

## 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, community policing, police reforms, urban mobility, climate change and last but not the least institutional reforms.

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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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## **“Capacity Building of Local Government officers in accordance to the Local Government Act-2013”**

**مقامی حکومت کا نظام (بلدیاتی نظام)**

*(Session with Elected LG Representatives & officials)*

Organized by

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment

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Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (11:30 am)

**Municipal Office Pir Jo Goth, Khairpur**

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## Programme

Time	Contents
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Registration
12:00 – 12:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Address</li><li>• Introduction to Participants</li></ul>
12:15 – 1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sindh Local Government Act 2013</li><li>• Historical Review of Local Government System Ahmed Hussain Mahar</li></ul>
1:00 – 1:30 pm Tea Break	
1:30 – 2:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role and Functions of Elected Local Government Representatives</li><li>• Issues and challenges for newly elected representatives Ahmed Hussain Mahar</li></ul>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Citizens expectations from local government</li><li>• Challenges for newly elected LG representatives<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Abdul Ghaffar, Chairman Town Committee</li><li>– Abdul Bari, Councilor</li><li>– Town Officer, Pir Jo Goth</li></ul></li></ul>
2:45 – 3:30 pm	Open Discussion
3:30 – 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluation of workshop</li><li>• Certificates Distribution</li><li>• Vote of thanks</li><li>• End of Workshop</li></ul>
Lunch	

Moderator/Trainer: Ahmed Hussain Mahar

Co-Moderator: Sarwar Khalid

Local government is an integral part of any democratic system. Being closer to the people, with better knowledge of local issues, by engaging with local communities and citizens, this system helps in finding sustainable solutions for social, economic, and material needs.

The structure of governance in Pakistan is primarily two-tiered: Federal and Provincial. The third tier of governance “Local Government” has not been able to make a significant impact in the political realm of the country since its inception.

In the province of Sindh, owing to its particularly contested political economy space, the damage to grass root governance has been magnified. Political battles fought within the confines of the core institutions of civic governance and service delivery have resulted in institutional paralysis. Powers, functions, mandates overlap and get parked in all the wrong spaces with the result that service delivery has come to a standstill.

Planning and management of cities, that include the provision of water, disposal of sewage and solid waste, drainage and maintenance of public spaces are some of the important responsibilities associated with the agencies of local governance. 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.

It is therefore, extremely important that the elected representatives of local government are fully aware of their powers, functions and responsibilities toward efficient service delivery to the citizens.

In this regard, Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment has organized a “capacity building workshop on Sindh Local Government Act-2013” for the elected local government representatives and officials on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>, October 2023 (11:30 am) at Municipal Office Pir Jo Goth, Khairpur.

Your valued participation is requested.