

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 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”

An agenda for Implementation

(A Session with Professionals)

Organized by

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Thursday 25th August 2016 (3:00 pm)

IEP Building (opp. Regent Plaza)

Main Shahrah-e-Faisal

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Programme

Thursday, 25th August 2016, IEP Building, opposite Regent Plaza, Karachi

Time	Contents
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Registration
3:15 – 3:45 pm	Welcome Address and Introduction - <i>Engr. Nooruddin Ahmed</i> <i>Member, Shehri-CBE</i>
3:45 -4:30 pm	Understanding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) – Framework and Process - <i>Farhan Anwar, Sustainability Planner</i> <i>Member, Shehri-CBE</i>
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Sustainable Development challenges for Karachi city - <i>Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed</i> <i>Chairman, Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University</i>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	General Discussion on SDG's
6:30 -6:40 pm	Summation
Refreshments/Tea	

The 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, achieve sustainable urban growth in an equitable manner. The *SDGs* follow on the experience of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and have a much larger scope and mandate. 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, professional body like the **Institute of Engineers Pakistan (IEP)**, enjoy a critical importance. Such institutions play a critical role by supporting policies, standards, best practices and technical human resource development at the national and local levels. A number of *SDG's* such as Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), for their successful implementation would require a pro-active role from these institutions. If we take the case of Karachi city, then a numbers of challenges in urban growth need to be tackled to achieve sustainable growth – example, increasing densification and pollution, land use management, disaster management etc. Here, the input of professional bodies is important in devising the appropriate policies, plans and projects.

As such, *Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment*, in partnership with the *Friedrich- Naumann-Stiftung* is collaborating with the IEP is organizing an interactive consultation on *SDG's* with a particular focus on the critical development challenges facing Karachi city. **The event is to be held in the Conference room of the IEP office (opposite Regent Plaza), main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, organized on Thursday, the 25th of August, 2016 (3:00 – 6:00 pm).** Kindly confirm your participation.

17 Goals to transform our world

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| 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 | |