

Dr. Sania Nishtar

Sania Nishtar in 1986 as best graduate from medical school with 16 gold medals. She left a lucrative career in 1999 as Pakistan's first woman cardiologist to establish the NGO think-tank, Heartfile which today is the most powerful health policy voice and catalyst for health reform in Pakistan and is recognized as a model for replication in other developing countries. In 2013 she served as a Federal Minister in Pakistan's Interim Government, where she hold four portfolios, including Education and Trainings, Science and Technology, Information Technology, Telecom and Health. She is internationally member of many Expert Working Groups and Task forces of the World Health Organization like International Union for Health Promotion, the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and is co-chair of the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity. She is vice Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council and a member of the Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health, the Clinton Global Initiative and is Chair of GAVI's Evaluation Advisory Committee. She also led the Pakistan Lancet Series on Health Reform. She has previously headed many global initiatives, including the award winning Global World Heart Day campaign. She is the author of first Pakistan's health reform plan, Pakistan's first compendium of health statistics, and the country's first national public health plan for NCDs. She is the recipient of different awards in the world specially Sitara-e-Imtiaz.