



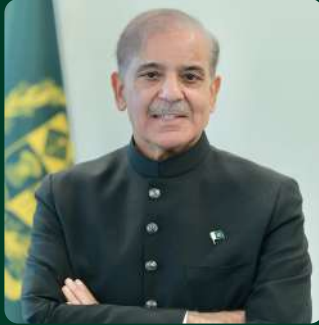
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Message from
Prime Minister of Pakistan

Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

Wetlands provide critical habitats for thousands of species of aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals and help maintain the ecosystem productivity. The water bodies are valuable for flood protection, water quality improvement, shoreline erosion control, natural products, recreation, and aesthetics.

The World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on February 2 to highlight the significance and vital role of wetland ecosystems in supporting biodiversity, mitigating climate change, and safeguarding water resources.

This year, the global community is celebrating wetland day under the theme 'Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future' to draw focus of the global community towards the unprecedented importance of wetlands' contribution for livelihoods derived from fishing, rice and vegetable farming, travel, tourism, groundwater protection and water provision. The day also aims to raise public awareness on the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands for future generations by motivating the general public to join and support activities, initiatives and programmes meant for protection and conservation of the wetlands. Pakistan is home to over 240 wetlands of national and global importance, covering an estimated 10 percent of the country's total land area. These wetlands offer livelihood support to local communities and provide essential ecosystem services, including water filtration, carbon storage, flood control and habitat for countless species, including migratory birds and commercially important fish.

But, unfortunately sustainability of these environmentally-sensitive but biodiversity-rich ecosystems is now at stake because of growing water scarcity, pollution, unhampered dumping/flow of untreated industrial waste/wastewater, untreated agricultural and industrial runoff, encroachment, unregulated development, climate change and unsustainable resource extraction, she griped. While this year's theme underscores the urgency of bold action to protect these natural habitat, importance of enhanced collaboration with all relevant stakeholders cannot be exaggerated to address the threats being faced by the wetlands in the country.

Without collaborative role by all the stakeholders, these environmentally-important water bodies cannot be protected.

On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2025, I would like to reaffirm Pakistan's unflinching commitment to the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands across the country and leave no stone unturned on part of my climate change and environmental coordination ministry for protection and conservation of these ecologically important water bodies for achieving overall environmental sustainability and climate resilience in collaboration with all stakeholders including provincial governments, local and international non-governmental organisations, communities, educational institutions and other civil society organisations.

Message of Prime Minister's Coordinator
on Climate Change and
Environmental Coordination
Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam



On the occasion of World Wetlands Day - 2025, I want to emphasize the invaluable role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem balance. Wetlands are not just habitats for countless species of aquatic and terrestrial life; they also provide essential services like flood protection, water filtration, and carbon storage, while sustaining livelihoods for millions of people.

This year's theme, "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future," calls for urgent action to conserve these vital ecosystems, which are increasingly under threat from pollution, climate change, and unsustainable development. Wetlands are at the heart of Pakistan's environmental and economic resilience, providing vital resources like freshwater and supporting agriculture and fisheries.

As we observe this day, I reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to the sustainable management and conservation of wetlands through collaborative efforts with provincial governments, local communities, and international partners. The government is actively working on initiatives such as Living Indus and Recharge Pakistan to protect and restore our wetlands, ensuring they continue to support both the environment and the livelihoods of future generations.

On this World Wetlands Day, I urge all citizens, organizations, and communities to join hands in raising awareness and taking action to safeguard our wetlands. Together, we can build a resilient future for these crucial ecosystems and ensure they remain a cornerstone of our environmental sustainability.

Let us work together to protect our wetlands, protect our future.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presents Climate Champions Awards to the Youth who have positively contributed towards the preservation of climate, at the CAYA conference in Islamabad on January 28, 2025.

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UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan Meets PM Shehbaz Sharif, Offers all-out Support in Fight Against Climate Change

ISLAMABAD (February 14, 2025) - The UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan, Mr. Mohamed Yahya, paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



Islamabad: Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Pakistan Mr. Mohamed Yahya calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on 14 February 2025.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for EAD Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, SAPM Syed Tariq Fatemi, PM's Coordinator for Climate change Ms Romina Khursheed Alam, Secretary MoCC&EC Aisha Humera Moriani and other senior government officials also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister appreciated the important work being carried out by the UN Country Team in Pakistan, and emphasised the need to further strengthen collaboration with the United Nations in the areas of sustainable development and climate change.

The Prime Minister conveyed his warm regards for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, while fondly recalling his strong leadership in galvanising global support for Pakistan during the 2022 floods.

He reaffirmed Pakistan's strong political commitment to advancing the objective of combating climate change in close collaboration and partnership with the international community and the UN.

The Prime Minister underscored that climate financing remained a crucial component of addressing the impacts of climate change, and expressed the hope that the developed nations would fulfill their commitments in that regard.

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan would continue working closely with the UN on important issues in the areas of climate change, including for the implementation of various projects.

The Prime Minister also emphasized the need for addressing the financing gap to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as for increasing the voice and representation of developing countries in the international financial institutions through reform of the global financial architecture.

Present Govt Committed to Promote Green Industrialisation in Pakistan, PM's Climate Aide



Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam addressing an event on Green Industrialization Project in Islamabad on 26-02-2025.

ISLAMABAD: (February 26, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, highlighted Pakistan's commitment to advancing its green industrialization agenda to achieve climate resilience and meet environmental goals.

She emphasized that the government, under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's leadership, is promoting sustainable manufacturing and strengthening regulatory frameworks to address environmental challenges.

Speaking at the 'Advancing Green Industrialization Agenda in Pakistan' event, organised by UNCTAD & SPRC here at a local hotel, Ms. Alam stressed the need to balance economic growth with environmental sustainability, especially in the plastics industry, which contributes 15% to GDP and employs over 1.2 million people. However, the sector faces significant environmental challenges such as high emissions and waste.

To address these issues, Ms. Alam emphasised the importance of a robust regulatory framework, enhanced recycling, and active involvement of federal and provincial Environmental Protection Agencies (EPAs). She also discussed the development of the Green Industrialisation Policy Framework, which aims to reduce GHG emissions, strengthen compliance with regulations, promote cleaner production, and improve commercial practices for a sustainable industrial ecosystem.

Ms. Alam further explained that the Ministry of Climate Change, in collaboration with key stakeholders, is finalizing the policy framework at both national and provincial levels. The State Bank of Pakistan is also advancing its Green Taxonomy initiative to mobilize green finance for sustainable practices.

"The shift towards green industrialization is essential for achieving Pakistan's climate and development goals, including SDGs by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050," she stated.

A Policy Roundtable will be held to bring together stakeholders from various sectors to institutionalise the Green Industrialisation Policy Framework as a national strategy for sustainable growth. The framework will guide Pakistan's sustainable industrial future, positioning the country as a global leader in green manufacturing, she added.

Call for Enhanced Collaboration Among OIC Member States for Water Conservation Highlighted



Coordinator to Prime Minister for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam addressing an opening ceremony of an international seminar on "Networking of Water Centers of Excellence in Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States at COMSTEC Secretariate Islamabad on 24-02-2025.

Addressing as keynote speaker at the 'Networking of Water Centers of Excellence in OIC Member States' event, the PM's climate aide stressed on the need for enhanced cooperation among nations for judicious sharing of transboundary water resources to maintain regional stability.

The event was organized in Islamabad by the OIC-COMSTEC and the OIC General Secretariat in collaboration with SESRIC (Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, INWADARM (COMSTEC Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management) and a non-governmental organisation.

Alam also shed light on the exacerbating water scarcity challenges being faced by OIC member countries because of climate change, urbanisation, and population growth, pointing out that 15 of the world's most water-stressed nations are OIC members.

She proposed the creation of an OIC Water Security Forum to address the cross-border water challenges and a mechanism to mobilise financial resources for large-scale projects from available funding regional and international avenues.

H.E. Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khokar, Assistant Secretary-General of OIC for Science and Technology, underscored the OIC's commitment to tackling water-related challenges through collaborative research and policy initiatives. He stated, "The OIC is dedicated to strengthening regional cooperation in water security and management. This initiative will serve as a platform to harness scientific expertise and innovative solutions for the benefit of all member states."

Earlier during his welcome address, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General of COMSTEC, outlined major initiatives that COMSTEC is undertaking to enhance capacity building in water research and technology.

Policymakers Asked to Involve Women in Water Resource Management



Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam talking to consultation workshop on gender equality and environmental initiatives on February 19, 2025.

ISLAMABAD (February 19, 2025) - Speakers at a consultative workshop emphasised on policymakers and stakeholders to actively engage women in all aspects of water resource management, mainly in the face of climate-triggered disasters.

The workshop was jointly organised by the Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy and WaterAid Pakistan, which brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to highlight the role of women and vulnerable populations in addressing Pakistan's growing water crisis.

Ranked 14th globally in terms of water scarcity, the country faces significant environmental challenges, including droughts, rising temperatures, and worsening sanitation conditions.

Addressing the workshop as keynote speaker, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam underscored the significance of collaborative efforts in tackling climate risks.

She remarked that while Pakistan contributed minimally to climate change, organisations were working to build resilience and protect vulnerable communities.

"The media plays a crucial role in ensuring that these challenges are understood and addressed by both citizens and decision-makers," she added.

Highlighting the disproportionate impact of climate-related disasters on women, Executive Director of PODA Sameena Nazir lamented their absence from key decision-making processes.

"Women are often excluded from policy formulation and budget allocation, despite being the most affected by climate-induced water crises," she stated.

The workshop focused on developing gender-responsive, inclusive, and climate-resilient policies within the legal frameworks governing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Country Director of WaterAid Pakistan Mian Mohammad Junaid stressed the necessity of involving marginalised communities, including women, persons with disabilities, and transgender individuals, in shaping water policies.

