

## Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment (Shehri-CBE)

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment was formed in 1988 (based in Karachi City), as a non-political, non-commercial, 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, land use management, right to information, good governance, community policing, police reforms, urban mobility, climate change and last but not the least institutional reforms.

## Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF):

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) has been working for a peaceful and progressive Pakistan since 1986. FNF promotes a social and political environment where **every individual** can become the pilot of their lives!

The Foundation was established in Germany in 1958. It aims to promote the goal of making the principle of freedom valid for the dignity of all people and in all areas of society, both in Germany and abroad

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## **Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment**

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## Workshop

### **“Empowering Women to become self-reliant and take benefit from Government Schemes”**

Organized by

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment

with the support of

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Pakistan

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (3:00 pm)

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## Programme

Time	Contents
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<b>Registration/Arrival of Guests</b>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Address &amp; Introduction of Participants <b>Sarwar Khalid</b> Shehri-CBE</li> </ul>
3:30 – 3:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre Evaluation</li> </ul>
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have any idea about government's schemes for Enhancing Economic Empowerment <b>Hawwa Fazal</b></li> </ul>
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea Break</li> </ul>
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Schemes for Enhancing Economic Empowerment</li> <li>How to Avail a Government scheme <b>Hawwa Fazal</b></li> </ul>
5:30 – 6:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of Bank Accounts/Digital Banking</li> </ul>
6:00 – 6:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EOBI and its benefit <b>Pervez Bhatti</b></li> </ul>
6:20 – 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiating personal ventures to earn an income</li> </ul>
7:00 – 7:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities and Challenges for women</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation</li> <li>Certificates Distribution</li> <li>Vote of thanks</li> <li>Conclude</li> </ul>
<b>Dinner</b>	

**Moderator: Hawwa Fazal**

**Co-Moderator: Sarwar Khalid**

## Empowering Women to become self-reliant and take benefit from Government Schemes

Shehri-CBE, in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom under the theme of “Utilizing Government Schemes for Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups”, has been engaging with women and transgender communities for their social and economic empowerment. The targeted thematic areas include creating awareness regarding the government schemes for economic betterment.

Through this program, our focus will be to teach the participants about government's various schemes e.g. Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Employees' Old-age Benefit Institution (EOBI), and how they can benefit from these schemes.

Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) of government of Pakistan has become largest program, providing social assistance to more than 5.7 million beneficiaries. The BISP is a major segment of social safety nets emphasizing poverty reduction among women and to improve their living standards by providing unconditional financial support to most vulnerable poor women.

Employees' Old-age Benefit Institution (EOBI) is a government of Pakistan scheme, providing for compulsory social insurance. It extends Old-Age Benefits to insured persons or their survivors. Under EOB Scheme, Insured Persons are entitled to avail benefit like, Old-Age Pension (on the event of retirement), Invalidity Pension (In case of permanent disability), Old-Age Grant (an Insured Person attained superannuation age, but does not possess the minimum threshold for pension) Survivor's Pension (in case an Insured Person is expired).

During the session Moderator and experts will share their knowledge about the government schemes and listen to the ideas of women belonging to the lower income group, helping them in what documents they would need to apply for government schemes and which schemes they can avail in accordance to their aims and plans.

**The session will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (3:00 pm) at St. Joshua Institute of Nursing & Health Science, C/8, Block T, North Nazimabad, Karachi**