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AFRICA INDUSTRIALIZATION DAY
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Industrial development is of critical importance for sustained and inclusive economic growth in African countries. This year’s Africa Industrialization Day marks a milestone as we highlight how the African Continental Free Trade Agreement will boost regional economic transformation and sustainable development.

Africa’s manufacturing has been growing faster than the world average, but this pace needs gain even more speed. With the new trade agreement ushering in a market of at least $3 trillion and a consumer base of more than 1.3 billion people, Africa’s manufacturing sector is projected to double in size by 2025 and create millions of jobs.

I call on African countries to adopt a holistic approach to industrial policy, pursuing, through stronger multi-stakeholder partnerships, green and clean industrialization strategies that promote equitable economic opportunities and take into account the urgency of addressing the climate crisis. The Third Industrial Decade for Africa, proclaimed by the General Assembly, shows the commitment of the international community to Africa’s path toward sustainable development. The United Nations remains strongly committed to accelerating these efforts and to working with Africa to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063.
Government of Balochistan launches first ever Livestock Policy and Strategy

18 November 2019, Quetta – Balochistan’s livestock sector is an important component of the province’s economy. Poultry, dairy, camels, sheep, goats and their by-products contribute around 50 per cent of the total provincial agricultural output.

To promote livestock in Balochistan, a three-day Balochistan Livestock Expo was organized by the Livestock and Dairy Development Department (GoB) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the University of Balochistan (UoB) and Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade. The first ever Livestock Policy and Strategy was also launched which provides the roadmap to stimulate rapid growth in the livestock sector and deliver prosperity and wellbeing to the families and businesses involved in its targeted livestock value chains. The expo will continue until 20 November 2019.

The purpose of the Expo is to open new prospects for livestock entrepreneurs, investors, traders, processors, male and female livestock farmers and other value chain actors from across Balochistan as well as other provinces and various international investors to invest in the livestock sector in Balochistan and to contribute to economic growth of the province – along the framework of the livestock policy and strategy.

The event was inaugurated by the honourable Chief Guest, President of Pakistan, Mr. Arif Alvi, while senior government officials and key stakeholders including; Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mr. Mitta Khan Kakar, Advisor to the CM on Livestock, Mr. Fazeel Asghar, Chief Secretary Balochistan, Mr. justice (Retd) Amanullah Khan Yaseenzai, Governor Balochistan, Ms. Minà Dowlatchahi, FAO Representative in Pakistan and Mr. Brek Batley, Deputy High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan were also present.

Mr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan appreciated the efforts which brought together national and international stakeholders for the first ever expo in Balochistan. Expressing concern over malnutrition and stunting, the President
of Pakistan highlighted the importance of livestock for milk and meat production. He further emphasized on the important role of organic and sustainable meat production towards generating profits and improving livelihoods for local communities.

While launching the Livestock policy and strategy, the President of Pakistan stressed on the need to set a time frame, estimating costs and bringing knowledge and expertise together to support implementation of the policy.

In his remarks while opening the event, the Balochistan Chief Minister Mr. Jam Kamal Khan said that livestock is one of the major pillars of the economy of Balochistan and contributes more than 50 per cent of Balochistan’s Agriculture Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Further, he stated: “Balochistan Livestock expo will play an important role in the lives of communities in Balochistan. Facts and figures mentioned show that we need to understand the role of livestock towards economic development. Balochistan has various sectors to invest in but we are starting with livestock which is deeply associated with everyone in Balochistan.” The Chief Minister of Balochistan encouraged investors, traders, business communities and various stakeholders to come together to scale up the livestock sector.

Chief Secretary Balochistan Mr. Fazeel Asghar underscored the historic importance and role of the livestock sector in Balochistan. “Balochistan Livestock Expo is a very important initiative to advance the livestock sector of Balochistan and value addition in this sector will positively impact our society and contribute to poverty alleviation, employment generation and empowerment of marginal sections of the society, especially women,” stated Mr. Fazeel Asghar, Chief Secretary Balochistan.

“The livestock sector is not only a mainstay of our economy but is also a way of life for many of our people and is an essential part of our culture and tradition. If we use our land, water, climate and livestock resources well, we can create a prosperous livestock sector that can provide employment and good income for many of our people. I believe that this is possible and the Government of Balochistan is obliged to make this happen by allocating sufficient public development resources for livestock development,” asserted Advisor to CM on Livestock, Mr. Mitta Khan Kakar.
The FAO Representative Ms. Mina Dowlatchahi said: “The livestock policy and strategy is a milestone in the development of the livestock sector that can lead to 50 per cent increase of livestock household’s income in the next 10 years which would generate over 100 billion PKR to benefit men and women in Balochistan. The government has shown great commitment and FAO looks forward to continue its support to helping achieve the policy outcomes.”

Farmers from all over the province, experts, students, investors, traders and civil society, also attended the event. As many as 60 companies/organizations showcased their products and services during the exhibition.

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PRESS RELEASE

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30 years of child rights: Time to Pledge Recommitment to Children

Historic gains and undeniable achievements, but little progress for the world’s poorest children - UNICEF

Islamabad, 19 November 2019 – There have been historic gains overall for the world’s children since the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) was adopted 30 years ago. However, many of the poorest children are yet to feel the impact, according to The Convention on the Rights of the Child at a Crossroads, a new report released by UNICEF today.
“There have been impressive gains for children over the past three decades, as more and more are living longer, better and healthier lives. However, the odds continue to be stacked against the poorest and most vulnerable,” said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. “In addition to the persistent challenges of health, nutrition and education, children today have to contend with new threats like climate change, online abuse and cyberbullying. Only with innovation, new technologies, political will and increased resources will we help translate the vision of the Convention on the Rights of the Child into a reality for all children everywhere.”

Part of commemorations marking the 30th anniversary of the CRC across the world, the report looks at the undeniable achievements of the past three decades, proof that where there is political will and determination, children’s lives improve.

In Pakistan, UNICEF and the Ministry of Human Rights are pushing children’s agenda forward through a legislative review of the child rights legislation at the federal and provincial levels, and a host of other initiatives.

“As one of the countries that ratified the CRC within a year of its adaption, Pakistan has made significant strides to prioritize children’s issues. However, a lot more needs to be done,” said Aida Girma, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan. “Poverty and social norms are impediments that continue to hold our children back. These must be overcome through collective and accelerated efforts to ensure that all children get equal and all rights everywhere in Pakistan.”

The objective of the legislative review is to assess the compliance of existing laws with CRC and the 2016 recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to Pakistan. The process has helped identify gaps and recommend actions in view of accelerating the realization of child rights across the country.

To commemorate the CRC@30 and the World Children’s Day in Pakistan, UNICEF will have 20 iconic buildings lit up blue in Islamabad, Peshawar, Quetta, Ziarat, Karachi and Lahore on Wednesday night. During the day, UNICEF will broadcast messages on child rights from the President of Pakistan, H.E. Arif Alvi and many other celebrities.

UNICEF has also organized lessons on the CRC and consultations with children and adolescents in all the provincial capitals, resulting in a “Charter of Demand” which will be presented to the President of Pakistan during an event.
organized by the Ministry of Human Rights and UNICEF in Islamabad to be held in early December. An exhibition of artwork produced by children to highlight their rights will also be exhibited at the event.

On UNICEF’s request, the Pakistan Post has issued a special commemorative postal stamp for CRC@30.

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