

Rashid S. Kaukab

Profile

Rashid has been working on issues related to trade and development since early 1990s. His work has covered many issues on the international trade agenda and global economic governance including those related to trade policy making processes, trade in agriculture, trade in services, non-agriculture market access, World Trade Organisation (WTO) institutional reform, intellectual property, commodities, trade and investment, regional trade agreements, reform of global economic governance architecture, and special and differential treatment for developing countries.

Rashid is a member of the governing Board of Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA), at ESAMI Arusha, Tanzania. He has lectured at a number of institutions and programmes and is a guest lecturer at Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble, France; the GC University, Lahore, Pakistan, and TRAPCA. He has also been a member of: Advisory Panel, Human Development Report 2005 of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNDP Poverty Reduction Network (PRN) through the Globalisation Advisory Group of UNDP, Peer Review Group for the UNDP publication "Making Global Trade Work for People" (Earthscan, 2003), Trade Affinity Group (TAG - the Community of Practice on Trade in the Asia-Pacific Region) of UNDP, and core team of FES Global Economic Governance Scenarios 2020.

Rashid has authored and published a number of papers and articles. He has participated in all the WTO Ministerial Conferences held so far as well as United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Ministerial Conferences IX, X and XI. He has also participated and made presentations to more than 300 conferences, workshops, meetings, and seminars organised by inter-governmental organisations (IGOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and governments.

Experience and skills

Senior Advisor, Research and Development, Pakistan Permanent Mission to the WTO, Geneva, Switzerland, 2008

Senior Expert, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland, 2007

Acting Head, Programme and Research Coordination, South Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 2007

Head, Strategic Policy and Planning, South Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 2006

Sr. Consultant and Programme Coordinator, Trade and Development, South Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 1998-2005

Counsellor (Economic and Trade Affairs), Pakistan Permanent Mission to the UN, WTO, and other International Organisations, Geneva, Switzerland, 1995-1998

Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Naushahro Feroze, Government of Sindh, Pakistan, 1993-1995

Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Karachi, Government of Sindh, Pakistan, 1989-1991

Director, Octroi Department Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Karachi, Pakistan, 1989

Additional Deputy Commissioner Karachi, Assistant Commissioner and Sub Divisional Magistrate Mirpurkhas and Mithi, District Administration, Government of Sindh, Pakistan, 1982-1989

Selected projects

Fostering Equity and Accountability in the Trading System (FEATS) Project: Coordinating and conducting research, advocacy, and networking activities under this project of CUTS GRC that focuses on Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

Building an Inclusive East African Community (BIEAC): Assisting in the implementation of this project, particularly the research component that focuses on Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and regional integration issues for Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Projects at the South Centre: Developed and implemented several technical and capacity projects on specific issues, including trade in agriculture, trade in services, trade and environment, Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), WTO institutional reform, WTO dispute settlement, Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA), World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Development Agenda, etc. that aimed at knowledge and expertise of developing countries, particularly least developed countries (LDCs) on these issues. All the projects included research and analysis, training, organisations of meetings and workshops, and publications.

Projects while working for Government of Sindh, Pakistan

Prepared a comprehensive project for the revitalisation of local bodies in the district through better management and innovative financing; Developed and implemented a social and educational development plan for the more backward areas of the district; planned and coordinated a project for the computerisation of the state finance department; planned and executed a joint relief programme with international agencies for the famine-stricken Thar Desert; and implemented a crash programme for the immunisation of 100,000 children with the assistance of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



Supplementary information

Rashid is married, with three children

Position
Director

Year of Birth
1960

Nationality
Pakistani

Languages
English - Fluent
Urdu - Fluent
Punjabi - Fluent Hindi
- Spoken)
French - Fair

Qualifications
MA Economics (Karachi University, Pakistan)
and MBA (Yale University, US)

Key Skills
Planning, coordination and management;
multilateral diplomacy and negotiations;
evaluation and impact assessment

Specialisation
International trade and development; WTO
and RTAs; global economic governance;
management and project execution; political
economy of trade and policy making