

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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Workshop

“Sustainable Development Goals”

An agenda for Implementation

(A Session with Women)

Organized by

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Wednesday 27th July 2016 (9:30 am)

Hotel Regent Plaza, Karachi

Programme

Time	Contents
9:30 – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 – 10:10 am	Welcome Address - <i>Mrs. Amber Alibhai</i> <i>General Secretary</i>
10:10 – 10:20 am	Introduction - <i>Aamir Amjad, Senior Programme Coordinator,</i> <i>Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung</i>
10:20-:10:30 am	Introduction - <i>Afia Salam, Freelance Journalist and Band Media</i> <i>Trainer</i>
10:30 -11:00 am	Understanding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) – Framework and Process - <i>Farhan Anwar, Sustainability Planner</i> <i>Member – Shehri-CBE</i>
Tea Break	
11:15 –11:35 am	Implementing the SDG's – the Gender Context - <i>Anam Rafiq, Urban Planner</i>
11:35–11:45 am	Spotlighting the Gender Discourse in Pakistan – Experiences and a Future Roadmap - <i>Uzma Noorani, Member, Women's Action Forum</i> <i>(WAF)</i>
11:45 –1:00 pm	Panel Discussion
1:00 -1:15 pm	Summation
Lunch	

Sustainable Development Goals – 17 Goals to Transform our World

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. While the *MDGs* proposed in 2000 did not include women specifically in any of its eight *Goals*, the *SDG's* give opportunity to recognize women and issues related with them as a relevant actor in the development process, and to highlight how for example, in line with **SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls)**, there is call for investment in research to identify discriminatory practices, advocate for their removal and support national partners to create policies and laws that comply with international commitments on gender equality such as the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action. There is also a focus on supporting partners in conducting initiatives to transform gender stereotypes and raise public awareness about gender discrimination.

As such, *Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment*, in collaboration with the *Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung* is organizing an interactive consultation on *SDG's* with a particular focus on orienting women groups on what the *SDG's* is, its context and background, how it will roll out, the institutions and stakeholders involved and the relevance and importance for Pakistan. Topical issues related with the gender debate in Pakistan will get discussed and relevant experts will engage with women participants to brainstorm on what role they can play in the implementation of the *SDG* agenda (Goal No.5 "Gender Equality") as it relates to Pakistan.