## 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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## Focus Group Discussion

# "Forging a Community for Green Living"

Organized by
Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment

with the support of Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Pakistan

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November (10:30 am) Decent Lodge Guest House, Sukkur

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#### **Programme**

Time	Activity
10:30–11:00 am	Registration of Participants
11:00 – 11:10 am	Welcome Address Sarwar Khalid
11:10 – 11:25 am	Project Introduction Ahmed Hussain Mahar
11:25 – 11:45 am	Climate change and its impact Ahmed Hussain Mahar
11:45 – 12:15 pm	Tea Break
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Causes of Climate Change Consequences of Climate Change  Ghulam Mustafa Ganghro, V.Chairman Town Commt.  Saeed Ahmed Mangrio, Social Activist  Azra Jamal, Sukkur Municipal Corporation
1:00 – 1:45 pm	<ul> <li>How You Can Stop Global Warming</li> <li>Market based solutions to Climate Change</li> </ul>
1:45 – 2:45pm	Moderated Discussion/Q&A
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<ul><li> Vote of Thanks</li><li> Conclude</li></ul>
Lunch	

Moderator: Ahmed Hussain Mahar & Anwar Ali Mahar

Co-Moderator: Sarwar Khalid

## Forging a Community for Green Living

It has become quite evident now that the most potent challenge facing humanity as a whole that also poses as an existential challenge is climate change. For humankind to have any hope for stabilizing our planet, we need a radical shift in our lifestyles. That process is already ongoing and the *green economy* has arrived, becoming the fastest growing economic model in the world now. Unfortunately, there is limited movement in that direction in our country.

Shehri-CBE, in collaboration with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, has decided to address this challenge and has initiated a project - Forging a Community for Green Living - where consultative sessions will be held in the province of Sindh with key formal and non-formal stakeholders on reviewing the present situation and charting collaborative pathways for promoting climate friendly green lifestyles. Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to be held with relevant stakeholders to document their level of awareness and suggestions in six major cities of Sindh province in addition to a series of half day consultations with stakeholders that include relevant government institutions, civil society organizations, selected private sector groups, start-ups and entrepreneurs that are dealing in green living products and youth and academia The main and concluding gathering would be a Day Long Consultative Session, focused on brainstorming on an enabling policy and institutional frameworks that can facilitate climate friendly lifestyles and also for promoting people and organizations working in the green economy. Knowledge products will also be prepared in the form of published content that may include, thematic car stickers, knowledge brochures and cataloguing of people and organizations involved in producing green products and services.

We are organzing a Focus Group Discussion on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November **2023 (10:30 am) at Sukkur,** where formal and informal stakeholders will be present. In this session, we would orient the participants with key objectives and activities of the project..

You are invited to provide your valuable input