This year we lost our very dear colleague, Dr Lubna Nazir Chaudhry, who helped make the Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) a recurring annual event during her time at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Dr Chaudhry was a committed scholar, activist, academic, an award-winning teacher, a compassionate colleague and a kind mentor who remained associated with SDPI even after she moved to New York to teach at Binghamton University's Department of Human Development in 2003. She remained on SDPI’s board of trustees and as member of SDPI’s Journal of Development Policy, Research & Practice till she breathed her last earlier this year. To honour her memory, SDPI is holding a Special Plenary as part of its annual Sustainable Development Conference 2020.

After completing her Masters from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr Lubna Nazir Chaudhry moved to the University of California, Davis for her PhD in the interdisciplinary field of sociocultural studies in education. She taught at the University of Georgia, Athens, for three years. After moving to Pakistan, she initially worked with the ASR Institute of Women's Studies and later joined SDPI as a Research Fellow. During her three-and-a-half years of service at SDPI, Dr Chaudhry carried out research in the areas of minority rights, feminism, and conflict. Her writings reflect her passion and understanding of the subjects.

Dr Lubna Chaudhry’s family, friends and colleagues will share their thoughts, memories and association with her at this memorial session. The plenary will be led by Dr Saba Gul Khattak, former Executive Director of SDPI.

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