

Perspectives from the Frontlines: Pakistan's delegates at CoP28

Panel Session at the Nexus Summit: Harmonizing Energy, Water and Agriculture Systems for a Low Emissions Future, March 07-08, 2024, organized by the Centre for Water Informatics & Technology at LUMS.

Time: 10:40 AM – 11:10 AM.

Date: March 07, 2024.

Venue: NICL Auditorium, Basement, SBASSE Building, LUMS.

Panelists:

- Ms. Aisha Khan, Chief Executive, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change.
- Mr. Bilal Anwar, CEO, National Disaster & Risk Management Fund.
- Mr. Saad Hayat Tamman, Advisor Living Indus, Prime Minister's Reforms Unit.

Moderator: Dr. Fazilda Nabeel, Climate Change and Water Resource Governance Specialist, Living Indus Initiative.

The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held from November 30, 2023, to December 12, 2023, in Dubai, UAE. The meetings of the conference are crucial in shaping international climate policy and negotiating country-specific commitments on climate change issues such as emissions reduction, climate adaptation, climate finance, and technology transfer. These commitments are manifested in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC's) for each country. The NDC's of each country play a critical role in shaping policies and measures towards fulfilling the agreed upon contribution towards achieving the global emissions targets set out in the Paris Agreement.

This panel session at the Nexus Summit aims to provide a platform for the delegates from Pakistan who attended COP28 to share their firsthand experiences, insights, and recommendations. The session will begin with the moderator providing a brief overview of COP28 or COP in general, its significance, and the key themes discussed. The discussion during the panel session will focus on the following points:

1. What are the high-priority actions set by the Government of Pakistan to fulfill its updated NDCs submitted 2021? How effective has its implementation plan been so far, in terms of enabling institutional environment and relevant programs/policies?
2. What new policies/programs/ initiatives did Pakistan announce for at COP28, and how do they align with the country's climate goals and commitments? How do these initiatives align with global priorities for climate finance set out in COP 28?
3. What support does Pakistan require from the international community to enhance its resilience to loss and damage, and how did it advocate for this support in the COP negotiations?
4. What are Pakistan's priorities and objectives in the post-COP28 landscape, and how does it intend to continue contributing to global efforts to combat climate change?

The panelists will highlight the notable challenges, successes, or emerging trends regarding Pakistan's stance on climate change and negotiations at COP28.

This panel session will offer attendees a unique opportunity to gain firsthand insight into Pakistan's participation at the Conference of the Parties. By delving into Pakistan's presence and engagements at the conference, attendees will acquire valuable perspectives on the country's role in addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time. This understanding will empower individuals to appreciate the complexities of climate negotiations and inspire them to advocate for sustainable solutions both nationally and on the global stage.