

Media Update

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Media Advisory

UNIC, in collaboration with Australian Aid, Connect4Climate, and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), plans to conduct an interactive workshop in Islamabad with the university students from the Gilgit Baltistan region, in order to engage them in the climate change conversation, and encourage them to learn more about the ways to tackle climate change in the northern areas of Pakistan.

When: *Wednesday, 5th October, 14:00 to 16:00*

Where: UNIC, ILO Building, G-5/2, Islamabad

What: Workshop: Climate Change in Gilgit Baltistan

Who:

- Students from Gilgit Baltistan
- Irshad Khan Abbasi, Director Rural Development Aga Khan Foundation
- Lachlan McLeod, Second Secretary, Australian High Commission
- Max Edkins, Climate Change Expert at Connect4Climate (Video Message)
- Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (Video Message)
- Vittorio Cammarota, Director UNIC

Registration: send your name and designation to info.islamabad@unic.org by COB *tomorrow, 4th October 2016*. Please note that for security reasons only registered participants will have access to the event.

Background

Climate Change is a global common challenge, which is unquestionably changing the reality the world over. Pakistan is dealing with severe consequences of climate change every year in the form of droughts and floods. In light of the very large youth population in the country it is essential that the youth is properly informed of climate change and contributes to safeguarding the environment.

UNIC Pakistan, together with the Australian Aid and the French Embassy in Islamabad, has invested energies and resources for empowering Pakistan youth and ensure they play a vital role in the global conversation on climate change. In 2015, in the run up to COP 21, UNIC organized an educational Youth Forum for Pakistani young people and encouraged them to share their thoughts on climate change in the form of essays and drawings. Their inspiring artwork was collected in a publication called "Pakistani Youth for Climate Change", launched simultaneously in Islamabad and Paris in December, 2015.

As follow-up, we plan to run information workshop targeting youth from the province of Gilgit Baltistan; one of the most affected regions of the country by the change of climate.

