SHEHRI – CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment was formed in 1988 (based in Karachi City), as a non-political, noncommercial, non-governmental organization (under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860) by a group of concerned citizens to provide the citizens with a platform to effectively voice their concerns in determining their future and taking action in arresting the deterioration in the their living environment and propose reform with a view to improve the same. Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment is now fighting at the forefront of various issues of public concern related to the environment. The organization is actively engaged in areas of work like public advocacy and Public Interest Litigation (PIL), Right to Information (RTI), Freedom of Information (FOI), Good Governance, Community Policing and Police Reforms, Nature Conservation, Corporate Social Accountability, and last but not the least Institutional Reforms.

Objectives

- Establishment of an aware and pro-active civil society, good governance, transparency and rule of law
- Promotion of research and documentation, dialogue and influence of public policies
- Setting up an effective and representative local government system, e.g. capacity building and training
- Observance of basic human rights in society

Management

The core decision making body of the organization is the 'Managing Committee' (MC) that is answerable to the 'General Body' members. The MC is a volunteer body. The members of the MC hold office for a period of two (02) years, after which there is a fresh election. Annual Audit is conducted regularly and the audit report is duly shared with all members.

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Discussion

"Sustainable Development Goals"
A Roadmap for Implementation

(A Session with Youth)

Organized by

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in collaboration with

Friedrich Naumann STIFTUNG **FÜR DIE FREIHEIT**

Thursday, 10th November 2016 (3:00 pm)

Sustainable Development Research Centre
SZABIST (Clifton), Karachi

Programme

Thursday, 10th November 2016, SZABIST (Clifton), Karachi

Time	Contents
3:15 – 3:30 pm	**Registration**
3:30 – 3:40 pm	**Welcome Address** - *Dr.Riaz Ahmed Shaikh,* *Head, Sustainable Development* *Research Center, SZABIST*
3:40 -4:00 pm	**Program Introduction** - *Aamir Amjad* *Senior Program Coordinator* *Friedrich Naumann Stiftung*
4:00:–4:30 pm	**Understanding the SDG's – Context and Process** - *Farhan Anwar,* *Sustainability Planner*
4:30–4:45 pm	**Implementing the SDG's – A Framework for Action** - *Anam Rafiq* *Urban Planner*
4:45 – 5:30 pm	**Setting Targets and Indicators for the Development Challenges: Case Study Karachi** - *Facilitated Interactive Working Groups Session*
5:30 – 6:00 pm	**Presentations and Discussion** - *Working Groups present to the Plenary*
Refreshments/Tea	

This year began with the activation of *the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)* when on January 01 2016, the seventeen (17) *SDGs* of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* — earlier adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force. Now over the course of the next fifteen (15) years, countries all over the world are expected to mobilize efforts to bring an end to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, in an equitable manner. The *SDGs* follow on the experience of *the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)* and have a much larger scope and mandate. The *SDG's* bring within their fold, seventeen (17) thematic areas with a strong focus on sustainability and climate change. Pakistan has also become a signatory to the *SDG's* and an *SDG Secretariat* has already been established at the National Assembly Secretariat in Islamabad.

When it comes to prioritizing the implementation framework in terms of spheres of governance, the local government tier and the academia enjoy a critical importance. Universities and institutions of higher education with a focus on youth mobilization can play a major role in the planning and implementation process. The UN specifically created the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) to support universities and other knowledge centers to play this role. As the document *Getting Started with the Sustainable Development Goals – A Guide for Stakeholders,* released in 2015 by the *Sustainable Development Solutions Network, UN,* very clearly states, "Through research and development (R&D) they can create and incubate new technologies, they can identify strategic priorities and best practices in strategy and innovation, and they can help to monitor the agenda through the collection, analysis, and interpretation of primary data. Universities of course are also the key nodes of higher education, training a new generation of sustainable development leaders, and playing a key role in public awareness and education as well. Universities can be a critical and invaluable source of long-term independent technical assistance to governments to design and support implementation of SDG plans, working with specific ministries and/or national statistical offices".

As such, *Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment*, in collaboration with the *Friedrich- Naumann-Stiftung* and with the coordination of the *Sustainable Development Research Center, SZABIST* is organizing an interactive consultation on SDG's with a particular focus on the academia and students orienting them on what SDG's are, their context and background, how they will roll out, the institutions and stakeholders involved and the relevance and importance for Pakistan. The event is being organized on Thursday, the 10th of November, 2016.

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17 Goals to transform our world

01. No Poverty	02. Zero Hunger
03. Good Health and well-being	04. Quality Education
05. Gender Equality	06. Clean Water and Sanitation
07. Affordable and Clean Energy	08. Decent Work and Economic Growth
09. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action	14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land	16. Peace Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals	