



**Standing Committee
on Climate Change**

CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CSOs, ACADEMIA, & EXPERTS

16th Feb 2022
Marriott Hotel Islamabad

Introduction:

The Standing Committee on Climate Change (CCC) Pakistan, in partnership with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), convened a one-day consultation meeting. This event drew together representatives of various public and private universities, researchers, think tanks, members of the Climate Change Committee, and environmental activists registered with the special pool of experts of the committee.

The meeting was designed with a dual focus: promoting awareness of the Climate Change Committee's vision and international commitments; and fostering dialogue and collaboration between the committee and experts. This was accomplished through a two-session methodology. The first session, featuring a keynote address by Honorable Speaker National Assembly, Mr. Asad Qaiser, introduced the Committee's efforts for legislative review through Post Legislative Scrutiny (PLS). It also aimed to inform participants about Pakistan's commitments under the Paris Agreement. The second session encouraged an interactive exchange of views, where experts voiced their perspectives on the challenges Pakistan faces in mitigating climate change and suggested potential policy actions to expedite the climate change agenda.

Objectives:

The one-day consultation with academia, CSO, and experts was themed around the following objectives:

1. Encouraging pool of experts to give their valuable recommendations for most important legislation that require review and scrutiny.
2. Fostering connections between academia and the Climate Change Committee (CCC) through interactive sessions on the climate change agenda.
3. Overview Standing Committee on Climate Change's initiative of conducting PLS of a climate related law.

Discussion Summary:

The consultation underlined the vital importance of an inclusive, evidence-based approach to policy-making and legislation. Ms. Munaza Hassan, Chairperson Standing Committee on Climate Change, stressed the importance of expert input in achieving climate-related legislative alignment with international commitments and local needs. Honorable Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Asad Qaiser emphasized the invaluable contribution of expert advice. A presentation showcased the committee's engagement with academia and think tanks via a registration portal, highlighting the plan to review climate-related laws to better serve public needs and meet international commitments.

Recommendations:

List of recommendations provided by the participants are summarized below:

1. Dr. Shafiqur Rehman, former Chairman, Department of Environmental Sciences, Peshawar University, recommended prioritizing water resource management due to diminishing water availability and quality. He suggested amendments to existing laws to preserve water resources for future generations.
2. Mr. Ammar Jaffri, Chairman, SDGs Academy, underscored the importance of robust data collection in



- climate mitigation and policy making, and offered pro bono support to the committee.
3. Mr. Hafiz Jawad, Country Coordinator to COY16, SDGs, advocated for youth inclusion in the legislative process and suggests that universities offer specialized programs on natural resource management/climate change. He stressed the need for grass-roots level climate change awareness campaigns.
 4. Ms. Neelam, SDGs Academy, pointed to the severe impacts of climate change in Gilgit Baltistan, particularly glacier lakes. She recommended a shift to hydroponic farming as a water conservation measure.
 5. Dr. Shakeel Hayat, a teacher of climate and water governance for the past 10 years, called for comprehensive climate change legislation, suggesting the creation of a dedicated Pakistan Climate Law. He recommended sector-wise recording of carbon footprint for targeted mitigation efforts.
 6. Dr. Basharat, an Environmental Engineer working on the green housing energy initiative, encouraged exploration of alternative energy sources and urged support for green economies.
 7. Dr. Muhammad Azmat of IGIS NUST pointed out the danger of glacial melting and its impact on Pakistan's agriculture sector due to changing patterns at high altitudes. He called for the establishment of an international body of well-regarded researchers to oversee the climate issues of all countries. Further, he suggested the conversion of power generation plants to green, solar energy sources.
 8. Dr. Azmat from Global Shapers connected climate change with strategic national priorities like national security, food security, and economy. He highlighted the destabilizing effect of climatic disasters on food and national security. Discussing the role of CPEC, he underscored the potential to transition to a circular and green economy with the support of developed countries.
 9. Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Institute of Urbanization, emphasized the need for strong policy actions for improved oversight and planning in urban development.
 10. Dr. Zahid reiterated on the importance of adherence to international standards like the Paris Agreement and the Kyoto Protocol, recommending amendments to local legislation and policy accordingly.
 11. Dr. Mohammad Noman Tayyab discussed the role of weapons of mass destruction production as a significant source of climate pollution and stressed the need for compliance with international treaties addressing hazardous waste.
 12. Dr. Maria, Chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences, IIUI, asserted the need for stricter laws and policies to combat climate change and to achieve SDG goals concerning development, air quality, and hunger.
 13. Hon. Ms. Rubina Irfan, MNA highlighted the multiple environmental issues plaguing Balochistan and urges a more in-depth exploration of these problems.
 14. Hon. Ms. Naureen Ibrahim, MNA emphasized the need for implementation following expert input. She suggested sustainable development of rural areas to control urban sprawl and called for policy development in the area of sedimentation of dams and other water bodies.

