

**Mr. Ali Tahir**  
**Director**

Mr. Ali Tahir has a rich and varied experience of working in the public, private and development sectors in a career spanning over thirty years.

As an officer of Pakistan Administrative Service, he worked as an administrator in initial years of service in far flung subdivisions of Qalat and Mastung in Balochistan, and then in Lahore, the urban heartland of Punjab. His key senior level assignments have included Secretary to Government of the Punjab, in Planning & Development, Finance, Excise & Taxation, Agriculture, Cooperatives, Management and Professional Development departments and also, Additional Chief Secretary.

From, 2016 to 2020, Mr. Tahir was Pakistan's Economic and Trade Minister in Washington D.C. In this diplomatic role, he closely interacted with IFIs, multilateral organizations, think tanks, US government agencies, businesses, trade bodies and chambers. He chaired International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), an inter-governmental organization, for one year.

Mr. Tahir worked in the corporate sector prior to joining the Civil Service and in the development sector on secondment from service for a number of years. Currently, he is posted as Additional Finance Secretary, Government of Pakistan. He also represents the government on various corporate boards. Mr. Tahir's versatile background has equipped him with the ability to appreciate and synthesize cross-cutting perspectives and ideas.

Mr. Tahir holds a BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the Oxford University and MA (Economics) from the University of Manchester, UK which he obtained as a Britannia Chevening Scholar. He has been awarded Sitara-I-Imtiaz by Government of Pakistan for his contribution to public service. He also contributes to national newspapers from time to time.