Sarwat Adnan | Guest Speaker Bio

Sarwat Adnan currently serves as Head of the Resident Coordinator Office for the United Nations in Beijing, bringing over a decade of distinguished multilateral experience spanning Asia-Pacific and global sustainable development. A seasoned policy specialist, strategic partnership lead, and programme manager, she has dedicated her career to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, fostering cross-border collaboration, and strengthening inclusive global governance.

With extensive professional postings across China, Thailand, and Pakistan, Sarwat deeply understands cross-cultural dialogue and collaborative action between China and the wider world. Her work centres on shaping cohesive UN cooperation frameworks, bridging governmental, institutional, and stakeholder partnerships, and addressing pressing global topics including digital inclusion, multilateralism, and equitable regional progress.

Holding advanced degrees in International Relations and Social Development from the University of Sussex and Quaid-e-Azam University, she combines rigorous policy expertise with a forward-thinking, solution-oriented mindset. As a passionate advocate for connected, responsible global citizenship, Sarwat champions the spirit of cross-cultural connection and collective action; core to our event theme of Connected China-Global Citizens. Rooted in unwavering optimism for multilateral cooperation, she continues to empower meaningful dialogue that links local progress in China to shared global priorities.