&M University

Dr. Valerie Hudson: Women, Peace, and Security Program, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

Dr. Elsa Murano: Director of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, Texas A&M University

Dr. Raymond Robertson: Director of the Mosbacher Institute for Economics, Trade, and Public Policy, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

Who are the Council's members?



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