

Media Update

16 May 2016

UNDP

Press Release

First National Steering Committee meeting for Sustainable Energy For All (SE4ALL).

16 May 2016: Pakistan held its first National Steering Committee meeting for Sustainable Energy For All (SE4ALL). The meeting drew participants from over 25 federal and provincial government institutions, financial institutions, development partners and the civil society to discuss the future of sustainable energy in Pakistan.

SE4ALL is the global initiative of United Nations, which is underpinned by its three main goals: universal access to energy, doubling the rate of energy efficiency and conservation and doubling the share of renewable energy in the overall energy mix. Pakistan has become one of the 120 countries that have pledged to fulfill these goals by 2030, by addressing the nexus between energy and health, women, food, water and other development issues are at the core of every country's development agenda.

Currently one out of every three people in Pakistan lives without access to electricity and more than half of the population relies on wood, coal, charcoal or animal waste to cook their food, leading to thousands of deaths a year, mostly women and children, from lung disease caused by toxic smoke in their homes. Addressing energy poverty while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and tackling climate change is a crucial challenge for Pakistan.

Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms, chaired the meeting. He elaborated on the Government's commitment to achieving



energy security through energy efficiency improvements and investments in clean energy sector as outlined in the goals of Pakistan's Vision 2025. He also called on the public and private sector to partner on achieving the goals of SE4ALL.

UNDP Resident Coordinator, Neil Buhne highlighted UNDP's agenda and efforts for SE4ALL and its linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals. He expressed his concerns on Climate Change risks for Pakistan and the crucial role that SE4ALL can play for adaptation and mitigation.

The meeting consisted of multiple rounds of discussions, which focused on increasing support for research and development, creating an investment friendly environment, inclusive and transparent energy policy, incentivizing renewable energy and fostering public-private partnerships. This would pave way for the next step which is developing Pakistan's National Action Plan on SE4ALL.

Based on its progress and cooperation amongst its agencies Pakistan could well be on its way to not just address its energy deficit but allow the energy sector to prosper, by addressing the nexus between energy, health, women, food, water and other development issues at the core of Pakistan's agenda.

UN Women

Media Advisory

Launch - Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment Status Report 2016, Pakistan

What: The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) invite you to the launch of Pakistan's Inaugural 'Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment Status Report 2016'



When: Wednesday 18 May 2016, 9:15am to 12:00pm

Where: Sheesh Mahal Hall III, Serena Hotel, Islamabad

Speakers/Panelists:

- Ms. Khawar Mumtaz, Former Chairperson, NCSW
- Ms. Yasmin Zaidi, Director, Centre of Gender and Policy Studies
- Ms. Saba Gul Khattak, Executive Director, Open Society Foundation
- Mr. Mohsin Afzal, Founder, we.R.play Studios
- Ms. Sana Mahmud, Captain, National Women's Basketball Team

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WFP

Media Advisory

**You are cordially invited to the Inauguration Ceremony of the
Humanitarian Response Facility**

Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh, Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, WFP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and WFP Pakistan Representative will grace the occasion

Date: 18 May, 2016

Time: From 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

**Venue: Humanitarian Response Facility, Near LU Biscuit Factory,
Sukkur SITE Area, Sukkur**

Agenda:

PROGRAMME	TIME
Media setup	1:30- 1:45 pm
Guests to be Seated	01:50 pm
Arrival of Chief Guest	02:00 pm
Unveiling of the Plaque	02:00 to 02:05 pm
Cutting of Ribbon	02:05 to 02:10 pm





Planting of Sapling	02:20 to 02:25 pm
Presentation of the Project	02:30 to 02:35 pm
Welcome address by Secretary Rehabilitation	02:35 to 02:40 pm
Address by NDMA representative	02:40 to 02:45 pm
Address by WFP Regional Director	02:45 to 02:50 pm
Address by High Commissioner - Australia	02:50 to 02:55 pm
Address by Deputy Head of Mission Japan	02:55 to 03:00 pm
Address by the Chief Guest	03:00 to 03:10 pm
Group photo and Media Interaction	03:10 to 03:20 pm
Hi Tea	03:20 to 04:00 pm

*There will be a WFP van to transport media from Sukkur Press Club to the venue. If you are interested to avail WFP transport, **RSVP latest by Tuesday, 17 May 2016 to:***

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We look forward to your participation and coverage.

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Press Release

Government of Australia Provides AUD 3 Million to WFP to Support FATA TDPs and Returnees

ISLAMABAD: The Australian Government has announced a contribution of AUD 3 million to the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) to cover the costs of milling, fortification, transportation and distribution of 8,126 metric tons of wheat donated by the Government of Pakistan. This wheat will be provided to 102,000 Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs) and returnees in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

To recognize the support provided by the Australian Government, WFP has held an advocacy event to announce this contribution. Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, H.E. Margaret Adamson, made the announcement at the WFP office in Islamabad.



The Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Neil Buhne, WFP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, Mr. David Kaatrud, and WFP Pakistan Representative, Ms. Lola Castro were present on the occasion.

“Australia has a long standing history of working together with Pakistan to provide humanitarian assistance to people affected by crisis. Australia’s support is designed to help the most vulnerable, and to promote stability,” said Margaret Adamson. “Australia places particular emphasis on the protection and empowerment of women and girls.”

“WFP welcomes this donation and looks forward to continuing the excellent and long lasting partnership with the Government of Australia” said Lola Castro. “The relief rations are especially crucial for the populations affected by shocks whose ability to purchase or produce food is limited while assisting returnees in the resettlement process so that they can build durable food security” she added.

The Government of Australia has been contributing towards WFP interventions supporting the Government’s Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy as a part of its efforts to ensure the stability of the region near the border areas between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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