Syed Mohsin Raza

Mr. Razar has a Master's degree in environmental science from the National University of Science and Technology. He is an international researcher and activist, a social worker in Chitral, Pakistan, and co-founder of the youth led organization Friends for Progress. The organisation works for the conservation of mountain ecology and helping indigenous people understand and adapt to climate change, and campaigns to integrate gender/women’s rights into environmental concerns, policies, and programmes. He has trained women in high altitude areas, where many men out-migrate for livelihoods and women look after agriculture, to take advantage of changing temperatures to grow cash crops like vegetables. He believes that the ecosystem needs to be preserved and a balance found between traditional agriculture and farming. In areas where traditional plants were losing out in favour of cash crops, he has initiated a project to educate women on the value of genetic diversity and ecosystem stability, and to establish a market link for traditional produce, especially for medicinal use, to other parts of the country, which is helping preserve traditional knowledge of cultivation and herb use.