To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC, the Qaid-e-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad and the Child Rights Movement (CRM) Pakistan have joined hands to organize a national conference “25 years of UNCRC and the State of Child Rights in Pakistan” in the Department of Sociology, QUA on November 19, 2014. The conference will evaluate and analyze the state of child rights in Pakistan. Pakistan being party to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to formulate the strategies for future course of action for civil society, academia, national/international institutions and the federal/provincial governments.

The academicians, scholars, researchers, students and NGOs activists are requested to present their theoretical, conceptual and empirical work in front of the peers and university students on the related concepts, themes and research agendas. There will be a plenary session and then parallel sessions/workshops for scholars will be organized to present and disseminate the knowledge.

Core themes of the conference

- General Measures for implementation of the UNCRC
  - Steps taken by government for the implementation UNCRC in Pakistan.
- Children’s right to development and participation
  - State of education in Pakistan
  - Early childhood care and education in Pakistan.
  - Implementation of article 25-A of the constitution of Pakistan about right to education/budgetary allocation for education.
  - Child participation in Pakistan.

- Children’s right to survival
  - Breastfeeding in Pakistan and its links with under-5/neonatal deaths
  - Newborn health in Pakistan.

- Children’s right to protection
  - Child protection system in Pakistan
  - Child labour in Pakistan
  - Child marriages in Pakistan.
  - The situation of child sexual abuse in Pakistan.

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Important Dates
Abstract Submission Deadline: September 30, 2014

Conference papers should be submitted uncrc25@gmail.com
The conference will be organized on November 19, 2014 at the Department of Sociology, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad. For further information, please contact Dr. Muhammad Zaman, Conference Coordinator (uncrc25@gmail.com).