"Their participation ensures broader, more impactful policies that enhance overall community well-being and development," he asserted.

The workshop concluded with a call for action, urging the integration of gender-sensitive approaches into Pakistan's water management policies to create a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

Pakistan, Germany Discuss Carbon Market Strengthening

ISLAMABAD (February 19, 2025) - Prominent government leaders from Pakistan and Germany met during a high-level bilateral meeting organised at the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) and discussed shared

goals for strengthening Pakistan's carbon market rules and regulations, policies, integrity and infrastructure, according to a press release issued from the ministry.



Islamabad: Secretary M/o Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Aisha Humaera Moariani Chairs a high-level bilateral meeting of Pakistan and Germany for carbon market strengthening under the SPAR6C Programme held on Tuesday at Committee Room of the MoCC&EC. The meeting discussed shared goals for strengthening Pakistan's carbon market rules and regulations, policies, integrity and infrastructure.

Addressing the meeting held on Tuesday, Secretary MoCC&EC, Aisha Humaera Moariani expressed her hopes that the technical expertise and capacity-building support provided by the German government would help create a robust carbon projects with high environmental integrity that will support NDC implementation and benefit communities.

"I look eagerly forward to Pakistan's first carbon market transaction and signing bilateral agreements with at least two counties for Article 6 cooperation this year as it is a priority for the Ministry of Climate Change to leverage climate financing," she said.

As a leading global advocate for the scaling up of carbon markets, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) has supported the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in Pakistan through the Supporting Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation (SPAR6C) program. SPAR6C has assisted the Government of Pakistan in the development of carbon market guidelines by providing expertise, capacity building and technical reviews. The program is led by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), with implementation in Pakistan led by UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre and supported by GFA Consulting Group.

Also in attendance was His Excellency, German Ambassador to Pakistan, Alfred Grannas. BMWK was represented by SPAR6C program focal points Ms. Malin Ahlberg and Mr. Thomas Forth. SPAR6C was represented by GGGI Global Program Manager, Mr. Marshall Brown and consortium partner leading in Pakistan UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre, Ms. Xianli Zhu.

"Germany is supporting Pakistan in building a high-integrity carbon market under Article 6, ensuring a strong foundation for market-based climate action. Through the SPAR6C program, we are strengthening institutional capacity, refining regulatory frameworks, and advancing technical expertise to enhance Pakistan's preparedness for international carbon transactions," said Mr. Grannas.

Experts from BMWK and the SPAR6C program are visiting Pakistan to undertake a series of strategic and technical discussions increasing the visibility and awareness of opportunities through Article 6 carbon markets and the SPAR6C program in Pakistan.

"This collaboration through the SPAR6C program establishes a strong foundation for attracting investments, scaling-up carbon finance and thus positioning Pakistan to effectively leverage market-based solutions for long-term emissions reductions and sustainable growth," said Thomas Forth, Senior Expert, BMWK.

PM's Aide Stresses for Public-Private Collaboration in Green Initiatives

ISLAMABAD (Feb 14, 2025) - Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam, has stressed the vital

need for collaboration between the public and private sectors in tackling climate change and promoting sustainable development.



PM's Coordinator for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam talking to a three-member delegation of the Global Green Growth Institute that called on her in Islamabad on February 14, 2025.

In a meeting with a three-member delegation from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the PM's climate aide underlined the significance of innovative green initiatives and highlighted that countries like Pakistan, which are particularly vulnerable, urgently require access to climate funding rather than loans.

Her remarks were part of a broader call for stronger collaboration between governments, industries, and international organizations to address environmental challenges, stressing the crucial role the private sector in driving investment and developing green technologies.

Aisha Humera Moriani, Secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change, shed light on the government's programmes and policy efforts being implemented to promote electric vehicle adoption, particularly focusing on electric two-wheelers.

She explained that the government is exploring the possibility of offering auto loans to support the transition to renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions.

The Ministry's Secretary Aisha Humera emphasized the importance of supporting sustainable transportation and integrating circular economy principles that reduce waste and improve resource efficiency. She also suggested that GGGI could play a key role in tackling water management challenges in Balochistan and Sindh, while supporting Punjab's solid waste management efforts.

These initiatives aim to align policy strategies with climate-resilient development goals to build a more sustainable future, she added.

Women's Empowerment in Recycling Fashion for Economic, Environmental Sustainability Highlighted

ISLAMABAD (Feb 14, 2024) - The Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam highlighted the

significance of engaging women in sustainable industries, particularly in the area of recycling fashion.



PM's Coordinator for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam talking to Ambassador of Sweden, Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde, who called on her in Islamabad on February 14, 2025.

She called for the need to generating opportunities women's involvement in the recycling fashion sector, which can contribute more to the promotion of environmental sustainability, women's economic empowerment and job creations.

