### MEDIA ADVISORY

**Launch of the Report**

**The Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in Pakistan**

**December 13, 2019**

*Shamadan Hall III, Serena Hotel, Islamabad*

*(Draft Agenda)*

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PRESS RELEASE

Technical session on Accounting for Water: Spatial Boundaries, Methodologies, and Results

Pakistan faces an acute water shortage which is compounded by high climatic variability. In light of the growing concerns to address the water crisis, sustainable management of water resources merits urgent attention and remains a key government priority. In an effort to promote judicious management of water resources and informed policymaking, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations conducted a water accounting exercise for improved management of water resources.

A team of experts, both national and international, have analyzed the status of water availability, water demand and uses, and responses required for future factoring in the population growth and climate change in Pakistan. The analysis was carried out using Remote Sensing technology based on satellite images, public sector data and information available at the basin and provincial level. FAO organized a Technical Session on Water Accounting Results at Provincial Level for Sindh and Punjab from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017.

Water accounting is an invaluable tool to resolving water problems and guiding sustainable management of water resources. It is an inclusive tool which brings together water users from different sectors and creates a common “water” language for understanding among water managers and stakeholders. Water management experts from the government and the development sector were invited to share feedback critical for the finalization and validation of the results.

FAO representative Mina Dowlatchahi said that ‘this is the time to support the paradigm shift from irrigation to water management in Pakistan. For this, a defined methodology for water accounting is a key milestone. Today is the opportunity for a technical review to ensure timely finalization of the results, which are critical for coherent and informed policy and decision making on water, in a context of exacerbated climate change impacts in the country.’

FAO Water expert Dr. Robina Wahaj stated that in “light of increasing climatic variability and stressed water resources, water accounting merits urgent attention as it is a precursor to developing informed water policies, which directly impacts food security of the country.”
UNDP Pakistan marks Anti-Corruption Day by celebrating Pakistan’s Integrity Icons!

10 December 2019, Islamabad— Integrity Icon, launched by Accountability Lab in 2014, is a citizen-run movement to identify and celebrate upstanding Public servants. In partnership with UNDP, Government of Japan, and Jazz, Integrity Icon ran for the fourth time this year in Pakistan.

The Integrity Icon campaign begins with public nominations early in the year and culminates in awards ceremonies at the end of the year to “name and fame” five Icons. Integrity Icon raises the profile of exemplary civil servants who work with integrity and impact. Officials are nominated by and voted upon by the public at-large, with the annual campaign culminating in an award ceremony to celebrate the finalists.

Integrity Icon 2019, held in Aiwan-e- Quaid yesterday, was initiated with training of youth on integrity in everyday life and in public spheres. Following that, this year’s winners were announced. Integrity Icons of 2019 are Zahid Ali Khan Khattak-Medical Superintendent, WAPDA Hospital, Azad Jammu & Kashmir; Umar Tufail, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Khairpur, Sindh; Rizwan Akram Sherwani, Director, Excise & Taxation, Lahore; Imran Zia, District Monitoring Officer, Haripur, KP; and Rohana Kakar, Secretary Regional Transport Authority, Quetta.

Originating in Nepal in 2014, Integrity Icon has since evolved into a global movement in eight countries: Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Mali, Nigeria, Liberia, South Africa and Mexico. In each country, local Accountability Lab teams run a nation-wide campaign to identify and encourage civil servants who demonstrate exemplary integrity in their work.

More: https://www.integrityicon.org/pakistan/
UNESCO PRESS RELEASE

Plastic Waste Baseline Study of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Ayubia National Park (ANP) highlights the challenges and opportunities

Islamabad: Speakers at the Launching Ceremony of Plastic Waste Baseline Report of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Ayubia National Park (ANP) unanimously stressed the need to take actions to tackle plastic waste. UNESCO in partnership with WWF Pakistan conducted a baseline assessment of plastic waste management in ICT and ANP. The report was presented on 10 December 2019 to a diverse group of stakeholders.

The overall objective of the study is to analyze that which sectors are contributing to what kind of plastic waste and to identify the gaps as well as the existing recycling mechanisms.

Officials and representatives of different departments of the government, UNESCO, UNDP, representatives from civil society organizations and media participated in the event.

At the ceremony, Mr. Sheikh Ansar Aziz, Mayor of Islamabad, Mr. Raza Ali Habib, Director General, Galiyat Development Authority (GDA), Mr. Hammad Naqi Khan, Director General/CEO, WWF Pakistan, Ms. Aliona Niculita, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan and Ms. Vibeke Jensen, Representative/Director UNESCO Islamabad spoke on the importance of plastic waste management. Mr. Hammad Naqi gave a detailed presentation on the findings of the study that was followed by a discussion session. The recommendations of the study will provide guidance to the national authorities, development and private sectors to scale up their future activities for environment friendly sustainable development.

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