

Media Update

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Climate Change: Issues, challenges and opportunities for the Peasant Communities of Sindh Province

What: The Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Pakistan cordially invite you to a seminar on the issues, challenges and opportunities for the Peasant Communities of Sindh Province. The seminar encompasses a subject that relates to the very survival of the peasant and farmer communities of Sindh, whose human security situation is deteriorating as a result of climate change induced disasters that continue to occur. A wide range of experts will discuss the vulnerabilities of the farmer communities affected by climate change induced weather patterns and the strategies to prepare for, adapt to and mitigate the challenges posed by this phenomenon.

When: Wednesday, 09th Sept 2015

Where: Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Background

Global Climate change is a direct threat to human security, food security and the sustainable livelihoods of rural communities. The Sindh Province, with its population of 34 million forms one-fifth of Pakistan's total population of 180 million. Approximately 51 percent of Sindh's population is rural, primarily depending on agriculture for their income and livelihoods. Sindh was the most severely affected province of the 2010 floods with close to 970,000 households suffering agricultural losses estimated at USD 2,301.6 million The

impact of climate change has, over the last five years, adversely affected Sindh Province of Pakistan resulting in multiple actions to address the impact.

The ILO through a One-UN Livelihood Restoration Project has improved the livelihood resilience of 662 households by providing them training and tools to diversify their livelihoods. While the climate change induced vulnerabilities of the farmer communities are increasing, there are opportunities emanating from timely adaptation, preparation and mitigation measures, capitalizing on which the peasants and the farmer communities most of whom are women, can positively transform their lives.

The seminar aims to bring to light the knowledge generated on the subject.

Programme

1. Statements delivered by:

- Mr. Alfredo Lazarte Co-lead, Area of Critical Importance, ILO Headquarters, Geneva.
- Mr. Mujeebuddin Memon Sehrai Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam
- Technical Experts Metrological Department, Concerned NGOs And Government Departments

2. Question and Answer Session

RSVP: By 5:00 pm on 08th Sept by email: zaheer@ilo.org
