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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Policy Conference on ‘Action for Adaptation: Bringing climate change science to policy makers’ opens in Pakistan on 23 July 2015**

**Islamabad, Pakistan, 23 July 2015**

From 23 to 25 July, over 100 researchers, policy makers, journalists, students, and practitioners working on issues related to climate change and adaptation in the Indus River Basin will attend the Policy Conference on ‘Action for Adaptation: Bringing climate change science to policy makers’.

The conference is jointly organized by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the Ministry of National Food Security and Research, the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), the Ministry of Climate Change, WWF Pakistan, and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).

The three-day conference will focus on sharing knowledge and research about the impacts of climate change in the Indus River Basin – on which more than 215 million people depend for water and other services – and discussing possible policy and action to protect livelihoods and support communities in adapting to these changes.

The event will open with a High-Level Leadership Panel where Honourable Minister for Women Development and Social Welfare for Azad Jammu and Kashmir Farzana Yaqoob; Honourable Minister for Forestry, Environment, and Wildlife for Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Syed Muhammad Ishtiaq; Honourable Minister for Forest, Wildlife and Environment for Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Muhammad Wakeel; and several high-level technical experts will discuss opportunities and challenges for translating knowledge into effective policy and action for adaptation in Pakistan.

The following days will include technical and interactive panels on different issues related to climate change and adaptation in the region. Scientists, practitioners, and decision makers will share their knowledge and experiences on the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, lives, and livelihoods; gaps in knowledge on climate change and appropriate adaptation measures in the region; policy and institutional challenges; challenges of communicating climate science to people and policy makers; and possible ways forward for adaptation action.

On the third day there will be an exposure visit to Rawal Watershed, a NARC watershed model near Satrameel demonstrating integrated and participatory methods and technologies for sustainably managing water resources together with local communities.

The Conference will be hosted at the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad.

## **Contacts and social media**

Conference website: <http://www.icimod.org/?q=18559>

Conference social media hashtag: #icimod

ICIMOD facebook: [www.facebook.com/icimod](http://www.facebook.com/icimod)

Twitter: @icimod

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/icimod](http://www.youtube.com/icimod)

Live streaming: [www.sdpi.tv](http://www.sdpi.tv)

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