

# THOUGHT LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES 2025

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The ICMA Research and Publications Committee in collaboration with the Lahore Branch Council (LBC) proudly announces a Session under its 'Thought Leadership Lecture Series'

## THEME OF LECTURE

**"BREAKING BARRIERS: AKHUWAT FOUNDATION'S INTEREST-FREE MICROFINANCE MODEL"**

### Profile

Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib is the Founder and Chairman of Akhuwat, the world's largest interest-free microfinance program, which has disbursed over Rs. 274 billion to more than 3.5 million families in Pakistan. A former civil servant, he also founded Akhuwat College University, the country's first fee-free higher education institution. He chairs the Punjab Development Network, a coalition of 160+ organizations working in development and welfare, and serves as Executive Director of Fountain House, a 500-bed mental health rehabilitation center. He is Vice Chairman of the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund and Chairman of the Pakistan Educational Endowment Fund, a federal initiative to support education.

Dr. Saqib's work spans governance, poverty alleviation, rural development, and microfinance. He has received global honors including the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2021), Islamic Economy Award (2018) by the Crown Prince of Dubai, Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2018) by the World Economic Forum and Schwab Foundation, the Commonwealth Point of Light Award by Queen Elizabeth II, and Lifetime Achievement Awards from Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (2014) and Rotary International (2022). In Pakistan, he was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz (2011) and Hilal-i-Imtiaz (2023). He served as Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme from September 2023 to May 2024. A noted author of ten books, Dr. Saqib has spoken at the UN, Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge, and is among the few Pakistanis nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**DR. MUHAMMAD AMJAD SAQIB**

(Sitara-a-Imtiaz, Hilal-a-Imtiaz)

**Founder & Chairman  
Akhuwat Foundation**

## Invitation from the Vice President ICMA and Chairman, Research and Publications Committee



Dear Members,

We are honored to invite you to an inspiring session in our Thought Leadership Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, renowned social entrepreneur and Founder of Akhuwat—the world's largest interest-free microfinance program.

Join us on 14th May 2025 at ICMA Campus Lahore, as Dr. Saqib shares insights from his journey of empowering over 3.5 million families, pioneering fee-free higher education, and leading impactful initiatives in healthcare, education, and poverty

alleviation. This is a unique opportunity to hear from a visionary leader who is making a profound difference in Pakistan and is a true source of national pride.

Don't miss the chance to engage with one of the country's most influential changemakers and learn from his vast experience in creating sustainable social impact.

Muhammad Yasin, FCMA

### Day & Date

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**CPD:**  
02 Hour

### Time

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m

### Venue

ICMA Campus Lahore

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