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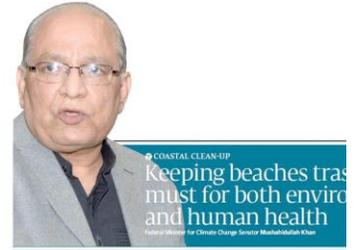
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**Important
Announcement**

Press Release

16th October 2017

“Pakistan Climate Change Financing Framework is an historic initiative”, Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Mushahidullah Khan

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan attended the Report launch of Pakistan Climate Change Financing Framework.

“The government of Pakistan has taken various solid initiatives for future planning and budgeting of Climate Change. The Public Financial Managing System has been reformed at central level”, Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan. He further added Ministry of Climate Change with the collaboration of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning has formulated comprehensive Climate Change Financing Framework. This Climate Change financing Framework will be milestone in bringing climate change in mainstream of planning and finance system. The budgeting of climate change is formally now part of budget call circular and budget policy, highlighted by the Minister.

“There is more need to create awareness on Climate Change issue, told by the Minister. We are living under glaciers and having serious threats .The desertification is increasing in Pakistan whereas our contribution in carbon emission is only 0.08% and among top ten countries most affected by the climate change” emphasized by the Minister.

Mr. Neil Buhne United Nations Country Coordinator of United Nations Development Program also emphasized the importance of calculating Climate Change Finance.

Pakistan is fourth country after Indonesia, Vietnam, and Bangladesh that has developed comprehensive approach towards climate change financing. First Climate Change Public Institutional Review was launched in 2015 examining Khyber Pukhtoonkhawa ,FATA and Azad Jammu And Kashmir. The current report in national wide and includes federal, all provinces and three regions. This report presents a roadmap of a wide range of reforms that will require sustained efforts and commitments for implementations alongside a short to medium term plan of action. The Climate Change financing Framework is a major output of the efforts of the government of Pakistan, supported by United Nations Development Program. The process began with a Climate Public Expenditure Institutional Report which provided useful insight to establish a baseline for Climate Change expenditure, a Climate Public expenditure And Institutional Review was carried out by tagging Climate Change relevant expenditures in the government budget. The event was attended by officials of Ministry of Climate Change, Ministry of Finance, representatives United Nations Development Program, Civil Society and media persons.

Press Release

19th October 2017

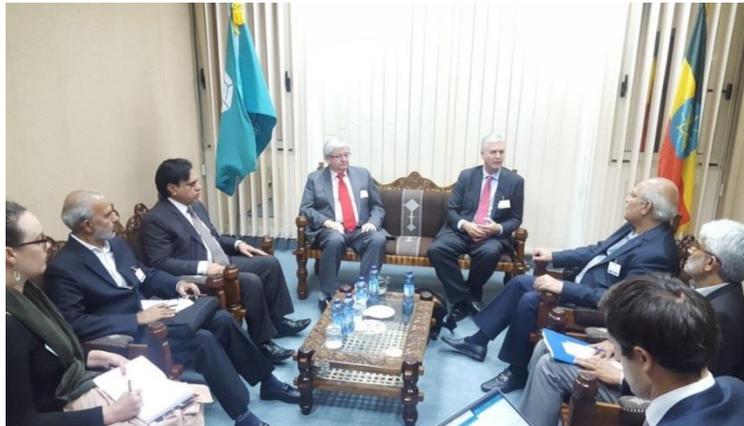
The Director General of Global Green Growth Mr. Frank Rijsberman meeting Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan at 6th session of the Global Green Growth Institute at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan led Pakistani delegation to Council meeting of the Global Green Growth Institute. The meeting was held in Addis Ababa and participated by all twenty-eight members of Global Green Growth Institute. Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan addressed the meeting and expressed Pakistan's Keen interest to move forward on green growth trajectory.

Press Release 20th October 2017

“Global Green Growth Institute agrees to partner with Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan”.

Islamabad: Global Green Growth Institute agrees to partner with Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan. This outcome was achieved after Minister for Climate Change Mushahidullah Khan successfully participation in Institutes Assembly and Council meeting in Addis Ababa. Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan highlighted achievements of Pakistan for promoting green growth in his address to assembly and council of Global green Growth Institute



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Assembly meeting was chaired by Ethiopian, Minister for Environment and was participated by Minister's and senior level government officials of member states. The delegation of Pakistan included Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahidullah Khan, Director General Environment Irfan Tariq and Muhammad Fayyaz Director to Minister for Climate Change.

Global Green Growth Institute will support Pakistan in developing and prompting climate resilient green growth without compromising its developmental targets. The initiative would place Pakistan as an opportune destination for green investment.

Global Green Growth Institute is an intergovernmental body supporting green growth in its member states established in 2012, at the Rio plus twenty United Nations Conference on Sustainable development. Currently it has 28 member states. The member states have shown significant progress in moving towards green economy through its support.