"By integrating women into industries such as recycling and sustainable fashion, we can build a greener economy while lifting up women and ensuring their contributions are recognized," she remarked.

In a meeting with the Ambassador of Sweden, Alexandra Berg von Linde, who called on her at MoCC&EC, Romina Khurshid Alam assured her all-out shared support in addressing the intersection of gender equality and climate resilience with national and international stakeholders.

The Swedish ambassador lauded the present government's role in women empowerment and fight against climate change and assured her country's every possible support in this regard.

PRCS Chairperson Calls on PM's Climate Aide Romina Khurshid Alam, Agree to Enhance Country's Forest Cover

ISLAMABAD (February 11, 2025) – Chairperson of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Ms. Farzana Naek, met with Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change, Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, to discuss opportunities for collaboration in climate change risk mitigation, environmental conservation, and youth engagement in resilience-building activities.

Both leaders emphasized the urgency of coordinated efforts to tackle the country's climate challenges. Ms. Romina particularly highlighted the importance of tree plantation programs as a crucial strategy to combat the impacts of climate change.

"Trees are not only our natural allies in the fight against climate change but are also vital to ensuring the long-term health and safety of our communities," she remarked.

The meeting underscored the need for a holistic approach to safeguarding communities and fostering green initiatives. Both parties agreed on expanding their efforts in environmental sustainability, focusing on increasing Pakistan's forest cover and engaging the youth in green activities.

Ms. Naek expressed PRCS's commitment to supporting government initiatives, particularly those promoting community-based climate action. Ms. Romina welcomed the partnership, expressing optimism about the collective efforts to promote sustainable environmental practices across the country.



PM's Aide, Romina Khurshid Calls for Global Cooperation, Sustainable Solutions to Climate Challenges

ISLAMABAD (February 10, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, called for urgent global cooperation and sustainable solutions to address

the escalating climate challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those within the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO).



Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam addressing a training programme on "Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation" in Islamabad on February 10, 2025.

Addressing a training program on "Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation" on Monday, Ms. Romina highlighted the compounded effects of limited financial resources and inadequate infrastructure, which worsen the impact of climate change in AARDO member nations.

She pointed out that countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh are vulnerable to flooding from glacial melt, while Kenya and Zambia are grappling with severe droughts. Coastal communities in Malaysia and Oman face rising sea levels, and nations like Jordan

and Namibia struggle with water scarcity.

Ms. Romina stressed the importance of regional collaboration in disaster management and climate change adaptation. She expressed confidence that the training program, organized by the Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD) in collaboration with AARDO, would provide participants with essential skills to implement effective climate adaptation strategies.

MoCC&EC Secretary Aisha Humera Moriani Launches Tree Plantation Drive at Margalla Hills National Park

ISLAMABAD (February 10, 2025) - The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination has kicked off spring

tree plantation campaign in Margalla Hills National Park today, marking a significant step towards environmental conservation.



Islamabad: February 12, 2025: Chairperson Islamabad Wildlife Management Board and Secretary Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Ayesha Humera Moriani, addresses spring tree plantation ceremony at the Trail 5 of the Margalla Hills National Park.

Chairperson Islamabad Wildlife Management Board and Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Ayesha Humera Ch, inaugurated the campaign by planting a sapling at the Trail 5 of the national park. She was accompanied by the Joint Secretary of the ministry Muhammad Jamil, MoCC&EC Deputy Director Muhammad Saleem, Upscale Green Pakistan Programme and IWMB office-bearers.



Islamabad: February 12, 2025: Chairperson Islamabad Wildlife Management Board and Secretary Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Ayesha Humera Moriani, Plants a sapling to launch spring tree plantation ceremony at the Trail 5 of the Margalla Hills National Park.

The tree plantation launching ceremony was also attended by various segments of the society including students, teaches, government officials, media personnels and members of the civil society organisations.

"Trees are the backbone of our ecosystem, and their conservation is crucial for protecting the environment from pollution," Secretary Ayesha Humira Moriani emphasised.

"This year, we aim to expand the plantation campaign on a large scale, engaging communities and promoting sustainable practices."

Addressing the tree planation ceremony participants, she said that this campaign highlights the importance of plants as the "lungs of our environment" and underscored the need for their community-based conservation and protection of the nature resources of this biodiversity-rich national park.

Recognizing the critical role of future generations, the Ministry has actively involved school children in the plantation drive, she added.

As part of the campaign, school children enthusiastically participated in planting fifty saplings, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Chairperson Islamabad Wildlife Management Board and Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Ayesha Humera Moriani also urged all stakeholders including communities, civil society organisations and individuals to join hands with the government in this noble endeavour and contribute to a greener, more sustainable Pakistan.

Germany's Technical Support to Advance Pakistan's Climate Action Plans in Pakistan Vital

ISLAMABAD (February 6, 2025) – A delegation from Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), led by Ms. Christiane Amari held a meeting with high-level officials of the M/o Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) in the office of the Coordinator to PM on Climate Change.



