

# ACE 2025 PROGRAM

## Legend

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| Networking | Fireside chat | Workshop | Lightning Talk |
| Panel      | Keynote       | Pitches  | Religious      |

| <b>Day 1 (May 9)</b><br><b>WELCOME</b><br>(Jummah- 9pm) |                                       |  |   |
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| 4:35 am   | Fajr                                  |  |   |
| 1:30 - 2:30 pm  | Jummah                                |  |   |
| 2:30 - 3:30 pm  | Lunch                                 |  |   |
| 3:00 - 6:00 pm  | <b>REGISTRATION</b>                   |  |   |
|   | <b>Expo Floor SETUP</b>               | Booths from businesses providing products, services, trainings or employment opportunities   |   |
| 6:00 pm - 6:10 pm                                       | Tilawat                               |  |   |
| 6:10 pm - 6:35 pm                                       | Opening Fireside chat                 | SV President in conversation with Maulana Muniruddin Shams   | <a href="#">Muhammed Chaudhry Muniruddin Shams</a>  |
| 6:35 pm - 7:15 pm                                       | <b>Fireside chat</b>                  | <p>Beyond the Hype: Industrial Applications of AI</p> <p>How AI is being incorporated in products and applications that we use every day</p> | <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. <a href="#">Hamid Sheikh</a> (Samsung Research)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Salahuddin Choudhary</a> (Google)</li> <li>- Dr. <a href="#">Maria Safi</a> (Apple)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Dr. <a href="#">Rafae Bhatti (JD Tilia)</a></p> |
| 7:15- 8 pm  | <b>Workshop 1</b>                     | The art of pitching  | <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="#">Imran Ahmed</a> (QED Investors)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Irfan Ahmad</a> (DCVC)</li> </ul>   |
|   | <b>Workshop 2</b>                     | Small business fundamentals - Digital marketing and sales  | <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="#">Faiq Malik</a> (Visitlock)</li> </ul>  |
| 8- 9:00 pm  | Maghreb/Isha (8:45 pm)<br>+<br>Dinner |  |   |

| Day 2 (May 10)<br>AM Session<br>(9:30 am- 12:30 pm) |  |  |   |
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| 4:35 am   | Fajr                                   |  |   |
| 8:30 - 9:30   | Breakfast                              |  |   |
|   | REGISTRATION                           |  |   |
| 9:30 AM- 9:40                                       | Tilawat                                |  |   |
| 9:40-9:55   | Opening Remarks                        | National Secretary, SOT, USA   | <a href="#">Mujeeb Ijaz</a>   |
| 9:55-10:00  | Intro to Program                       | SV SOT Secretary   | Dr. <a href="#">Rafae Bhatti (JD)</a>   |
| 10:00-10:45   | Fireside chat                          | Spotlight on Entrepreneurial Journey   | Panelists:<br>- <a href="#">Ahmad Chaudhry</a><br>- <a href="#">Aleem Khan</a><br><br>Moderator:<br><a href="#">Muhammed Chaudhry</a>   |
| SESSION 1   | PANEL DISCUSSIONS- THE STARTUP JOURNEY |  |   |
| 10:45-11:30   | Panel: <b>The Art of The Start</b>     | Accomplished entrepreneurs sharing their story of how they got their startups off the ground | Panelists:<br>- <a href="#">Irfan Ahmad</a> (DCVC)<br>- <a href="#">Imran Ahmed</a> (QED Investors)<br>- <a href="#">Tahir Warraich</a> (Fynite.ai)<br>-Ms. <a href="#">Ramla Chaudhry</a> (2020 Behavior LLC)<br><br>Moderator:<br>- <a href="#">Nahil Mahmood</a> (Corvit Networks) |
| 11:30-12:15   | Panel: <b>The Art of Survival</b>      | Successful business owners sharing stories of business survival in turbulent times           | Panelists:<br>- <a href="#">Waseem Haider</a> (Datawiz)<br>- <a href="#">Adeel Malik</a> (Clearstep)<br>- <a href="#">Shukoor Ahmed</a> (V-Empower)<br>- Ms. <a href="#">Arhama Rushdie</a> (JD) (Mediscore)<br><br>Moderator:<br>- <a href="#">Zaki Bajwa</a> (Sprinklr)             |
| 12:15-12:30   | SPOTLIGHT SPEAKERS                     |  |   |
| Break (12:15-2:30 PM)                               |  |  |   |

