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Dr. Shamshad Akhtar served twice as the Federal Finance Minister of Pakistan (2018 and 2023-2024) holding multiple economic portfolios in the caretaker governments. Earlier she served as the Governor, State Bank of Pakistan.

As the Under-Secretary General of the Economic and Social Commission of the Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) and the United Nations Secretary General's Senior Special Advisor on Economics and Finance/UN DESA, she oversaw the implementation of the sustainable development agenda. She was UN Secretary General's Sherpa for Development and the pursued Finance and Central Bank tracks. Among others, she was closely involved in the development and implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDG), the Addis Ababa Financing frameworks and work on the Paris Climate Accord and ensured closer alignment of G20 development agenda with the 2030 SDG agenda.

Dr. Akhtar served as the Vice President, Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, the Director General of Asian Development Bank (ADB) and served as the Special Sr. Advisor to the President of ADB.

Dr. Akhtar is recipient of Asia's Best Central Bank Governor from Emerging Markets and the Banker's Trust awards. In 2008, The WALL STREET JOURNAL ASIA recognized her as one of Asia's top ten professional women.

She has been awarded the HUM Women's Leadership Global Award and Medals by the President of Kazakhstan and Turkemistan. On 23rd March, 2024 she has been awarded the Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Highest Civil Award of Pakistan).

Dr. Akhtar is now serving as the Chairperson of few Boards in Pakistan: the Pakistan of Stock Exchange, the Board of Sui Sothern Gas Transmission and Distribution company, Chairperson of

the Karandaaz, the Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance and as Independent Director, Engro Fertilizer Company and Advisor on Pakistan Environment Trust Fund.

Dr. Akhtar is Member of the Advisory Council of the Sustainable Finance Centre at the SOAS at London University, Member of UN Global Women Leaders Group, served on G20 Task Force member of the Think Tank on Infrastructure during the Presidency of Japan, Saudi and Italian Government. She served as an Advisor of SG Food Security and Financing for Development Group, one of the 12 Global Advisors to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on China on Belt and Road, Council of Advisor and Policy Sherpa for the Boao Forum for Asia and Advisor to the Shanghai Forum. She has conducted analytical work as Chair of the Pakistan Reform Insurance Committee, Capital Markets reforms and the Special Economic Zones etc.