

Media Update

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Press Release

Education Sub-Sector consultation on SDG-4 held in Islamabad to discuss findings of the national SDG-4 synthesis report with the sub-sector representatives of education and seek their inputs to finalize it.

Islamabad: The event was attended by over seventy education officials and representatives from Higher Education, Literacy and Non-formal Education, Special Education and TVET from provinces and areas, civil society organizations and academia who took part in the day-long deliberations and group work and provided inputs for inclusion of sub-sector priorities in the national SDG-4 synthesis report.

In her opening remark, Ms. Vibeke Jensen, UNESCO Representative appreciated the role of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training in spearheading the SDG-4 consultations in Pakistan and in finalizing the draft national synthesis report on the SDG-4. She highlighted that education is at the heart of 2030 agenda for sustainable development and essential for achieving all other 16 SDGs. She said that in the previous SDG-4 consultations the sub-sector representation remained modest and for the reason the need was felt to have a dedicated session with them in order to integrate their feedback in the finalization of the report. She emphasized the importance of target 4.7 of the SDG-4 which relates to the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes that the education system needs to promote. She highlighted the need for its inclusion in sub-sector policies and plans.

Addressing the audience, Mr. Akbar Hussain Durrani, Secretary Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training shared that the SDG-4 agenda is fully in sync with Pakistan's national development agenda. He acknowledged the importance of education sub-sectors in contributing to the achievement of



SDG-4 targets and stressed the need for making sub-sector policies and plans fully reflective of the SDG-4 imperatives. He encouraged the participants to review the national synthesis report and provide maximum feedback for its finalization from the sub-sectors perspective. Highlighting the role of civil society organizations in Pakistan, the secretary proposed to transmit the SDG-4 agenda as part of their visions, plan and strategy. Concluding his remarks, the secretary expressed the importance for financing SDG-4 and defining timeline for achieving its each of the seven targets.

Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training presented the national perspective on SDG-4 and provided a holistic view of the process adopted for integrating SDG-4 in provincial and area specific education sector plans. He shared that after integrating feedback from the education sub-sector, the synthesis report will be presented to the Inter Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) for review and endorsement. The report will guide implementation of the SDG-4 agenda at provincial and area levels.

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UNIDO

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UNIDO Led a training for top Industrialist managers in Pakistan at Lahore

UNIDO under its ongoing GEF funded project titled "Sustainable Energy Initiative for Industries in Pakistan" successfully conducted a round of two back to back training sessions on Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) at Lahore, by an international expert. The first leg of training was held at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry for vendor and suppliers on market potential and business opportunities for EE and RE Technologies. The second training session was held at a local hotel, which was focused on the



providing awareness to the top management of the industrial sector on technology and business retrospect and future opportunities. The trainings was attended by more than hundred professionals including a good number of women participants from various industrial sectors and technology solution providers, including top managers from industry , consultants and equipment suppliers for energy efficiency and renewable energy and also public and private sector organizations . The goal of these training was to build the capacity of top management on technologies, by highlighting the business cases that could enable the managers to take knowledge base decisions, as well as enabling vendors and technology manufacturers (VTMs) to understand Energy system optimization (ESO) opportunities and strategies that can be broadened into value-added services to offer an ESCO approach.

During the two day sessions on Vendors Training, trainer focused on orienting participants towards a valued services mindset and developing the enabling environment for VBF ESCO models, and participants were introduced with the basic concepts of the ESCO approach and the VBF model. Finally, participants were made aware on the fundamentals of measurement and verification of savings and ways and means to market these services. During the top management awareness session, trainer introduced the concepts of Enterprise Energy Management as well as explained the strategic business drivers and barriers. The finance related issues were also touched upon such as on funding EE and RE projects through value chains, by giving presentations on case studies.

Mr. Khawaja Khawer Rasheed, Senior Vice Preside Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industries, in his address at Vendors Training, congratulated UNIDO on the efforts in this project to promote sustainable energy in industrial sector. Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, represented Small and Medium Enterprise Authority (SMEDA), and elaborated on the UNIDO and SMEDA combined efforts to foster RE and EE growth. He stressed upon the greater involvement of private sector, as well as upon incentivising the industry to have more and more energy survey at their premises. The Energy department of government of Punjab, was represented by Mr. Abdur Rehman, who on behalf of Secretary Energy, congratulated UNIDO for conducting the most imported training on the topic. In his special remarks, Ms. Nadia Tahir, Director Lahore Chamber, on behalf of LCCI president Mr. Malik Tahir Javed, also appreciated UNIDO on holding these training sessions, on the most critical issue of energy, which tackled the real issues in the industry. She highlighted the importance of collaboration of UNIDO & LCCI for such initiatives which she said would

support the businesses specially to those based on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Earlier on, in her welcome remarks, UNIDO Country representative, Ms. Nadia Aftab expressed her delight on the active participation of high level delegates from industry. She elaborated upon the goal and mission of UNIDO, while highlighting contribution by UNIDO on sustainable development goal # 9 (SDG #9) under the policy of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID). The National Project Manager REEE, Mr. Masroor Ahmad Khan, apprised the participants of the key features of the Project. He marked the Vendors Training and Top management orientations session as the most important ones at a time when new opportunities were arising in the country. One of the participants from equipment supplier, Mr. Khalid Islam, Chief Consultant of Zorays Solar shared that this training had been a source of valuable information regarding business opportunities for its products. Ms Anila Hayat, a woman professional from Green Building Council greatly applauded the efforts of GEF & UNIDO helping to motivate women participation and shared that this training would help her in diversifying her work on energy. Mr. Faraz Ahmed, Senior Vice President of Shakarganj Foods, showed his delight in having getting learned some new things and assure UNIDO about the active collaboration in implementation of Energy initiative in his company. The participants were awarded the certificates on the last day of the Vendors Training, marking the conclusion of the training session.
