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Media Briefing - Waste Management: Integrated Resource Recovery Center in Islamabad

What: The United Nations Information Centre, UNHABITAT, UNESCAP and the Government of Pakistan invite you to a briefing session on urban waste management in the occasion of the inauguration of the first Integrated Resource Recovery Centre in Pakistan.

When: Thursday, 17 September 2015, 12:00 – 13:00 (lunch to follow)

Where: UNIC, ILO Building, G-5/2, Near State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad

Speakers:

- Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Chairperson, National Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs
- Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN-Habitat
- Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN-ESCAP

Moderator: Vittorio Cammarota, Director, UN Information Centre

– Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Sector G-15: 1330-1430*

RSVP: not later than 17:00 hrs on 16 September by email: sajid.jafri@unhabitat.org.pk
Please note that for security reasons only registered participants will be admitted to the session.

**Transport for Media Group will be provided*

Background information

Rapid urbanization has resulted in a corresponding increase in the volume and complexity of solid waste. In order to solve the problem it is imperative to shift from the conventional end-of-the-pipe waste management system towards a resource management approach. In close collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) have taken a step forward in this process by establishing Pakistan's first Integrated Resource Recovery Centre, which is a facility that enables cities to turn waste into resources through composting, recycling and bio-digestion close to the source of the waste. IRRCs typically process 80-90% of waste streams, in proximity to the source of generation, and in a decentralized manner.

The Integrated Resource Recovery Centre, located in Islamabad's Sector G-15, will receive 3 tons of municipal solid waste per day from surrounding local communities and nearby



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vegetable markets and produce compost and biogas. The Integrated Resource Recovery Centre in Sector G-15 is a pilot project that will test the feasibility of this model in Pakistan and its potential for replication to other sectors in Islamabad/Rawalpindi. In the medium term, it is envisaged the replication of this model to cities across the whole country.