



Workshop

“Right to Information – RTI ”

(Article 19 A of Constitution of Pakistan)

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Friday, 28th October 2016 (3:30 pm)

Movenpick (Sheraton) Hotel, Karachi

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Programme

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Time	Contents
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Registration/Arrival of Guests
4:00 – 4:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome address Mrs. Amber Alibhai General Secretary Shehri-CBE
4:10 – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of the event, and its objectivesIntroduction of the Participants and expectations from the workshop
4:30 – 4:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Video documentary on FOI
4:45 – 5:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding FOI laws (Federal & Sindh)Draft Sindh RTI Bill 2016
5:45 – 6:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tea/Prayer Break
6:15 -7:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FOI Application writing exerciseGroup Presentations
7:30 –8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluation of the workshopVote of thanksClosure of workshop
8:00 pm	Dinner

Moderator/Trainer: Dr. Syed Raza Ali Gardezi

Right to Information (RTI)

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE) is a volunteer, non-governmental organization (NGO) which has been trying to promote good governance. One of the tools that we strongly feel can bring about a change is the Access to Information.

In this regard, Shehri – Citizens for a Better Environment cordially invites you to attend a capacity building workshop on “Access to Information”, which will be held on **Friday, 28th October 2016 (3:30 pm) at Hotel Movenpick, Karachi.**

The Right to Information was made a constitutional right in 2010 through 18th Amendment, Article 19-A for transparent governance and citizen empowerment. The Federal Freedom of Information Ordinance was initiated in 2002, rules were issued in 2004 and Sindh Freedom of Information Act 2006 was also promulgated but without any input from stakeholders. Till to-date the FOI law has not been fully implemented and accessing information is still difficult. Neither are the information officers fully aware of their role and responsibilities nor are the citizens aware of their right to access government – held information.

The objectives of this workshop are;

- 1) To build awareness and knowledge about Article 19-A “Right to Information - RTI”
- 2) To build skills on using this law to bring about changes in the existing systems
- 3) To share success stories highlighting the value and importance of the law.
- 4) Draw up an action plan on how the civil society organizations/citizens and media can help strengthen the implementation of the law by educating the demand and the supply side.
- 5) **An exercise would be held whereby the participants would be asked to draw an RTI application for follow-up through the Shehri ‘FOI Helpdesk’. You are therefore requested to come prepared with a question that you would like to ask through FOI law.**

Your valued participation would be appreciated. Please confirm your participation on Tel. (021)34530646, 34557335 or email. info@shehri.org

