

SHAMSHAD AKHTAR



Shamshad Akhtar is currently Special Senior Advisor, Office of President. Ms. Akhtar joined ADB in 1990 as an Economist. Ms. Akhtar rose up the ranks and was appointed Director, Governance, Finance and Trade Division for East and Central Asia Department of ADB in 2002. She later assumed the post of Deputy Director General of the Southeast Asia Department and in 2004, Director General of the Department.

She left ADB in 2005 to accept the post as Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan for 3 years (2006 -2008). She was the first female to assume this position with a rank of Federal Minister. During her term as Governor, Ms. Akhtar was Nominated Asia's Best Central Bank Governor by the Emerging Market Groups in 2006 and Bankers Trust in 2007. She was also nominated as top ten Asia's Women in 2008 by the Asian Wall Street. Ms. Akhtar has been ADB's Coordinator of APEC Finance Minister during 1998-2003 and has been member of several ADB Committees.

Before joining ADB, Ms. Akhtar worked for 10 years in the World Bank's Resident Mission in Pakistan. In Pakistan, she also worked briefly with the Government Planning Offices.

During her career, she has provided policy advice to a number of ADB members in East and South Asia as well as Central Asian Republics on wide ranging subjects which covered macroeconomic matters, finance and money and structural reforms of key sectors including industry and agriculture, etc.

Ms. Akhtar has a Post Doctorate degree from Harvard University, US and Doctorate in Economics from UK and Masters in Economics from UK and Pakistan.