



MEETING #  
7TH

MINUTES OF MEETING - SANA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DATE	Sunday, May 18, 2025	TIME	1:00 PM EST
PRESIDED BY	Dr. Maqbool Halepoto	CONDUCTED BY	Asad Shaikh

ATTENDEES			
Asghar Pathan	Naqeeb Musavi	Shahida Shaikh	Akash K Ramani
Habib Memon	Ali Khaskhali	Mohammad Danish Pathan	

S.NO.	ITEM	DETAILS/DECISIONS
1	SANA Convention Venue and LOC Chair discussion	<p>Three options were considered for the SANA Convention (2026) venue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canada</li><li>• USA</li><li>• Cruise Trip</li></ul> <p><b>SANA Convention 2026:</b> EC members unanimously decided that the SANA Convention (2026) will be held in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Rauf Shaikh will serve as the LOC (Local Organizing Committee) Chair, overseeing the convention.</p> <p><b>SANA Convention 2027 (Potential Option):</b> A cruise trip was discussed as a new and potentially less expensive option for future conventions. It was noted that a 3-day cruise trip could potentially save SANA approximately \$75,000, potentially turning a deficit into a surplus. This option remains open for consideration for the SANA Convention in 2027.</p>
2	Formation of Government Liaison Committee	<p>Following extensive discussion among EC members, both within the meeting and on the SANA WhatsApp group, the EC has unanimously approved the formation of a Government Liaison Committee.</p> <p>The primary purpose of this committee will be to establish and maintain communication channels between relevant government bodies and SANA (as a representative of the Sindhi Diaspora in North America).</p> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <p>The General Secretary (GS) has been tasked with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploring further options related to the committee's function.</li><li>• Preparing the rules and regulations that will govern the committee.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The specific members of the committee will be decided later.</li> </ul> <p>In the interim, interested SANA members are encouraged to contact the GS to express their interest and share any valuable advice or suggestions regarding the committee's formation and mandate.</p>
3	SANA Houston Convention Invitations	<p>The EC has unanimously decided to invite the following individuals and groups to the upcoming SANA Convention. The primary objectives for these invitations are to promote Sindhi culture and heritage, and to share a message of peace and love for humanity.</p> <p><b>Approved Invitees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-ranking officials from the Sindh Government (specific individuals subject to EC approval).</li> <li>Local Politicians from the USA.</li> <li>Representatives from Local Organizations.</li> </ul>
4	Allocation of Funds to chapters from Membership fees	<p>The proposal to allocate a portion of membership fees to chapters based on their membership strength was unanimously approved. The Finance Secretary, in collaboration with both Vice Presidents (USA/Canada), is tasked with developing a percentage-based formula for fund allocation that is acceptable to all chapters. This formula will determine the share of membership fees to be distributed to each chapter.</p>
5	Women Empowerment Fund SWAN – Sindhi Women Across North America	<p>The Executive Committee unanimously approved the establishment of a Women Empowerment Fund, to be overseen by the Vice President Women.</p> <p>This fund is designated for specific initiatives supporting women. An initial amount of \$5,000 will be transferred immediately to "SWAN - Sindhi Women Across North America".</p>
6	Monthly Financial Assistance for a Woman in Need	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Vice President Women, the EC unanimously approved monthly financial assistance of PKR 15,000/- for a woman suffering from a chronic illness who is unable to travel to the hospital. This support will continue until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.</p>
7	Establishment of a Skill Development Center at Babarlo	<p>Following a detailed discussion of the proposal submitted by Dr. Amanullah Panwhar and Dr. Mithal Waqasi for a "Skill Development Center" at Babarlo, the EC has formed a committee to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and develop a concrete implementation plan for the project.</p> <p>This committee, under the supervision of Dr. Amanullah Panwhar and Dr. Mithal Waqasi, will address all aspects necessary to initiate the center, including but not limited to fund collection and operational procedures. They are tasked with providing a detailed report to the EC.</p>
8	Research Study on the FAME Fund Impact and Beneficiaries	<p>The EC approved a proposal to conduct a comprehensive research study on the FAME Fund. This research, potentially outsourced, will assess the status of all beneficiary students and evaluate the FAME Fund's impact on their lives. The FAME Fund Alumni Association will facilitate the study, the findings of which are intended to enhance the trust of SANA members and donors.</p>

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9	Fundraising Targets / Budget for 2025	<p>The EC approved the following fundraising targets for the year 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund: \$20,000</li> <li>• FAME Fund: \$40,000</li> <li>• ANMOL: \$15,000</li> <li>• SEHCAR: \$25,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Total Fundraising Target: \$100,000</b></p>
10	Formation of SAATH - Sindhi Associations Across The Hemisphere (Global Sindhi Diaspora Group)	<p>The EC approved the creation of SAATH – Sindhi Associations Across The Hemisphere, a global Sindhi diaspora group under the SANA umbrella. The purpose of this initiative is to unify efforts in raising awareness and advocating for Sindh on a global scale.</p> <p>As part of this, SAATH members may be invited to participate in future SANA conventions, potentially including dedicated sessions within the program.</p>
11	Convention Session: "Mohenjo Daro and Beyond: The Lasting Influence of Sindhi Civilization in a Global Context"	<p>The EC approved the proposed convention session titled <b>"Mohenjo Daro and Beyond: The Lasting Influence of Sindhi Civilization in a Global Context"</b>.</p>
12	Distribution of Appreciation Certificates for High Performer / Achiever Sindhis	<p>EC advised relevant committee of LOC to identify high performers and achievers Sindhis and prepare certificates of appreciation to be distributed in upcoming Convention.</p>
13	Approval of Singers and Speakers for the upcoming SANA Convention	<p>Following a preliminary discussion of the singer and speaker options presented by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) members, the EC has decided to invite the LOC Chair to the next meeting. The EC will then review the options in detail and approve the most suitable speakers and singers based on budgetary considerations.</p> <p><b>Singer Options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanam Marvi</li> <li>• Jatin Udasi</li> <li>• Salman Makhdoom</li> </ul> <p><b>Speaker Options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syed Zain Shah (Subject to Visa Condition)</li> <li>• Ayaz Latif Palejo</li> <li>• Shahab Usto</li> <li>• Naseer Memon (Subject to Visa Condition)</li> <li>• Dr. Qadir Magsi</li> <li>• Riaz Chandio</li> </ul> <p><b>Gala Night Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sultana Siddiqui (CEO HUM TV)</li> <li>• To Be Determined (TBD)</li> </ul>
<p>The General Secretary thanked everyone and the meeting adjourned.</p> <p><b>Prepared and Shared by:</b> General Secretary</p>		