

Media Update

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UNIDO

Press Release

UNIDO helps Pakistan industries prioritize renewable energy and energy efficiency interventions

12th January, 2017 – Islamabad : Within the framework of the UNIDO/GEF project entitled "Sustainable Energy Initiative for Industries", UNIDO presented priority renewable energy and energy efficiency interventions for 5 priority industries sectors in Pakistan. This project is funded by the Global Environment Facility. Officially opening the workshop to present the findings of the study to industries in Pakistan, Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khattak, CEO National Productivity Organization (NPO), applauded the initiative taken by UNIDO and GEF in promoting the adoption role of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in industrial development. He highlighted the collaboration between UNIDO and NPO is spearheading the energy efficiency efforts in the industrial sector of Pakistan. Further he appreciated the personal interest taken by UNIDO Country Representative, Mr. Esam Alqararah, in realizing the common objectives of industrial sector development in Pakistan.

Mr. Khattak was the chief Guest of the Workshop organized by UNIDO. The workshop was designed for validation of important study, undertaken in the UNIDO Project "Sustainable Energy Initiative for Industries in Pakistan" which is funded by GEF, and was held in Islamabad. The workshop was widely attended by stakeholder, both from the industry and Government officials from relevant Ministry and line departments. Present among the prominent dignitaries were the officials of various relevant ministries as well as representative of various organization like Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), National Productivity Organization (NPO), National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) and Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA). Ms. Nadia Aftab, Programme Officer, UNIDO, on behalf of Country Representative, Mr. Esam Alqararah,



on the occasion, shed light on the role of UNIDO during its 40 years of presence and highlighting some hallmark achievements of this UN agency in assisting the sustainable development process of Industrial sector in Pakistan. She stressed upon the importance of a Sectoral study for promoting Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Pakistan. In his introductory remarks about the Study, Mr. Alois Mhlanga, the Project Manager, highlighted the objective of Validation workshop as well as pointed out the major components of the project. He appreciated the participation of the all major stakeholders in this event and called on industries to contribute to the finalization of the study as it will be the basis of interventions and support under the project.

UNIDO presented their findings on the five major industrial sectors namely; Textile, Foundry, Paper & Pulp, Ceramics and Dairy. The findings gave insight into the energy resource consumptions for each sector, benchmarks comparisons on regional levels, as well as the economic value of energy efficiency savings for each sectors. The finding also gave the potential of Renewable energy applications for each sector in economic and technological terms.

The participants actively participated in the event and raised several pertinent technical questions. The Consultants keenly noted down all the comments and promised to review and incorporate all the comments and suggestions in the revised draft of the study. In brief, the study identified the potential areas off growth in relevant sectors with clear indication of needed sector specific intervention.

UN Women

Press Release

Agreement Signed between UN Women & Swiss Development Cooperation for Enhancing Capacity of the Women Parliamentary Caucus of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

11 January 2017 - Peshawar, Pakistan: The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) today signed a one-year partnership agreement to enhance the capacity of the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) to integrate a gender perspective in new provincial laws and policies and review of existing legislation.

Through this project “Capacity Enhancement of the Women Parliamentary Caucus of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Gender Integration in Provincial Laws”, Members of the WPC-KP will be able to identify and reflect on the principles of gender equality and gender mainstreaming in legislative reviews and propose inclusions and/or amendments thus ensuring ‘gender’ principles are reflected. Additionally, the WPC-KP will seek to guide and assist legislators, policy-makers and other key partners to analyze and interpret legislation through a gender lens.

The project agreement was signed by Ms. Stefanie Burri (Head of Cooperation, SDC) and Mr. Jamshed Kazi (Country Representative, UN Women Pakistan)

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Mr. Jamshed Kazi shared “Today’s project signing will give new impetus to our efforts to integrate the rights of women and gender justice elements in the laws and policies of the province. UN Women has a strategic interest in the stability, prosperity and capacity development of Women Parliamentary Caucus of KP. This initiative will support Members of WPC-KP to undertake research and propose gender-responsive laws and policies which will bring a positive change in the lives of the women, girls and the vulnerable segments of society.”



Ms. Stefanie Burri expressed that “The Swiss Development Cooperation, as part of the Swiss Embassy, is very glad to support the important work of the Women Parliamentarians in KP through UN Women. SDC considers access to knowledge and information and strong institutions as crucial for participation in the opinion building processes. SDC responds to KP government appeal to support laws and their implementation which special focus on women and children. SDC is looking forward to achieve quick and sustainable results. This will require hard work from all the stake holders, putting our ‘hands and energies’ together.

Ms. Meraj Humayun (Chairperson, WPC-KP) welcomed support from UN Women and SDC for strengthening the WPC in KP and said “This project will also enhance coordination amongst women parliamentarians and build consensus on gender priorities across party lines.” She also expressed interest in collaborating with civil society for advancement of the gender equality agenda in KP.

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