<u>BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE</u>

Dr. Muhammad Iftikhar Ali

Dr. Muhammad Iftikhar Ali is a quality assurance leader with over 24 years of experience in higher education management, accreditation, and sustainability. Currently serving as Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at Iqra University Pakistan, he has spearheaded strategic quality initiatives aligned with national and international standards, including the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan's frameworks and accreditation models.

Dr. Ali has led internal and external quality assurance reviews for a wide range of disciplines business, computing, media, nursing, pharmacy, and allied health sciences—ensuring program compliance with national benchmarks and global QA expectations. As a national trainer on HEC's PSG-2023 framework, he has delivered capacity-building workshops for faculty and QEC professionals across multiple Higer Education Institutions.

He brings international exposure through active participation in conferences across Asia and the Middle East, and has collaborated on projects with USAID, UNHCR, OXFAM UK, CARE USA, and IHH Turkey. He serves as Managing Editor of the Research Journal of PNQAHE (Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education), is a reviewer for several international journals, and contributes voluntarily to mentoring initiatives in research and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Ali holds a PhD in Management (Project Sustainability) and multiple postgraduate degrees in management and HR. His leadership reflects INQAAHE's vision—promoting quality and collaboration in global higher education systems. He offers a unique blend of policy knowledge, academic rigor, and field experience that would support INQAAHE's strategic objectives as a member of its Board of Directors.