

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 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.

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Workshop

“Bridging the Gap Between elected representatives and their constituents”

(Citizens and Elected Representatives Face to Face)

Organized by

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Saturday, 15th July 2023 (10:00 am)

Hotel Bilawal & Brothers, Laksi Shikarpur

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Programme

Time	Contents
10:00 – 10:30 am	Registration/Arrival of Guests
10:30 – 10:40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address & Introduction of Participants Sarwar Khalid Anwar Ali Mahar
10:40 – 11:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of Elected Representatives and Citizens (constituents) Ms. Shazia Jehangir
11:00 – 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea Break
11:30 – 11:50 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Expectation from elected representatives Haji Mushtaq Ahmed Mahar Chairman UC Mungrani, Shikarpur Abdul Hafeez Chairman, UC Jahan Khan, Shikarpur
11:50 – 12:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with Citizens/Constituents Ms. Sanam, Member District Council, Shikarpur
12:10 – 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives Mr. Ghulam Akbar, Vice Chairman, Lakhi Shikarpur
12:30 – 2:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues facing by citizens (constituents) Ms. Mehnaz Mahar, Women Activist Rustam Shikarpur
2:00 – 2:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation • Vote of thanks • Conclude
2:30 – 3:30 pm Lunch	

Moderator: Anwar Ali Mahar and Shazia Abbasi

Co-Moderator: Sarwar Khalid

Bridging the Gap Between elected representatives and their constituents

A nation is at peace when a level of trust and understanding exists between the instruments of state and its citizens. Elected representative whose work is to make policies, and ensure that the policies and actions are responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people. For the elected representatives to work effectively it is essential that they actively engage with constituents. Pro active engagements help them understand the constituents needs and current conditions of the constituency. Lawmakers can also take on constituents' opinion on the bills or the policy that they aim to introduce in the council. This will help them gather support and once the bill becomes a law it gets greater trust & ownership from the citizens.

Local government is an integral part of any democratic system. Being closer to the people, with better knowledge of local issues, and by engaging with local communities and citizens, this system helps in finding sustainable solutions for social, economic, and material needs. It is widely accepted at national and international level that local authorities are responsible for delivering a broad range of services in relation to roads and traffic; planning; housing; economic and community development; environment; recreation and amenity services; fire services and for maintaining the register of electors. Moreover, because of its proximity to the people, the local governments are in a better position to ensure that government policies translate into services that will automatically meet the needs of the people.

Communication between the elected representative and their constituents play a key role in making the local government effective. In this regard, Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment has organized an 'open courts' (Khuli Katchery) on Saturday, 15th July 2023 (10:00 am) at Shikarpur. The constituents will narrate their issues and set forth the problems which they face concurrently to their elected representatives.