



CONCEPT NOTE

National Meet on the Reassessment of the SDGs Post COVID -19

Islamabad, Pakistan

I. Introduction

Parliamentary engagement is essential to translate the global 2030 Agenda into practice. The implementation of the SDGs requires utilization of wide-ranging policy approaches. The sustainable goals and their 169 targets are cross-cutting in all areas such as health, nutrition, education, poverty, economic growth, climate change, and sustainable use of resources. The objectives integrate three approaches of development goals i.e. social inclusion, economic development and environmental sustainability. Pakistan is committed to the SDGs and has embarked on strategizing and implementing its development agenda in line with the SDGs with a distinct approach. Having established first of its kind SDGs Secretariat in its Parliament, Pakistan has institutionalized the process of representation, legislation and representation of the SDGs targets.

In order to achieve the targets and their respective indicators it is imperative to establish a regionally coordinated strategy. There is a need to share experiences and challenges and devise a way forward.

The Pandemic has significantly disrupted the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. It has become imperative to discuss the challenges that are before us after the spread of COVID -19 and it is even more important to engage in discourse regarding the 2030 Agenda.

It is essential to prioritise the SDGs with a national lens. Therefore, the National Meet on the SDGs will provide a platform for redesigning of the global goals in an inclusive, resilient and sustainable manner. One of the key outputs of the National Consultation shall include a national framework which will allow for a roadmap to be established and will assist in the prioritization of the goals, nationally. After the key priority areas are

identified the focus can be shifted towards its implementation and subsequent policy making.

II. Outcomes

The National Meet aims to discuss the acceleration in the implementation of the country's national plans in achieving the SDGs. The National consultation will include all relevant stakeholders, members from National and Provincial assemblies, civil society organizations and development partners.

The central objective of the conference will be to encourage debate regarding improving oversight by allowing all stakeholders to participate in meaningful discourse. The aim is to seek recommendations with the analysis of best practices to be applied nationally and to get acquainted with those practices for effective parliamentary mechanisms for SDGs implementation.

The seminars expected outcomes shall include:

1. Recommendations for expediting achievements of SDGs which are inclusive of legislative measures to assist in the development of plans, policies and budget allocations post COVID - 19;
2. Developing a national coordinated strategy in order to set out the road map around the SDGs Agenda 2030.