

## 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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## Consultative Workshop

### **“Forging a Community for Green Living: Charting a Pathway to a Green Economy Agenda”**

Organized by Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment  
in collaboration with SDGs Support Unit, GoS  
with the support of  
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Pakistan

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (2:45 pm)

Beach Luxury Hotel (Aquarius Hall)  
Karachi

## Programme

Time	Activity
2:45 -3:00 pm	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
3:00-3:10 pm	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>Amber Alibhai, General Secretary, Shehri-CBE</i>
3:10 – 3:20	<b>Introducing the Project Context</b> <i>Birgit Lamm, Country Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Pakistan (TBC)</i>
3:20-3:50 pm	<b>Profiling Stakeholder Perceptions, Experiences and Recommendations – Sharing the Project Research Findings</b> <i>Farhan Anwar, Project Manager – Wajeeha Farooqi, Project Coordinator, Shehri-CBE</i>
3:50 – 4:10 pm	<b>SDG's – Setting an Agenda for Sustainable Growth</b> <i>Naveed Ahmed Shaikh, Project Manager, SDGs Support Unit, Government of Sindh</i>
4:10 – 4:30 pm	<b>An Agenda for Promoting Green Building Practices</b> <i>Reshma Aftab, Private Sector Specialist, Equitable Growth, Finance &amp; Institutions, The World Bank Group</i>
4:30 – 4:50 pm	<b>Women Empowerment and the Shift towards Sustainable Development</b> <i>Zareen Rashid, Head of Department, Livelihoods, Rana Liaquat Craftsmen Colony</i>
4:50 – 5:50 pm	<b>Moderated Discussion</b>
5:50 – 6:00 pm	<b>Session Summation</b>
<b>Refreshments/Tea</b>	

## Charting a Pathway to a Green Economy Agenda

The most potent challenge facing humanity as a whole, also posing as an existential challenge is climate change. For humankind to have any hope for stabilizing our planet, we need a radical lifestyle shift. That process is already ongoing, with the *green economy* becoming the fastest growing economic model in the world. Unfortunately, there is limited movement in that direction in our country. **Shehri-CBE** intends to facilitate this journey and as a beginning, we have initiated the project - **Forging a Community for Green Living**, supported by the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** – where consultative sessions have been held in Sindh province with key formal and non-formal stakeholders on reviewing the present situation and sharing ideas and experiences.

A concluding, **Consultative Session** is being organized by **Shehri-CBE**, in collaboration with the **SDGs Support Unit, Government of Sindh** on **Saturday, December 09, 2023 at the Aquarius Hall, Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi** (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm). In this *Session*, the Shehri-CBE project team would be sharing findings of their research and key stakeholders including government officials, civil society organizations, private sector, start-ups and entrepreneurs, academia and media will be brainstorming on charting a pathway for future action in moving the country towards a green economy agenda. Some themes to be discussed may include:

- What are the roadblocks! – Technology cost? Lack of Human Resource? Lack of an enabling legal space? Weak market?
- What are the opportunities! – A global shift towards green living that we can leverage?
- A new industrial base that can get established? New jobs and new businesses? Allowing the market to set its own pace?
- Moving from policy to implementation – the real challenge?
- Can we find a large footprint for sustainable businesses? The journey from a prototype to an industrial scale
- Green building standards are here! But only on paper?
- What role stakeholders can play? Government, civil society, academia, professional bodies? Can Donor agencies and External Support organizations chip in?

These and many more questions, ideas, suggestions, recommendations that you all can bring to the table will get discussed!

You are requested to attend.