Way forward:

Based on the issues highlighted by the participants, the standing Committee on Climate Change, having responsibilities of oversight of laws and policies, plans to scrutinize existing legislation to respond to some of the issues mentioned by the participants.



Agenda

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Islamabad Date: 16th Feb 2022

Time	Session
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Registration
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Opening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recitation of Holy Quran- National Anthem of Pakistan- Welcome Remarks by Chairperson Standing Committee on Climate Change, Hon. Munaza Hassan
2:15 – 2:30 pm	- Presentation <i>Strengthening Oversight through Effective Engagement with Academia: Pakistan's Climate Commitments on Paris Agreement</i>
2:30 – 2:40 pm	- Key note address by Honorable Speaker National Assembly, Mr. Asad Qaiser
2:40 – 3:40 pm	- Interactive session and key recommendations on climate mitigation and effective legislation from Experts
3:40 pm	- Lunch



Participants' List

Sr No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mamoona Alam	Department of Chemistry, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar
2.	Zara Muneeb	University of Miami Florida
3.	Mujtaba Ali Zaidi	Anthro Insights
4.	Madiha Neelum	Hum News, Global Shapers Islamabad Hub
5.	Ibrahim Atique	Environment Expert(PMU – ADB)
6.	Muhammad Noman Tayyab	University of Gujrat
7.	Moazzam Bhatti	Director Advisory, SDPI
8.	Barirah Zaufishan	Bahria University Islamabad Campus
9.	Quratulain	International Islamic University
10.	Ayesha Younas	International Islamic University
11.	Shahkeel Basheer	MoST
12.	Maham Ali	The Dawood Foundation
13.	Engr. Haider Asfandiyar	Future Gen Solar (USPCASE
14.	Naureen Fatima	National Institute of Maritime Affairs
15.	Hira Tauqeer	Program Officer, Save the Children
16.	Ammar Jafri	SDGs Academy of Pakistan
17.	Adnan Khan	Global Shapers Peshawar
18.	Asif Khan	University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar
19.	Dr. Muhammad Azmat	IGIS, Nust
20.	Junaid Aziz	IGIS, Nust
21.	Salman Atif	Institute of Geographical Information Systems, NUST
22.	Dr. Fahim Khokhar	Nust University
23.	Dr. Imran Khalid	Director Governance, WWF
24.	Dr. Shakeel Hayat	Institute of Management Sciences
25.	Sana Naz	WFD
26.	Momel Zoon	Sungi Development Foundation /Comsats University Islamabad
27.	Dr. Mahmood A. Khwaja	Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)PI
28.	Dr. Syeda Maria Ali	International Islamic University Islamabad
29.	Dr. Shafique Rehman	Former Chairman (Department of Environmental Sciences, Peshawar University)
30.	Dr. Khalid Waheed	Associate Professor (PIEAS)
31.	Ameera Adil	Clim-8
32.	Dr Engr Basharat Hasan Bashir	Pakistan Engineering Council
33.	Dr. Ejaz Ahmad	Institute of Urbanism, WWF (Retired)
34.	Engr. M. Usman Saleem	UET Taxil
35.	Durlabh Ashok	World Economic Forum / Youth Embassy
36.	Prof. Dr Zahid Din Muhammad	Dep. Of Forestry, BZU
37.	Dr. M. Shahid Iqbal	Consultant (Institute of Space and Technology)
	Parliamentarians	
38.	Ms. Andleeb Abbas	MNA, PTI
39.	Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim	MNA, PTI



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40.	Ms. Rubina Irfan	MNA, BAP
41.	Ms. Romina Khursheed Alm	MNA, PML-N
42.	Ms. Shahida Rehmani	MNA, PPP
43.	Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani	MNA, MQMP
44.	Ms. Rukhsana Naveed	Parliamentary Secretary (MoCC)

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