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| 12:15 - 2:30 pm   | <b>Expo Floor OPEN</b>  | Booths from businesses providing products, services, trainings or employment opportunities  |   |
|   | Zuhr/Asr (2 pm)<br>+<br>Lunch   |   |   |
| <b>Day 2 (May 10)</b><br><b>PM Session</b><br>(2:30- 6:30 pm)                     |   |   |   |
| 2:30- 3:00  | Lajna Chair Remarks/<br>Lajna Keynote   | A Lajna's Professional Career Journey   | Ms. <a href="#">Rabia Chaudhry</a><br>Sadr Lajna SV<br><br>Ms. <a href="#">Alia Sajid</a><br>(Cisco)  |
| SESSION 2   | <b>BUSINESS PLAN PITCHES</b>  |   |   |
| 3:00-4:30<br>(6 presentations; 12 mins each)<br>(Runs in parallel with Session 3) | <b>Finalist Pitch Presentations</b>   | Pitches focused on student/youth/ startup ideas to enable new business opportunities<br><br>Mentors/ experts panel will provide feedback.<br><br>Pitches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pest Planner</li><li>• Top Nurse</li><li>• Mr. Electric</li><li>• Meet Hour</li><li>• Level Pen</li></ul> | Moderator:<br>- <a href="#">Faaiz Ahmed</a><br>(Google)<br><br>Expert Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Imran Ahmed</a> (QED Investors)</li><li>• <a href="#">Irfan Ahmad</a> (DCVC)</li><li>• <a href="#">Adeel Malik</a> (Clearstep)</li><li>• <a href="#">Zaki Bajwa</a> (Sprinklr)</li></ul> |
| SESSION 3   | <b>STARTING YOUR [SMALL] BUSINESS- LIGHTNING TALKS</b><br><br>Moderator: <a href="#">Iftikhar Ahmed</a> |   |   |
| 3:00-4:30<br>(4 Talks; 15 mins each)<br>(Runs in parallel with Session 2)         | Talk 1:   | Running Your Own AirBnB   | Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. <a href="#">Nadia Aqsa</a></li></ul>  |
|   | Talk 2:   | Running a family-owned education business   | Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. <a href="#">Ezza Malik-Zahoor</a> [<a href="#">Zalik Academy</a>]</li></ul>   |
|   | Talk 3:   | Running a food distribution   | Speaker   |

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|                            |  | business  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. <a href="#">Aslam Mohamed</a></li> </ul>  |
|                            | Talk 4   | Running a food and laundry franchise business   | Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. <a href="#">Bashir Shams</a></li> </ul>   |
|                            | Talk 5   | Running a learning and development business   | Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. <a href="#">Rizwan Alladin</a></li> </ul>   |
| SESSION 4                  | <b>SPIRITUAL ROUNDTABLE</b>                                    |   |  |
| 4:30-5:15                  | Topics at the intersection of <b>Technology &amp; Religion</b> | Hear from Jamaat leaders on the role of Sanat o Tijarat, professional and spiritual conflicts, and how to use technology to promote religion. | Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murabbi Omar Farooq</li> </ul> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muniruddin Shams</li> <li>Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah</li> <li>Bilal Rana</li> <li>Abdul Haleem Tayyab</li> </ul>   |
| 5:15-5:30                  | <b>SPOTLIGHT SPEAKERS</b>                                      |   |  |
| SESSION 5                  | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION- PROFESSIONAL CAREERS</b>                  |   |  |
| 5:30- 6:15                 | Panel: <b>Professional Career Journey</b>                      | Insights from successful professionals on how to stay relevant and grow in your career  | Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="#">Syed Yasir Talha</a> (Salesforce)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Iftikhar Khan</a> (Apple)</li> <li>- Ms. <a href="#">Huma Hamid</a> (Cisco)</li> <li>- Ms. <a href="#">Zunaira Malik</a> (Apple)</li> </ul> Moderator: <a href="#">Aftab Jamil</a> (BDO) |
| 6:15-6:30                  | Closing Remarks  | SV President  | <a href="#">Muhammed Chaudhry</a>  |
| <b>Formal Program Ends</b> |  |   |  |
| 6:30 - 7:30 pm             | <b>Expo Floor OPEN</b>   | Booths from businesses providing products, services, trainings or employment opportunities  |  |
| 7:00- 9:00 pm              | Maghreb/Isha (8:45 pm)<br>+<br>Dinner                          |   |  |