A 3-member BMZ delegation headed by Ms. Christiane Amari meeting with Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam on 06-02-2025 in Islamabad.

During the meeting, BMZ representatives discussed various matters for collaboration between two sides including climate change impacts including floods, droughts, and environmental challenges.

Romina Khurshid Alam, the Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, termed Germany's technical support in developing Pakistan's climate action plans and accelerating the country's transition to clean energy vital.

Ms. Amari expressed Germany's support for Pakistan's climate objectives, stressing the need for collaboration in knowledge, technology, and financial resources.

The meeting also explored partnerships in areas such as water management, clean energy, carbon reduction, glacier protection, and climate risk financing. A focus was placed on supporting vulnerable communities and providing increased financing for climate resilience.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Rana Ahmed Ateeq Anwar, also attended the meeting.

He remarked, "Educating the younger generation on climate change, imbuing sense of environmental responsibility among them through school programmes and community activities is of paramount importance."

MoCC&EC, World Bank to Work for Strengthening Climate Action in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (February 6, 2025) – Ms. Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change at the World Bank, called on Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change. Both sides discussed collaborative strategies for enhancing Pakistan's climate resilience and sustainability.

The meeting, titled "Strengthening Climate Action," focused on expanding partnerships with international organizations like the World Bank to bolster climate finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building.



Ms. Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change at the World Bank meeting with Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam in Islamabad on 06-02-2025.

Ms. Romina emphasized the urgent need for increased financial and technical support to accelerate Pakistan's transition to climate resilience. Key areas of focus included renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and disaster risk management, aligning with Pakistan's climate goals under the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Ms. Hickey reaffirmed the World Bank's commitment to supporting Pakistan's climate agenda, highlighting the importance of climate-smart investments, innovative financing, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. She also praised Ms. Romina's leadership in advocating for Pakistan's climate priorities on global platforms.

The meeting explored scaling up nature-based solutions, improving climate governance, and fostering public-private partnerships to drive sustainable development. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation and aligning climate policies with Pakistan's socio-economic priorities, marking a significant step in the country's climate diplomacy.

South Asian Glacier Research Consortium Proposed

ISLAMABAD (February 6, 2025) – Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam, urged for the formation of a South Asian Glacier Research Consortium and called for an enhanced SAARC environmental action plan to tackle the growing threats posed by glacial melt across the region.



Speaking at the Breathe Pakistan conference, Ms. Romina highlighted the urgency of addressing the escalating challenges caused by global warming, particularly the risks of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs).

Pakistan, home to over 7,000 glaciers, is witnessing alarming rates of glacial melt, which not only jeopardizes local communities but also threatens the water security of millions dependent on the Indus River. Ms. Romina stressed that these rapid changes endanger livelihoods and escalate disaster risks across South Asia.

Outlining Pakistan's efforts, Ms. Romina spoke of the Glacier Protection Initiative under the national climate change policy and the GLOF-II Project, which, supported by the Green Climate Fund and UNDP, implements community-based early warning systems in northern Pakistan.

Advocating for a regional approach, Ms. Romina called for greater transboundary water diplomacy and the strengthening of shared research efforts to combat the impacts of glacial melt. She emphasized the need for a South Asian Glacier Research Consortium to foster scientific collaboration, and for regional climate financing to support glacial adaptation strategies.

"Together, we can build resilience, safeguard our glaciers, and secure the water resources vital to South Asia's future," she concluded.

US-Based Firm Minus 2 Degree Discuss Strategies for Tackling Climate Change

ISLAMABAD (February 04, 2025) – A delegation from Minus 2 Degrees (M2D), a US-based company specializing in carbon neutrality, met with top key officials of the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) and discussed strategies for tackling climate change.



A five-member delegation from Minus 2 Degrees met with Romina Khurshid Alam, the Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, in Islamabad on January 4, 2025. They presented carbon reduction strategies aimed at addressing climate change challenges.

The meeting focused on carbon reduction and sustainability solutions, with Ms. Alam highlighting Pakistan's carbon trading policy guidelines as a key step toward establishing a national carbon market.

"This initiative is promoting sustainability solutions, which help carbon footprints of business sector is only possible adoption of cleaner technologies in trade and commerce sectors. This can help the country transition to a low-carbon economy," Ms. Alam remarked.

M2D representatives offered carbon neutrality services, emphasising advanced emissions management tools. They presented projects aligned with Pakistan's climate goals, including reducing emissions by 50% by 2030, transitioning to 60% renewable energy, and expanding nature-based solutions.

During the meeting Secretary MoCC&EC Aisha Humera Moriani highlighted the unprecedented significance of collaboration with local and international stakeholders to implement the carbon trading guidelines of Pakistan successfully, ensuring transparency in carbon credit generation and trading.

