

National consultation on finalizing sectoral priorities for climate-smart finance, policy, planning, agriculture and water resources management sectors in Pakistan

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Venue: Marriott, Islamabad

Hosted by: Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives

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Background

Pakistan is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change in the world. The Government of Pakistan is striving to adopt an overarching climate resilience centric approach for adaptation and mitigation activities in the country. Pakistan has established an institutional mechanism and policy framework to make the country resilient to climate change impact with a special focus on climate-sensitive sectors including agriculture and integrated water resources management. With a vision of promoting green economy, the Government of Pakistan aims to improve data systems and integrate climate adaptation into policies, development planning, budgeting and investments.

The "Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CARE) for South Asia" project aims to contribute to an enabling environment for climate-resilient policies and investments in South Asia. With a regional outreach, the project is being piloted in Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The CARE for South Asia project will provide technical support to the Government of Pakistan on climate-smart agriculture and integrated water resource management sectors by improving the availability of data and knowledge, developing guidelines, tools and capacities, and promoting climate-resilient decisions, policies and investments.

While using a holistic approach, the project will embed climate resilience in finance, planning, programming, and climate-informed fiscal risk management in Pakistan. The five-year (2020-2025) project will help decision-makers visualize and absorb scientific information to mainstream climate adaptation into the development planning process.

At the regional level, interaction between South Asian countries in climate-sensitive sectors will invigorate collaboration, introduce innovations, and foster knowledge and technology-sharing. Efforts to enrich enabling factors will reduce the transboundary impacts of climate change and address common adaptation challenges.

The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives is organizing a two-day national consultation under the CARE for South Asia Project with an objective of bringing together officials from finance, planning, agriculture, water, climate change, and disaster risk reduction sectors to discuss and finalize key priorities to be implemented in Pakistan.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES) are jointly implementing the project with financial support from the World Bank Group.

Agenda

09 November 2020

15.30 – 16:00	Registration
Inaugural Session	
16:00 – 16:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (MoPDSI) • The World Bank • Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) • Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES)
16:30 – 16:45	Inaugural Address Federal Minister/Deputy Chairman, MoPDSI
16:45 – 17:00	Refreshments
Session-2	
17.00 – 17.10	Round of Introductions
17:10 – 17:30	Climate Change and Development Policy Landscape of Pakistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoPDSI
17:30 – 18:00	Presentation of key priorities to be addressed by CARE for South Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoPDSI
18:00 – 19:00	Sectoral break-out working group discussion to identify the status and highlight areas where CARE can complement on-going programs and initiatives by government and other actors covering climate-smart

	finance, policy and planning, agriculture, integrated water resources management, etc.)
19:00 – 19:30	Wrap-up and end of day-1
19:30 – 21:30	Dinner

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09.00 – 09:00	Recap of day-1
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Session-3

09:10 – 10:00	Presentation of working group findings for each sector
10:00 – 11:00	Discussion on key sectoral priorities
11:00 – 11:15	Refreshments

Session-4

11.15 – 12.00	Finalization of action plan for 2021
12:00 – 12:30	Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoPDSI
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch and end of consultation