

Dr Muhammad Adeel

Career Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

Introduction: Muhammad Adeel is a Career Diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan and is also a PhD Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology at the WA State Agriculture Biotechnology Centre, Australia. He holds an B.Sc (Honours) and M.Phil in Biotechnology from Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, where he also authored two dissertations on microbial diversity and biotechnology. From 2014 to 2016, he was the Manager of Pakistan Biotechnology Information Centre, which sought a multi-stakeholder engagement for the progress of Biotechnology in the country.

Adeel's PhD research has a significant component of science diplomacy in dealing with governance of biotechnology. During his stay in Australia, he organised multiple science diplomacy trainings aimed at Early Career Researchers. During his university days, he was an avid parliamentary debater, and has also spoken at forums such as TEDx on the potential blend of biotechnology and social media.

Currently, he is part of the Arms Control, Disarmament and Science Diplomacy Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan assigned to the Science Diplomacy Directorate.