Secretary Aisha Humera Moriani also emphasized importance of the role and collaboration with the Board of Investment, Government of Pakistan, and provincial governments to support net-zero initiatives in the country's industrial sector, citing Bangladesh's successful model as an example.

Need for 'Unified Voice' to Highlight Climate Risks of Vulnerable Countries Highlighted

Islamabad (February 03, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, has called for bold economic and financial resilience strategies to promote climate prosperity in vulnerable nations.



Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam talking to a high-level delegation of the Climate Vulnerable Forum of the Vulnerable Twenty group led by Sara Jane Ahmed, Managing Director in Islamabad on February 3, 2025.

During a meeting with the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) delegation, led by Sara Jane Ahmed, Managing Director of the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) group, Ms. Alam emphasised the need for ambitious climate action to attract the necessary investments and resources to achieve climate and development goals.

Spelling out significant myriad risks faced by climate-vulnerable countries, Ms. Alam pointed to the lack of a unified voice in global negotiations, often overshadowed by wealthier nations, which is direly needed to highlight the climate risks in the vulnerable countries.

"The reality for climate-vulnerable nations is harsh," said Ms. Alam. "These countries are not only grappling with the immediate impacts of climate change but also with an ongoing struggle for recognition and resources in global forums. We must push for inclusive strategies that ensure financial resilience and attract the resources needed for climate action."

The CVF delegation visited the Ministry of Climate Change to engage in consultations for developing Pakistan's Climate Prosperity Plan—an essential low-carbon, long-term national investment strategy. Ms. Alam reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to regional collaboration, emphasizing the importance of enabling CVF members to make informed decisions and mobilize resources effectively.

The Climate Vulnerable Forum, an international coalition of 70 nations representing 1.75 billion people, advocates for the interests of nations most affected by climate change. Ms. Alam underscored Pakistan's active role in driving regional climate resilience and strengthening efforts for global climate justice.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretaries Zulfikar Younus and Hamad Shamimi, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Climate Change.

Role of Youth in Driving Climate Action Vital: Romina Khurshid Alam

ISLAMABAD (January 28, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, praised the pivotal role of youth in driving global and national climate action at the National Youth Climate Summit.



Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam, addressing the National Youth Climate Summit in Islamabad on January 28, 2025.

"It is inspiring to see young leaders raising awareness and proposing solutions to combat climate change," she said.

She emphasized the need for better communication between provinces and stakeholders and the media's role in raising awareness. "All segments of society must engage in promoting climate solutions," Alam added. She proposed green clubs and incorporating climate change education into school curricula to foster sustainable solutions.

Highlighting Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change, including flooding and water scarcity, she stated, "The Ministry of Climate Change is prioritizing sustainable policies to address these challenges." She emphasized, "Climate change is not just an environmental issue—it affects society, economy, and well-being."

Alam acknowledged the youth's significant contributions through grassroots efforts, digital campaigns, and entrepreneurship, calling for their voices to be amplified in policy dialogues. "Youth have shown an ability to innovate and lead," she remarked, urging collaboration and networking at the summit.

She concluded, "Combating climate change is a shared responsibility that requires combined efforts from governments, civil society, and individuals."

MOCC&EC, ICESCO to Host Girls' Green Education Conference in Pakistan



ISLAMABAD (January 24, 2025) – The Ministry of Climate Change and ICESCO have announced a collaboration for a conference focused on climate education and green skills for girls in Pakistan. The decision was made during a meeting between Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, and Dr. Haddy Jatou Sey, head of ICESCO.

Alam emphasized the importance of integrating green skills in girls' education, noting, "Islam advocates for the right of women to access education." The conference, themed "National Climate Educational Framework for Girls in the Islamic World," will engage federal and provincial representatives, and stakeholders. "The aim is to prepare citizens for the future and strengthen the

resilience of women, especially young girls," she said.

Alam also mentioned her collaboration with Rwanda on the Africa House initiative to address climate change, and the successful She Power project, which has supported over 20,000 girls in Balochistan. The second phase will extend support to 50,000 girls.

Dr. Sey reaffirmed ICESCO's commitment to climate education, emphasizing the role of international cooperation in empowering girls through green education. Both leaders committed to future joint projects and strengthening collaboration to combat climate change and empower future generations.

SMEs' Role Vital in Cutting Pollution, Conserving Natural Resources, PM's Climate Aide

ISLAMABAD (January 23, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, praised the transformative impact of the International Labour and Environmental Standards (ILES) project in promoting sustainable practices among Pakistan's SMEs.



At the closing ceremony, Ms. Alam highlighted the project's success in helping enterprises reduce resource use and pollution through smart environmental management practices.

"The ILES project has enhanced industries' competitiveness while aligning them with global environmental and labour standards," she said.

Launched in 2016 by the ILO, WWF, and the EU, the project focused on export sectors like textiles and leather, ensuring continued access to the EU's GSP+ scheme. Alam noted that it improved occupational safety, health, and productivity, particularly in small factories. "The project has played a key role in policy reforms, ensuring Pakistan's industries remain competitive internationally," she added.

