

## **Parvez Iftikhar**

Parvez Iftikhar, is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Universal Service Fund (Guarantee) Ltd., Pakistan. Iftikhar is a telecom professional with 30 years of experience.

Before joining USF Iftikhar was the country-head of Telecom Division of Siemens in Pakistan. During his time with Siemens, he underwent extensive training in Telecom and Business Management - both in Pakistan and abroad, including higher management courses at the prestigious Siemens Leadership School in Feldafing (Germany). He was also on a sabbatical at Carnegie Melon University, USA for a while, to pursue higher business management studies.

Even during his multinational days, Parvez Iftikhar worked extensively with the Government on his own. He has been part of several Federal Government bodies like IT Advisory Board, the Committee to formulate Telecom Policy and the Committee for ICT R&D Fund etc. He was also instrumental in numerous transfer-of-technology programs from Europe to Pakistan in the field of telecommunications. He played a key role in privatization of CTI, a former Joint Venture of Siemens with PTCL.

The latest initiatives introduced by him are the two detailed concepts for funding of “Broadband” and “Optic Fiber Cables” out of USF. The objectives are to accelerate penetration of Broadband, Tele-Medicine and other e-Services. Planning work is afoot.

He holds an engineering graduate of University of Engineering and Technology.