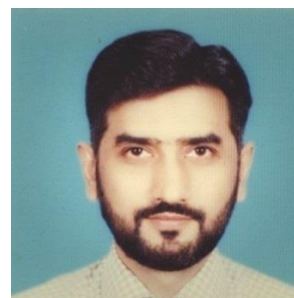


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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior public sector professional specializing in AI policy, Internet Governance, and Digital Transformation, with over two decades of experience advising government and engaging with international organizations on ICT policy and regulatory frameworks. Played a contributory role in shaping Pakistan's National AI Policy 2025. Actively contributes to global multistakeholder platforms including the IGF, ITU, ICANN (APRALO community participation), and GDC / WSIS+20 consultation processes.

KEY EXPERTISE & INTERESTS

- Digital Skills ([ITU certified on Digital Skills Strategy](#))
- AI Policy & Governance ([CAIDP certified Research Fellow on AI Policy Clinic](#))
- Data Governance ([Participation in UN-CSTD Working Group on Data Governance](#))
- Recognized on UN-IGF Portal ([Policy Briefs for PNAI Reports of 2024 & 2025](#))
- Project Management ([PMP preparation course: PMI Islamabad Chapter](#))
- Global Digital Compact / [WSIS+20](#) Review & consultation ([UN-DESA WSIS+20 Consultation](#))
- Internet Governance ([ICANN](#) & [APRALO Representative of ISOC Islamabad Pakistan Chapter](#))
- APAC Youth initiatives ([Remote Hubs](#), [Synthesis Reports of APPrIGF](#), [yIGF](#) and [NetMission](#))
- Public Policy & Government Advisory
- Digital Transformation & National Strategies
- Critical Thinking & Analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ministry of IT & Telecom — Joint Director (Internet Governance) | Feb 2023 – Present

- Engage in global Internet Governance forums including IGF, ICANN, ITU, WSIS and ISOC.
- Support policy analysis, feasibility studies, and stakeholder consultations.
- Policy analysis on emerging technologies including AI, cybersecurity, and digital economy.
- Coordinate [multi-stakeholder consultations](#) across government, industry & international partners.

Ignite – National Technology Fund — Deputy Manager | Apr 2013 – Jan 2023

- Advised leadership on government affairs, innovation policy, and digital ecosystem development.
- Contributed to ICT HRD national programs including PM's National ICT Scholarship Program, National ICT Research Grassroots Initiative, PM's IT Apprenticeship Program in addition to incubation(NICs), entrepreneurship, ICT Blocks and R&D funding.
- Lead external communications, government affairs, and board coordination.
- Technical coordination across Government Affairs, Projects, Solicitation & Evaluation, and Corporate Affairs.

Ministry of IT & Telecom — Project Manager (R&D Fund) | Jan 2007 – Mar 2013

- Implementation of R&D Fund policy framework prepared through MIMO Berhad.
- Lead role in establishment of National ICT R&D Fund, (rebranded as Ignite)
- Multiple sensitive assignments and roles in addition to core responsibilities.
- Managed telecom and R&D initiatives aligned with digital development goals.
- Managed cross-functional coordination with ministries, regulator, and global stakeholders.
- Led international coordination projects and technical collaborations.

Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) — Assistant Programmer | Sep 2005 – Dec 2006

- Analyzed billing systems and developed inventory management solutions.
- Worked on system automation and telecom technology transfer projects.
- Design & Development of Inventory Management System.

University of Management & Technology (UMT) — Assistant Manager IT | Nov 2001 to Jun 2005

- Joined as Software Support Engineer, then promoted to Software Engineer, Snr Software Engineer and then Assistant Manager IT
- Led software development and IT operations.

EDUCATION

- Master of Computer Science (Software Engineering), Hamdard University (2022) – CGPA 3.62
- MBA (Col. Int'l Executive), Allama Iqbal Open University – [Coursework Completed](#)
- Diploma in Computer Science, FC College

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & FELLOWSHIPS

- Training course on [New Generation Mobile Telecommunications Technologies and Networks](#), in collaboration of Xi'an University of Posts and Telecom (XUPT), China (2012)
- [ITU-T Centre of Excellence\(CoE\) training on NGN: Architecture, Networks and Services](#), in collaboration with Türk Telekom Akademi, Istanbul, Turkiye (2010)
- Certificate of training on [Telecommunications and Broadcasting Convergence](#) by Korea Radio Promotion Agency(KORPA), Seoul, S. Korea (2008)
- [Korea IT Learning Program](#) – 2007 [National Informatization Framework](#) by Korean Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO/NIA)
- [AI Policy Clinic Fellowship](#) – Center for AI and Digital Policy (2025)
- [Cybersecurity](#) – DiploFoundation (2024)
- [Internet Technology & Policy](#) – DiploFoundation (2022)
- [Introduction to Internet Governance](#) – DiploFoundation (2018)
- [Digital Commerce](#) – DiploFoundation (2018)
- [Shaping the Internet](#) – Internet Society (2018)

AI POLICY & RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Worked as Research Fellow and drafted key updates for the Country Report of Singapore in the “[Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values \(AIDV\) Index 2026](#)”, launched by *Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP)*.
- AI Governance and Policy contributions under IGF Policy Network 2024 titled: “[The AI Governance We Want, Call to Action: Liability, Interoperability, Sustainability & Labour](#)” (https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/28491)
 - ✓ [Liability frameworks for AI accountability](#)
 - ✓ [Labour impacts across AI lifecycle](#)
 - ✓ [AI governance interoperability and best practices](#)
 - ✓ [Environmental sustainability in generative AI value chain](#)
- Worked with UN IGF Secretariat’s consultant on IGF PNAI Policy Brief 2025 titled “[Lessons, Impact on Global AI Governance, and Multistakeholder Vision for 2026 and Beyond](#)” (https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/30188)
- Research article on [Role of Security and Privacy in the Internet World in 2018](#)
- Article on [Capacity Building and Evolution of Internet Governance Ecosystem in Pakistan 2018](#)
- [WSIS Stocktaking](#) and Prize contributions since 2010.
- Awarded ITU’s certificate of recognition for [champion of WSIS Prizes 2021](#) on behalf of National Incubation Centers program of Ignite.
- Study visit report on “[National Informatization Framework](#), in light of 2007 Korean IT Learning Program attended in Seoul, Korea – (2007)
- Research article on “[Youth and Social Exclusion in the Information Society](#)” published on Taking IT Global (2007)
- [Making IT Accessible](#) –published in the Lifestyle supplement issue of Spider Magazine
- Volunteer for study surveys in Pakistan on “[Comparative Analysis of Software Piracy Determinants among Pakistani and Canadian University Students: Demographics, Ethical Attitudes and Socio-Economic Factors](#)” the study was completed at Simon Fraser University, Canada in 2006