SUBMISSION Government of Sindh

Slight error of sequence in the first line of previous email is regretted, the sentence may be read as under:

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 9:52 AM Raja Masroor Hassan <<u>rajaqazi@gmail.com</u>> wrote: with the approval of Secretary (Planning), Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, I am directed to share the brief perspective of SDGs Section on Just Transition of P&D Department, which is as under:

A just transition roadmap for environmental and climate change sustainability in Sindh would involve several key steps and considerations:

Assessment of Current State: Begin by assessing the current environmental and climate change situation in Sindh. Understand the region's vulnerabilities, existing policies, and the impact of climate change on various sectors.

Stakeholder Engagement: Engage with various stakeholders, including local communities, NGOs, academic institutions, and relevant government departments like the Planning & Development and Environment & Climate Change Department.

Policy Framework: Develop a comprehensive policy framework that aligns with the goals of the Country Climate & Development Report and integrates the principles of a just transition. Ensure that policies are informed by local realities and international best practices.

Capacity Building: Invest in capacity building within government departments and communities to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to implement climate and environmental initiatives effectively.

Economic Diversification: Identify sectors that are highly vulnerable to climate change and explore opportunities for economic diversification. This could involve transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy, promoting sustainable agriculture, and creating green jobs.

Social Safety Nets: Establish social safety nets to support workers and communities affected by the transition, ensuring that they are not left behind. This can include training and reskilling programs and financial support during the transition.

Environmental Conservation: Implement policies for environmental conservation, such as reforestation, water resource management, and reduction of pollution.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Develop a robust system for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the just transition, including key performance indicators and feedback mechanisms for continuous improvement.

Funding and Partnerships: Secure funding from various sources, including international organizations, to support the implementation of the roadmap. Build partnerships with organizations and agencies that can provide technical expertise and resources.

Public Awareness and Education: Create public awareness campaigns to inform and engage the population in climate and environmental issues, emphasizing the importance of a just transition.

Legal Framework: Ensure that the legal framework supports the transition, including regulations for emissions reduction, environmental protection, and incentives for sustainable practices.

Adaptation and Resilience: Develop strategies for climate adaptation and resilience, considering the specific challenges faced by Sindh, such as sea-level rise and extreme weather events.

Regular Reporting: Provide regular reports on the progress of the just transition to keep the public and stakeholders informed.

It's essential for the Planning & Development and Environment & Climate Change Department of the Government of Sindh to work in close coordination to implement this roadmap successfully, ensuring that the transition is equitable, sustainable, and in line with the goals of the Country Climate & Development Report.

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