

Mahmood A. Khwaja, PhD

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our past president and representative from Pakistan Mahmood A. Khwaja, PhD. At his death he was Senior Advisor, Chemicals and Sustainable Industrial Development, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad. Pakistan.

As President of ISDE he strongly worked on the issue of chemical dangers to human health or indeed the health of the planet. He was especially knowledgeable about mercury and he has been instrumental in increasing the attention of the medical profession to the dangers of this chemical.

We will remember Mahmood as a warm, intellectual, open-minded friend. We will continue your work, our friend.



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Dr. Khwaja earned his Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Chemistry, respectively, from La Trobe University of Science and Technology, Melbourne, Australia and University of Peshawar, Pakistan

At Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr. Khwaja has been involved in working with the Technology Transfer for Sustainable Industrial Development, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting/SMART Program for Industry in Pakistan, Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), Hazardous Chemicals, Wastes/Contaminated sites, Chemicals and Climate Change, Climate Change Adaptation, Water Quality, Household Water Treatment Systems (HWTS), environment impact assessment (EIA), multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) on chemicals issues, "Mercury phase out" and "Male Declaration and Air Pollution". Prior to joining SDPI, Dr. Khwaja held teaching positions at the University of Peshawar, La Trobe University of Science and Technology, University of Cape Coast and Kumasi University of Science and Technology, Ghana. He worked as a subject specialist (science text books) with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Text Books Board and as senior scientific officer with Pakistan Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Dr. Khwaja has been SDPI lead investigator & focal person in several joint/collaborative projects/programs with partner organizations in Pakistan and Switzerland, Japan, Czech Republic, India, Republic of Korea and USA.

Dr. Khwaja has over 75 publications to his credit, which have appeared in refereed national and international research journals, magazines and newspapers. Dr. Mahmood Khwaja holds honorary positions on executive committees of chemical societies, science associations, international networks like IPEN, PBC, ISDE, GCSF and regional/international institutes.