

## The UNITAR Hiroshima Fellowship for Afghanistan, An Anthology

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Humaira Khan-Kamal joined the UNITAR New York Office in 1996, leading the research and development of several training programs in specific thematic areas. These included courses on international trade, public-private partnerships for sustainable development, and policy issues in information and communication technologies.

With the opening of the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in 2003, Khan-Kamal took a leadership role in the overall design, launch, and management of the Fellowship project on post-conflict reconstruction and training in Afghanistan and served as program coordinator till 2011. Following that, as Senior Advisor, she remained involved in strategic planning and curriculum development of the program.

Khan-Kamal earned her master's in business administration from the Lahore University of Management Sciences. Prior to her work with UNITAR she worked with a non-profit project to set up the national cancer care hospital in Pakistan – Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Center. She is currently working as CEO of a health-care company in the United States.

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