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UNDP Inaugurates Water Recycling Plant at a Car Service Station in Balochistan

28 May 2019, Quetta— The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with private sector partners inaugurated a water recycling plant at Byco service station in Quetta.

The newly installed water recycling system, a first-of-its-kind in Balochistan, is an extension of UNDP's ongoing efforts to promote conservation and re-use of water in different sectors of the economy — including the car service sector.

Balochistan faces mounting challenges in terms of water availability. The province mostly depends on ground water sources to sustain its needs. Over the past decade or so, recurring droughts have caused intractable challenges with regards to water availability in the province. At car service stations, a standard car uses about 80 liters of water per wash, which directly leads to water wastage. Given these trends, water recycling plants at service stations can help conserve up to 60-70% of water for re-use.

“The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) place great emphasis on ensuring availability and sustainable management of water. Working together with the private sector, and by engaging multiple stakeholders, we aim to identify home-grown, low-cost, and innovative solutions to address these complex challenges faced by Balochistan province,” said Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP.

The water recycling plant at Byco service station was inaugurated by Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP Pakistan together with representatives of Byco service station.

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UNDP, Government of Balochistan, and the University of Balochistan launch Government Innovation Lab to find innovative solutions to development challenges

28 May 2019, Quetta—The Government of Balochistan, University of Balochistan and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a letter of agreement today to launch a new Government innovation lab to support the provincial Government of Balochistan identify solutions which will help accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Letter of Agreement was signed jointly by Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Finance Minister, Government of Balochistan, Dr. Javeid Iqbal, Vice-Chancellor, University of Balochistan and Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP.

The Government innovation lab will align closely with the Government of Balochistan's development priorities and will help improve public service delivery and create livelihood and entrepreneurship opportunities in Balochistan province.

By engaging multiple stakeholders and with citizen and community engagement at the centre of its work, the Government innovation lab will be user-led, prototyping provincial policies using foresight tools, human-centered design, co-design and technology to develop effective and transformational approaches for service delivery and economic empowerment.

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