

## Day 2- Climate Change Conference and Awards by Rotary International and Religions for Peace Pakistan on 24 December,2023 Karachi

The Master of Ceremony for both days was done by Huma Ikramullah Associate Secretary General Religions for Peace Pakistan .

The Day 2 had started with a Presentation by Ms Sophya on Air Quality Standards

This was followed by presentation by Mr. Saqib on Biodegradable glasses and on planting one tree on buying these glasses.

Presentation of the Token of Appreciation to all Panelist and Moderators was made by :

Rev Shinohara, Secretary General ,Religions for Peace Asia,

Rev Nemoto ,Senior Advisor, Religions for Peace Asia ,

Mrs. Seemi Ikramullah, Religions for Peace Pakistan Chairperson Women of Faith Interfaith Network

Muhammad Kashif , Chairperson Religions for Peace Pakistan Human Rights and legal Committee.

Muhammad Hanif Khan , Vice President , Religions for Peace Pakistan

This was followed by a **Panel Discussion on the Role of Academia in Combating Climate Change** on how academic institutions can contribute to addressing this.

### 1. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:**

- **Dr Lubna Ayub , Director General of National Institute of Management, Government of Pakistan** emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration within academia to address the complex and multifaceted nature of climate change.

### 2. **Education and Awareness:**

- The Panelist discussed the role of academic institutions in educating the next generation of leaders, policymakers, and activists on climate change issues and the importance of integrating climate change topics into various academic disciplines.

### 3. **Policy Influence:**

- **Barrister Shahida Jamil , Former Federal Law and Human Rights Minister** examined how academic research can inform and influence climate change policies at local, national, and international levels and how academics can engage with policymakers to bridge the gap between research and policy implementation.

### 4. **Community Engagement:**

- **Dr Salma , Head of Department of Environmental Studies , Bahria University** highlighted the role of academia in engaging with local communities to address climate change impacts and vulnerabilities and how universities can serve as hubs for community-based research and initiatives.

### 5. **Challenges and Opportunities:**

- **Lubna Panjwani Educationist** acknowledged the challenges within academia, such as funding constraints, institutional barriers, and the need for greater public engagement.

### 6. **Long-Term Vision and Goals:**

- The **Moderator Kashif Rafi, Registrar ILMA University** discussed the long-term vision of academia's role in combatting climate change and the goals that academic institutions can set for themselves to contribute to sustainability.

It highlighted the multifaceted contributions of academic institutions and stimulate further collaboration and action within the academic community and beyond. All the Panelist were given tokens of appreciation.

## Panel Discussion on Role of Media in Combatting Climate Change .

Panel discussion on the role of media in combating climate change covered a range of topics related to how media outlets can contribute to raising awareness, shaping public opinion, and influencing action on climate-related issues.

### Informing the Public:

- **Senior Journalist and TV Anchor Shaheen Salauddin** discussed the responsibility of media in providing accurate and scientifically sound information about climate change and how different forms of media, including news outlets, documentaries, and online platforms, can contribute to educating the public.

#### 2. Framing Climate Change Stories:

- **Senior Journalist Shahid Shah** examined how media outlets frame climate change stories and the impact of framing on public perception and engagement.

#### 3. Challenges in Climate Communication:

- **Journalist and TV Anchor Hunair Umair** addressed challenges in communicating complex scientific concepts and uncertainties associated with climate change and strategies for overcoming skepticism and misinformation related to climate science.

#### 4. Media Literacy and Education:

- The panelists discuss the role of media in promoting climate literacy and educating the public on the significance of climate-related policies and actions and the initiatives that media outlets can undertake to enhance climate education

#### 5. Social Media and Digital Platforms:

- The **Moderator TV Anchor Rizwan Jaffer** explored the role of social media and digital platforms in shaping climate discussions. The panel discussion aimed to explore the opportunities and challenges faced by media outlets, foster collaboration between journalists and environmental experts, and encourage responsible and impactful climate reporting.

A Panel discussion on the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in combating climate change focussed on how businesses, banks and organizations contribute to environmental sustainability and address climate-related challenges.

#### 1. Defining CSR in the Context of Climate Change:

- **Mr. Amjad Pervaiz, Corporate Management Specialist** define what CSR means in the context of climate change and how it goes beyond compliance

with regulations and the evolving role of CSR in addressing environmental issues. Mr. Amjad is currently working with **Mr. Uli Nitschke who is a member of Religions for Peace Germany.**

## 2. **Corporate Commitments and Policies:**

- **Mr. Aman Nasir Partner Sarmayacar** explored how businesses can make meaningful commitments to reduce their carbon footprint and adopt environmentally sustainable policies and the importance of setting clear and measurable climate-related goals. He explained about the Climate Fund his company is setting up

## 3. **Investment in Renewable Energy:**

- **Mr. Aman Nasir** highlighted the significance of investing in renewable energy sources and technologies and how businesses transitioning to renewable energy and the benefits derived from such investments.

## 4. **Innovation and Technology:**

- **Mr. Amjad Pervaiz** discussed how CSR initiatives can drive innovation in sustainable technologies and solutions and the role of businesses in supporting and promoting green technology research and development.

## 5. **Collaboration with Stakeholders:**

- **Mr. Emran Assad Head of CSR of Bank Alfalah** discussed the importance of collaboration with stakeholders, including governments, NGOs, and local communities, to address climate change and how successful partnerships can be forged between businesses and other entities in climate initiatives.

## 6. **Employee Engagement and Education:**

- **Moderator Huma Ikramullah Associate Secretary General Religions for Peace Asia** explored how businesses can engage employees in climate-related initiatives and promote environmental awareness and the role of employee education programs in fostering a culture of sustainability within organizations.

## 7. **Financial Support for Climate Action:**

- **Dr Asim Kidwai, Head of Thalassemia Centre** discussed the role of businesses in providing financial support for climate-related initiatives and projects and explored avenues for corporate funding for environmental conservation and climate adaptation programs.

## 8. **Public Advocacy and Influence:**

- **Mr. Manzar Naeem Motivational speaker** discuss how businesses can use their influence to advocate for strong climate policies and explored the role of corporate advocacy in shaping public opinion and government action on climate issues.

## 9. **Global Impact and Corporate Citizenship:**

- **Moderator Huma Ikramullah Associate Secretary General Religions for Peace Asia** explored how multinational corporations can address climate change on a global scale and how businesses can contribute to the global fight against climate change.

A panel discussion on the role of CSR in combatting climate change aimed to provide insights into the diverse ways in which businesses can contribute to sustainability, encourage responsible practices, and foster a broader commitment to addressing climate-related challenges.