



# Media Update-2

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## United Nations

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## Photo exhibition “*Pakistani People and United Nations - Human stories through photography*” opens at Frere Hall in Karachi

**Karachi, 20 January 2016:** The photo exhibition, “Pakistani People and United Nations - Human stories through photography”, opened today at the Frere Hall in Karachi. The exhibition, produced in collaboration with the Karachi Municipal Corporation, includes two collections of professional photos.

“Pakistani People and United Nations” showcases 74 professional photographs documenting human stories in the main areas of UN work in Pakistan: education, employment, food security, health, gender equality and social justice, humanitarian assistance, peacekeeping, rule of law and governance.

In addition, the exhibition offers the visitors the opportunity to see “We the peoples” a collection of historical photos portraying the work of the United Nations has been carrying forward around the world for the past 70 years.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Cammarota, Director of the United Nations Information Centre commended the cooperation and support extended by the Karachi Municipal Corporation and Frere Hall for organising the exhibition.

He said: “For the past 70 years the United Nations has worked hard to improve the lives of millions of people all over the world, including here in Pakistan. We hope this exhibition will offer people an opportunity to learn about the support provided to the people of Pakistan by agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.”

With reference to photography he added: “A single photo can tell a thousand words without the need for translation. We are confident that these images will help with fostering dialogue, with strengthening solidarity and with motivating young people to engage with the exciting and challenging world of international development.”

Mr. Samiuddin Siddiqui, Metropolitan Commissioner, expressed his appreciation for collaboration with the United Nations and highlighted the importance of showcasing the





work done by in the country for the development of Pakistani people. He added that the historical photos from the "We the people" collection offer Karachiites a great opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges faced around the world in the past 70 years.

A large number of people, including representatives from media, Government, civil society, the diplomatic community and students attended the exhibition's opening ceremony.

The exhibition will remain open to the public until 3 February.

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### Findings from Pakistan's first Integrated Resource Recovery Center in Islamabad shared by UN-Habitat, UN-ESCAP, and Partners

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, Islamabad:** The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), in close collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change disseminated the Lessons Learnt of Pakistan's first Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC) located in Sector G-15 through a national level dissemination workshop. The IRRC is a pilot project of UN-ESCAP and UN-Habitat which enables the city to turn waste into resources through composting, recycling, and bio-digestion while also creating employment opportunities.

Ms. Bella Evidente (Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Pakistan), Mr. Joao Aleluia and Mr. Rowan Fraser (UN-ESCAP), Mr. Latif Qureshi (General Secretary, JKCHS), and Ms. Sumaira Gul (AHKMT) spoke about the efficacy of the project.

While briefing the media, Mr. Lorenzo Santucci (Economic Affairs Officer, UN Escap) said, "Improving waste management is an urgent agenda in a fast-growing middle-income country like Pakistan. UN-ESCAP has been promoting the IRRC model across Asia-Pacific and it has proven an effective and affordable solution, especially in secondary cities and small towns. The pilot in sector G-15 in Islamabad shows that such solutions have a great potential in Pakistan as well".

Ms. Evidente opined that, "The pilot IRRC at Sector G-15 showcases the collaborative efforts of the Government, UN-ESCAP and UN-Habitat, communities, civil society and academia. It has not only improved facilities for the collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of solid waste but has significantly contributed to the cost-effective, sustainable and climate-friendly management of solid waste and highlighted the potentials of turning waste into resources."





Representing the private housing societies of Islamabad, Mr. Latif Qureshi commented that, “there are numerous social, economic, and environmental benefits of this project to the community of JKCHS. I would urge other private housing societies and the government to include it in their existing and upcoming development projects to ensure environment friendly solid waste management”.

Representatives from MOCC, Economic Affairs Division Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Planning Development and Reforms, Unicef, UNIDO, UNDP, Arid Agriculture University, WSSP, NSUSC, Municipal Corporation Muzaffarabad, ADC Muzaffarabad, WASA Hyderabad, Gujranwala WMC, Rawalpindi WMC, HANDS, IUCN, and Local body elected representatives were also present at the event along with other notables from the private housing societies, development sector, and academia.

The IRRC receives 3 tons of municipal solid waste per day from surrounding local communities and nearby vegetable markets and produces compost and biogas. It is a pilot project that will test the feasibility of this model in Pakistan and its potential for replication to other sectors in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. In the medium term, the replication of this model to other cities of Pakistan is envisaged.