She stressed that the ILES project is a foundation for future strategies. "We must build on the insights, resources, and networks generated," she said, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to sustainable industrial practices and global competitiveness.

Dr. Arshad Mahmood, Secretary of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis, and Hammad Naqi Khan, Director General of WWF-Pakistan, also acknowledged the project's impact. Khan highlighted WWF's work in promoting organic cotton cultivation, engaging over 13,000 farmers on 80,000 acres.

Challenge Fund for Climate Resilient Infrastructure Launched to Boost Adaptation Efforts in Pakistan



Secretary Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Aisha Humera Moriani launches the Challenge Fund for Climate Resilient Infrastructure at the Ministry on January 22, 2025.

ISLAMABAD (January 22, 2025) – The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination launched the Challenge Fund for Climate Resilient Infrastructure to enhance Pakistan's capacity to adapt to climate challenges. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ Pakistan and Adam Smith International (ASI), the fund is part of the Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership (PGCEP).

The fund supports the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), addressing climate vulnerabilities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Islamabad Capital Territory. It focuses on projects that enhance adaptive capacity in these regions, addressing issues like flooding, water scarcity, and risks to agriculture and infrastructure.

Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on

Climate Change, stated, "The Challenge Fund marks a significant milestone in strengthening Pakistan's capacity to adapt to climate change." She added, "This fund will empower local governments to develop infrastructure projects that are climate-resilient and contribute to sustainable development."

Aisha Humera Moriani, Secretary of the Ministry, emphasized the fund's role in bolstering infrastructure resilience against climate disasters like floods and droughts, highlighting its focus on climate adaptation.

Maria-José Poddey, Country Director of GIZ Pakistan, underscored the fund's importance, stating, "It's about building capacity to lead in climate-resilient infrastructure development."

Zulfiqar Younas, Additional Secretary-I, emphasized the Ministry's commitment to mobilizing resources and fostering innovation to meet Pakistan's climate goals.

SDGs' Role in Tackling Interconnected Global Challenges Highlighted

ISLAMABAD (January 21, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, emphasized the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in addressing global challenges during a briefing with a South Sudan parliamentary delegation.

Alam, a former convener of the SDGs Task Force, stressed that the SDGs not only aim for development but also ensure environmental protection and equitable progress for all nations. "The SDGs are vital in tackling interconnected global challenges," she said.

She noted the shared vulnerabilities of Pakistan and South Sudan to climate change, including water scarcity, extreme weather, and

agricultural instability. "Both nations face critical issues like water scarcity and biodiversity loss," Alam stated. She called for increased global efforts to enhance climate adaptation, especially for vulnerable communities, and urged urgent action to reduce emissions and transition to renewable energy.

Alam also highlighted the challenges developing nations face, including financial and technological constraints, and called on the international community to provide the necessary resources.

Deputy Speaker Nathaniel Oyet Pierino expressed South Sudan's commitment to the SDGs, expressing interest in learning from other countries' experiences.



PM's Climate Aide, Faisalabad's Business Association Mull Over Green Business Pathways

ISLAMABAD (January 17, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, urged the business community to adopt environmentally responsible practices to support Pakistan's climate change goals.

During a meeting with a delegation from the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), led by President Rehan Naseem Bharara, Alam proposed a roundtable conference with all Pakistan chambers to raise awareness about carbon credit initiatives and encourage the private sector to transition to clean energy.

"Climate change is an immediate challenge that requires urgent action from all sectors, including the business community," Alam

said, adding, "We need businesses to step up by adopting energy-efficient technologies, reducing waste, and implementing responsible production processes."

She also encouraged the FCCI to explore how the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) could be applied locally, emphasizing the importance of understanding and reducing carbon footprints.

Bharara expressed FCCI's support for the government's climate initiatives and its commitment to promoting green technologies and green energy investments. Both parties agreed to collaborate on developing a strategic framework to ensure Faisalabad's industries lead Pakistan's green transformation.



Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam talking to a delegation of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) led by its president, Rehan Naseem Bharara which called on her in Islamabad on 17-01-2025.

Tackling Climate Risks Through Intra-National and Global Collab Highlighted to Tackle Climate Risks

ISLAMABAD (January 16, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, emphasized the need for strong climate risk management strategies at national, provincial, and district levels to better prepare for natural disasters and reduce their impacts.

Speaking at the 'Humanitarian Future' event by the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Alam stressed the importance of protecting vulnerable communities amid climate challenges. She highlighted the growing severity of climate impacts, including floods, heatwaves, droughts, and erratic rainfall. "These challenges have led to significant economic, social, and environmental repercussions, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations," she said.

Alam referenced the 2022 floods, which displaced millions and destroyed crops and infrastructure. "These disasters have underscored the need for flood resilience and disaster risk reduction measures to protect marginalized communities and infrastructure," she noted.

