Pakistan Voluntary National Review

High Level Political Political Forum
SDGs - Political Commitment at Highest Level

- Pakistan Parliament was the first to adopt the Agenda 2030
- National SDGs Framework approved by the National Economic Council
- SDG targets and indicators localized and prioritized
- SDG awareness building and stakeholder engagement at all levels
Adoption of SDGs as Pakistan’s National Development Agenda

SDG Mainstreaming and Institutionalization at all levels and tiers of Governance

- National Coordination Committee
- Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs
- National Advisory Committee on SDGs
- Provincial Coordination Committees and Clusters
- Federal Ministries Focal Persons
- Provincial Focal Persons
- Thematic Committees and Clusters
- District Focal Persons

Parliamentary SDG Secretariat

Federal SDGs Section/Support Unit (Planning Commission)

P&D/PD Provincial SDGs
Pakistan VNR 2019
Reflecting high priority initiatives for advancing the SDG Agenda
Our vision and priorities for Sustainable Development

Leaving no one behind”

- Efforts to alleviate Poverty - Ehsaas Program
- Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development
- Leading the fight to combat Climate Change
- Strengthening Partnerships for Optimisation
Responsive Delivery Systems

For translating political vision into reality

• Ministerial restructuring initiatives for optimized and responsive structures
• Strengthening institutions and bureaucratic systems for institutional readiness for reforms
• Responsive and decentralized local government reforms to ensure effective delivery at grass root level
• Instituting policies and austerity measures for promoting accountability, meritocracy and transparency
• Building national data systems, ensuring coverage across all strata for representative planning, development & evaluation process
Joining the global efforts to alleviate Poverty

• A new Ministry - Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division

• Ehsaas
  – Largest ever program to end poverty in Pakistan with allocation increased from Rs. 120 billion in 2018-19 to Rs. 190 billion in 2019-20
  – Bringing social protection initiatives under one umbrella
  – Multi-sectoral initiative implemented by 26 federal ministries
  – Four focus areas, 115 policy actions, pro-poor goals and measurable indicators for every ministry
  – Cross cutting positive impact expected along several SDGs
## Promoting Gender Participation

*A major lever impacting Pakistan’s progress towards the SDGs*

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Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development

- Creating **fiscal space** for social sector investment by increasing the tax base, exploring innovative financing options and promoting tourism.
- Launching of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), establishment of Gwadar port, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for enhancing **employment opportunities** and **regional connectivity**
- Improving the ranking for the “**Ease of Doing Business**” which jumped by 11 points in just one year
- Enhancing electronic "**Web Based One Customs Platform**” for facilitation of exporting and importing
Pakistani Youth - Our strongest drivers for sustained economic growth

• Launching the Hunarmand Jawan Program for providing technical and occupational training to enhance avenues of employability and increased productivity

• Developing and utilizing intellectual capital by investing in knowledge products and products based on cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Big Data & Cloud Computing, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology

• Promoting entrepreneurial culture, establishing Science &Technology / Industrial Parks, Incubators and Accelerators

• Focusing on less developed areas for balanced and equitable development across the board with additional allocation of PKR 50 billion for the fiscal year 2019-20
Our vision for a digital Pakistan

An enabler for transforming economy

- **Incentivizing industries** for leveraging technology to:
  - create opportunities for technology hubs and flourishing IT economy
  - enhance IT exports, citizen services, freelancing and telecommunications
  - increase Pakistan’s IT exports to $10 billion over the next 5 years

- **Developing online communities** and expanding the outreach for:
  - provision of social services
  - health promotion & health awareness campaigns

- **Developing and launching multi-communication satellite**
  - expected to contribute to socio-economic uplift of the country by:
    - directly contributing towards SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 9
    - indirectly impacting SDG 1, SDG 11, SDG 13
Climate Action - Clean Green Pakistan

An opportunity to change our development from gray to green

• **Clean Green Pakistan** initiative to boost climate response by:
  – rehabilitating and enhancing the country’s forest cover
  – prioritizing on water conservation and storage
  – introducing climate-resilient food security measures
  – active participation of the government, civil society, and the students

• **Billion Tree Aforestation and Ecosystem Restoration Initiative**
  – Acknowledged by UN Environment, first winner of Bonn Challenge and recognized internationally
  – 10 Billion Tree Aforestation, building on the success of one billion tree initiative
  – Country wide expansion and scaled-up across sectors to cover a range of aspects
  – Contributing as a member of Nature Based Solutions at the forthcoming UNSG’s 2019 Climate Action Summit

• **Climate budget coding** and expenditure tracking system in place, including mandatory allocation for environment in each development project
Leveraging on Eco Friendly Tourism

Respect for Environment & People

"From our beaches in the south to Fairy Meadows in the north, and the rich history of our land, Pakistan has unlimited potential for developing eco-friendly tourism. This is a commitment we are determined to fulfill Insha Allah, Imran Khan."
Strengthening partnerships for optimization

• Strengthening investments for population planning
• Leveraging the demographic dividend through investment in youth
• Enhancing capacities for policy coherence for climate action
• Introducing innovative sustainable farming techniques
• Exploiting prospects for technology transfer for economic growth
• Dedicated budget of Rs. 1388.3 billion for scaling up regional connectivity
Questions?