Press Release

23rd October 2017

Ministry of Climate Change with the collaboration of all stakeholders has developed Snow Leopard protection Plan” Mushahidullah Khan.

Islamabad: Pakistan has endorsed the Global Snow Leopard Ecosystem Program (GSLEP) by developing its National Snow Leopard Ecosystem Protection Priorities (NSLEP) and joined other snow leopard range countries for achieving the goal of “securing 20 landscapes by 2020” three of which falls in Pakistan, said the Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan. He was speaking at the International Snow Leopard Day event been organized by Snow Leopard Foundation in collaboration with Ministry of Climate Change and other partners. The Ministry of Climate Change has involved all the provinces and relevant stakeholders while planning the conservation strategy. He further added that this program would be started in April 2018. It was also emphasized by the minister that population explosion and climate change causing extinct of snow leopard in Pakistan. He also mentioned that Whitely Award received by Dr. Ali Nawaz for his efforts to conserve Snow Leopard in Pakistan is great pride for Pakistan. Federal Secretary Ministry of Climate Change Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, H.E Dr. Tore Nedrebo The Ambassador of Norway and other officials from government and non-government organizations were present at the event.



The International Snow Leopard Day was celebrated to renew the commitment of protecting and conserving the snow leopard, its habitat and the ecosystem. Highlight of the event was screening of documentary by Snow Leopard Foundation “Science, Society and Snow Leopards”, which was greatly liked by the audience. An act by school children and announcement of poster competition were also part of the event. The poster competition was arranged one month earlier as part of the snow leopard day celebrations in snow leopard communities’ schools in its program regions in Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral.

Speaking at the event, H.E Dr. Tore Nedrebo the Ambassador of Norway shared his comments and views on climate change. He told the audience that the weather conditions are extreme in Norway as in the snow leopard habitat. Norway, established a national disaster relief fund in 1962 to address climate and climate change related damages. Such fund can be established in the snow leopard range in Pakistan to cope up with the climate change and impacts. Measures to improve the status of the snow leopard in the Pakistan will have positive impacts on the overall mountain communities and contribute to resilient ecosystems. Norwegian universities have established programs on climate research related to hydrology, climatology, glaciology, and response of arctic life. The NMBU (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) is exploring climate change effects on large carnivores and harvested mammals. Supported by the Norwegian Research council, NMBU is maintaining an active collaboration with the Snow Leopard Foundation for extensive field research in northern mountains of Pakistan.



Federal Secretary Ministry of Climate Change Syed Abu Ahmad Akif informed the audience that Pakistan is an active member of GSLEP process and chaired the GSLEP steering committee for three years. Three GSLEP model landscapes; Karakoram-Pamir, Himalayas and Hindu kush, falls in Pakistan. He Talked about the measures to impart ground-breaking impact in context of conserving these ecosystems such as:

establishing endowment fund to encourage community’s active participation in conservation by providing safety net against predation losses and incentives to improve natural habitats in their valleys. By establishing National Wildlife Institute to provide a platform for professional training of wildlife professionals of all levels/cadres and foster systematic ecological research to understand ecology and conservation needs of threatened

species of Pakistan. To establishing Information Centres to promote awareness about snow leopards, prey species and the values of snow leopard ecosystem, and to engage youth in conservation activities

Inspector General Forests Syed Mahmood Nasir spoke about the improvement in the need of advanced scientific research in wildlife conservation and environmental protection. The Federal Minister praised the efforts of snow leopard foundation and Dr. Muhammad Ali Nawaz for arranging this event and specially the involvement of local community schools in poster competitions and other activities. The products of Snow Leopard Enterprise were also put on display so showcase the crafts produced by female artisans from snow leopard range communities. These women are trained by Snow Leopard Foundation team of women in order to enhance their skills which can help the local communities to improve their household livelihoods.

Press Release

25th October 2017

“Pakistan will participate in United Nations Environment Assembly in December”, Federal Minister for Climate Change

Islamabad: Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director Asia and the Pacific office United Nations Environment paid a courtesy call to Federal Minister for Climate Change Mushahidullah Khan in his office.

‘We are living under the threats of melting glaciers. The reason of these glaciers melting is global warming which is caused by glacier melting’, said by Federal Minister for Climate Change Mushahidullah Khan. He further told the delegation that it is responsibility of developed world to provide help in capacity building to countries who are paying price at their cost. We should raise our voice on every forum against this injustice being done to developing countries. He also emphasized that climate change is a global issue and requires collective efforts to combat it.