She also mentioned key initiatives launched at COP29 in Baku, such as the Global Shield, climate justice efforts, and Pakistan's green recovery plan. Alam discussed Pakistan's growing reliance on glaciers and rivers for water, stressing the threat water scarcity poses to agriculture. "Our agriculture is significantly threatened by water scarcity, and we need to invest in long-term solutions," she stated.

Alam called for improved access to international climate finance, saying, "It is essential to enable access to climate financing to implement projects that strengthen our resilience to climate change impacts."

The PM's climate aide also underscored the importance of incorporating disaster risk financing into the global loss and damage agenda. She stated that this approach signifies a proactive measure to manage the rising costs linked to climate change.



Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam addressing a seminar titled "Humanitarian Futures" in Islamabad on 16-01-2025

Ex-Norwegian PM Kjell Magne Bondevik Meets MoCC&EC Officials

ISLAMABAD (January 13, 2025) – Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, highlighted the severe impacts of climate change on Pakistan, particularly the mental health of women and girls affected by heatwaves, floods, and droughts. In a meeting with former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik, she emphasized Pakistan's commitment to learning from international experiences, especially in transitioning to green energy.

Alam praised Bondevik's advocacy for human rights, particularly in Kashmir, and discussed the devastating effects of the 2022 floods, which caused displacement and severe health and social issues. "We are looking for your support in climate diplomacy... Climate change has hit Pakistan hard, and we have been ranked fifth in vulnerability," Alam stated. "We are a resilient nation, working hard to mitigate climate change impacts."

Aisha Humera Moriani, Secretary of MoCC, highlighted Pakistan's challenge in accessing climate finance, stressing that rehabilitation funds should not come from loans but be directed towards GDP growth. "We cannot allocate loan amounts for rehabilitation efforts," Moriani said. She also noted Pakistan's

efforts in water desalination and clean energy adoption.

Bondevik offered Norway's support in helping Pakistan transition to green energy, citing Norway's success with electric vehicles. Additional Secretary Hammad Shamimi and Joint Secretary Muhammad Faroque also attended. Alam concluded the meeting by presenting souvenirs and Pakistani-made footballs to the Norwegian delegation.



Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam meeting with a delegation led by former Prime Minister of Norway, Kjell Magne Bondevik, during his visit to her office in Islamabad on January 13, 2025.

PM's Aide Romina Khurshid Inaugurates Pakistan's First Green Road Initiative

RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD (January 08, 2025) – Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam, launched the first green road initiative at the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI).

Khurshid reaffirmed the government's commitment to fighting climate change under Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, highlighting both short-term and long-term solutions, such as renewable energy projects and climate-resilient infrastructure. "These initiatives are key to reducing our carbon footprint," she said, commending Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's climate efforts.

She stressed the importance of public-private collaboration for a

sustainable future, calling the green road a symbol of Pakistan's commitment to environmental preservation. "This marks a major step forward in creating cities that are economically prosperous and environmentally responsible," she stated.

Khurshid explained that the green road demonstrates how green technologies can be integrated into urban infrastructure, addressing urgent environmental issues while improving citizens' quality of life. She also recognized the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry's role, emphasizing the private sector's importance in driving the green economy. "I encourage businesses to adopt green practices, invest in clean technologies, and help build a more sustainable economy," she concluded.



Aga Khan Foundation, Climate Change Ministry Join Hands to Build Climate Resilience in Mountainous, Coastal Regions

ISLAMABAD (January 3, 2025) – The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination and the Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan have partnered to enhance climate resilience in Pakistan's mountainous and coastal regions. A Letter of Understanding (LoU) was signed to improve livelihood security and foster sustainable development in vulnerable areas.

Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, emphasized the importance of partnerships for achieving Pakistan's climate and development goals. "The LoU is crucial in addressing vulnerabilities faced by mountain communities and ensuring sustainable livelihoods," she said.

The initiative targets rural and coastal regions, including Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Sindh's coastal belt, aiming to address challenges like glacial melting, sea-level rise, and agricultural vulnerabilities through climate interventions.

The LoU was signed by Aisha Humera Moriani, Secretary at the Ministry of Climate Change, and Akhtar Iqbal, CEO of the Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan. Senior officials from the ministry also attended.

Moriani highlighted the climate threats in Gilgit-Baltistan, Sindh's coastal areas, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, such as flash floods, sea intrusion, and soil erosion. Additional Secretary Zulfiqar Yunus announced the approval of Pakistan's carbon market policy,

enabling carbon trading under the Paris Agreement.

Alam expressed hope that the partnership with AKF-P would drive climate-smart agriculture, resource management, and infrastructure development, while empowering local communities. The partnership aims to protect ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and advance Pakistan's climate resilience.



Coordinator to PM for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam witnessing signing ceremony of Letter of Understanding (LoU) as Secretary MoCC, Aisha Humera Moriani and CEO of AKF in Pakistan Akhtar Iqbal are signing LoU in Islamabad on 03-01-2025.



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