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Managing Risks, Creating Benefits*

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"Shared regional challenges require bold steps in transcending political and ideological differences to find shared solutions. The World Economic Forum and its Young Global Leaders from Pakistan and India are fully committed to shaping a new generation of cooperation and collaboration in the region."

Sushant Palakurthi Rao, Director, Head of Asia, World Economic Forum (Indian)
Saadia Zahidi, Director, Head of Constituents, World Economic Forum (Pakistani)

Introduction

South Asia is a region highly prone to natural disasters and climate change is bringing further risk and uncertainty to countries in the region. While understanding of the impacts of climate change on the region is still in its infancy, experts point to higher temperatures, sea level rise, floods, droughts and extreme weather events as just some manifestations likely to impact every area from agriculture to human health and economic productivity. Disasters such as the floods in Pakistan are likely to increase not diminish in number and impact. Both India and Pakistan must develop effective adaptation strategies to climate risk and a proactive approach to resource scarcity to meet the needs and aspirations of their people.

Changing demographics are also creating new realities and new opportunities. Both India and Pakistan have witnessed a quadrupling of their populations since 1947 and both have very young populations. If the aspirations of these young people are to be met in a region challenged by resource scarcity and climate change, it will require a new generation of thinking and an intensification of bilateral cooperation.

This is what this effort seeks to do. It brings together **Young Global Leaders (YGLs)**¹ from the post-1947 generation in Pakistan and India to address shared natural resource and climate challenges with a view to building a new narrative of cooperation based on sensible risk management and benefit sharing.

¹ The **Forum of Young Global Leaders** of the **World Economic Forum** in Davos, Switzerland, is a unique, multi-stakeholder community of more than 750 exceptional young leaders who share a commitment to shaping the global future. Young Global Leaders (YGLs) represent the future of leadership, coming from all regions of the world and representing business, government, civil society, arts & culture, academia and media, as well as social entrepreneurs.

The long term vision is that this process will leverage our mutual strengths for improved stability and prosperity in the region through practical co-operation. The Lahore conference will start this process through the identification of hands-on bilateral initiatives drawing on good practice emerging from other parts of the world such as the Middle East, North East India and South East Asia. The follow-up to the launch event has already been planned for the World Economic Forum's regional summit in India in November 2011 to maintain momentum and build on gains made.

Who is it for?

This conference is for climate change and DRR (disaster risk reduction) experts and practitioners, government officials, parliamentarians, humanitarian agencies, banks and insurers, analysts, civil society leaders, academics and interested media. The initiative will benefit from the engagement of officials from the National Disaster Management Authorities of both Pakistan and India and the SAARC Disaster Management Centre.

Day 1 will have open sessions for the public, but Day 2 will be held in closed session for an invited group of participants to further examine the issues and work to design practical areas of collaboration.

What will it result in?

The conference is expected to result in a bilateral network of experts and practitioners with an active programme on policy engagement. The network will be practical and results-oriented seeking to leverage the engagement of different communities, skills-sets and cultures to promote solutions to climate change and disaster risk reduction in the region.

Follow-up

The Lahore conference will lead to a follow-up event at the World Economic Forum's regional summit at the India Economic Summit in November 2011 in India. We anticipate a briefing on the Indo-Pak YGL initiative to ministers and interaction with key stakeholders and the media to bring this initiative to wider attention.

This initiative is part of a broader effort within the Indo-Pak Young Global Leaders community to strengthen ties and improve bilateral understanding.

PROGRAMME²

| Time | Activity |
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| DAY 1 | FRIDAY 8 JULY 2011 (Public Session) |
| 11.00 – 11.10 | Welcome <i>Introduction to Conference objectives and format (YGL organisers)</i> |
| 11.10 – 12.00 | Opening remarks Lieutenant General Nadeem Ahmad Former head, National Disaster Management Authority Pakistan Dr P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti , Former Director, SAARC Disaster Management Centre & Former Director, National Institute for Disaster Management (India) |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Session I: <i>The Pakistani Context - current best practice in climate change, natural resources and disaster management</i> Chair: Dr Saleem H. Ali , Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Planning and Asian Studies & Director, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security, University of Vermont. Young Global Leader Presentations followed by interactive discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Adil Najam, Frederick S. Pardee Professor of Global Public Policy; Director, Pardee Center. Boston University Dr Michael Renner, Worldwatch Institute (Washington DC) Mr Muhammad Ali Tabba*, CEO, Lucky Cement. Young Global Leader |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | <i>Working Lunch</i> Panel Discussion ‘<i>Pakistan and India – Challenges and Opportunities</i>’ <i>Moderated by Ms Barkha Dutt, Young Global Leader</i> |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Session II: <i>The Indian Context - current best practice in climate change, natural resources and disaster management</i> Chair: Ms Malini Mehra , Founder & CEO, Centre for Social Markets. Young Global Leader Presentations followed by interactive discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof N. Vinod Chandra Menon, Former Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India; Convener, Consortium on Strategic Risk Management for India (CSRMI) Dr Akhilesh Gupta, Adviser & Head, Climate Change Programme, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India Ms Tanya Dubash*, Godrej Industries Ltd. Young Global Leader |

² This is a provisional programme. An asterisk indicates the speaker has been invited and confirmation is awaited. Those without an asterisk are confirmed speakers.

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| 15.00 – 16.00 | <p>Session III: <i>Key flashpoints & opportunities on the natural resource and climate risk agenda</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms Isabel Hilton, International Journalist & Broadcaster; editor, ChinaDialogue (London/ Beijing)</p> <p>Presentations followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor John Briscoe, Head, Water Security Initiative, Harvard University 2. Brigadier (Retd.) Shaukat Qadir, Pakistani expert on resource management 3. Mr P P Shrivastav,* IAS (Retd.), Member, North East Council (NEC), Government of India |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 16.15 – 17.30 | <p>Session IV: <i>Relevant Regional Initiatives – Lessons Learnt</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms Munizae Jahangir, Journalist & Broadcaster, Young Global Leader</p> <p>Presentations followed by interactive discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Gidon Bromberg, Co-Director, Eco-peace/ Friends of the Earth Middle East 2. Mr Aslam Pervaij, Head, Dept of Disaster Risk Management Strategy, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (Bangkok) 3. Mr Sushant Rao, Head, Asia. World Economic Forum (Geneva) |
| 19.00 – 21:00 | <p>Reception followed by Dinner</p> <p>Introduction - Dr Umar Saif, Founder, Saif Centre for Innovation, LUMS. Young Global Leader</p> <p>Keynote Address: Minister Hina Rabbani Khan*</p> <p>Dy Foreign Minister, Pakistan. Young Global Leader</p> |
| DAY 2 | SATURDAY 9 JULY 2011 (Private Working Session) |

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