Ms. Dechen Tsering also informed that under Global Climate Facility Obama regime provided a lot of funding. We should try to get access to that funding. She also extended invitation to Federal Minister for Climate Change to participate in third meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly taking place in Nairobi, Kenya early December, which was accepted by the Minister. The event considers the overarching theme of pollution. Outcomes are expected to include: a political declaration on pollution, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); resolutions and decisions adopted by Member States to address specific dimensions of pollution; voluntary commitments by governments, private sector entities and civil society organizations to clean up the planet; and the Clean Planet Pledge, a collection of individual commitments to take personal action to end pollution in all its forms.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, and Director General Environment Irfan Tariq.

Press Release

26th October 2017

“The matter of environmental degradation of Islamabad will be taken up with the Prime Minister”, Federal Minister for Climate Change

Islamabad: The delegation of Green Task Force met Federal Minister for Climate Change in his office to discuss the environmental degradation of Islamabad.

“The environmental protection is our top priority and we will bring the matter of environmental degradation of Islamabad into notice of Prime Minister”, Federal Minister for Climate Change. He also highlighted that environmental Protection Agency have written letters to Capital Development Authority with reference to construction work going on at Embassy road. It was intimated to capital development authority that all trees likely to be affected due to construction of the project should be clearly marked and numbered and details therefore be shared with this agency. The Capital Development Authority paid no heed to Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Protection Agency summoned relevant authority under environmental laws.

He further added that we will instruct Environmental Protection Agency Islamabad not to issue No objection Certificate for any development work unless the relevant authority in advance, plants ten times more trees at any alternative place, than the number of trees to be affected during any development work. He also informed the delegation that civil society should also raise this issue at all forums. He also highlighted that Ministry of Climate Change is working speedily on establishment of Botanical Garden in Islamabad. This Botanical Garden would be home to precious flora and fauna of our country. It would not only help to improve the environment of Islamabad but also a great tourist attraction, said by the Minister

Dr. Dushka Sayyed chof Green task force also discussed various environmental problems in Islamabad .Federal Minister for Climate Change ensured to provide any kind of support required to protect the Islamabad from any kind of degradation.

Press Release



Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, currently Pakistan, appreciated the commitment of Pakistan in adherence to phasing out of Ozone Depleting Substances under Montreal Protocol.

Ms. Tsering who is currently visiting Pakistan in her address, while chairing the workshop on Kigali Amendment- the Way Forward, said that UN Environment is pleased to be one of the implementing agency for Pakistan in phasing out program of Ozone Depleting Substance.

Ms. Tsering reiterated that UN Environment will remain actively engaged with Pakistan in development of enabling activities for the phasing down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.

During presentations on Kigali Amendment, the experts shared various details of the amendment with the participants. It was mentioned that the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol was adopted by the 28th Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol on 15 October 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda. The Amendment adds powerful greenhouse gases hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to the list of substances controlled under the Montreal Protocol to be phased down.

Under the Amendment, Montreal Protocol parties are required to gradually reduce HFC use by 80-85 per cent by the late 2040s. First reductions by most developed countries are expected in 2019. Most developing countries will follow with a freeze of HFCs consumption levels in 2024, and in 2028 for some developing countries. Pakistan is in group 2 where by average HFC consumption levels for 2024-2026 + 65% of HCFC baseline shall be followed.

The Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change in his remarks acknowledged the efforts of UN Environment in extending all support to Pakistan along with other implementing agencies, in achieving the compliance set under Montreal Protocol.

The Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Climate Change, while welcoming the Regional Director UN Environment, Asia Pacific, highlighted that Pakistan is in total compliance of target set under Montreal Protocol. He also shared the future plans of the Ministry of Climate Change in meeting the phase down of HFCs under Kigali amendment.

The workshop was attended by representatives from ministries, provincial departments, authorities, academia and media.

30th October 2017

“100 times more trees be planted in advance to replace trees damaged during construction work”, Mushahidullah Khan.

Islamabad: The standing committee on climate change was held at parliament to discuss the agenda of National Disaster Management Authority.

Federal Minister for Climate Change Mushahidullah Khan said during the meeting that United Nations charters demands to have 12 percent of forest cover on total land of a country but Pakistan has only 5 percent forest cover. He further added that there should be proper legislation to ensure that 100 times more trees be planted in advance to replace trees damaged during any construction work. There should be parameters to check the type, life and carbon stored in trees expected to be demolished during any development project. He also told the committee that there is a technology that implants complete trees on other place. We should try to get that technology to save trees during construction work. The chairman National Disaster Management Authority Lieutenant General Omer Mehmood Hayat supported the proposed amendment regarding gender sensitivity in disaster management. The committee was formed comprising of Senator Ahmed Hassan and Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh to discuss legalities with Ministry of Law and Justice and National Disaster Management Authority. The meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Ahmed Hassan, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh, and Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, officials of National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Climate Change and media officials.

