

Pakistan's Statement on Agenda Item 3 (a)

**Implementation of the outcomes of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy
Forum: National road maps for the implementation of Sustainable
Development Goal 7**

Ensuring uninterrupted energy supplies through energy integration is one of Pakistan's key priorities. Over the next five years, Pakistan aims to reduce its dependence on energy imports and progressively and substantially increase the share of indigenous, clean resources in the nation's energy supply mix to steer the sector towards sustainability. A newly formulated road map for a power market open to competition will also be implemented.

Pakistan is upgrading its Renewable Energy Policy to attract investment for an energy mix that is reliable, renewable and affordable. At the same time, the country is exploring ways of tapping its unconventional gas resource potential, in order to overcome shortage of gas. To supplement the indigenous gas supply, natural gas import projects will be actively pursued in the context of regional cooperation in the energy sector, such as the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project. To mitigate high levels of fuel consumption in transport sector, electric vehicles are being progressively introduced. Associated policy measures are also being implemented, while addressing the strengths, opportunities and limitations of such initiatives through fiscal incentives.

The 'energy benchmarking' of public buildings is underway, with a view to enabling energy conservation, conversion to solar energy, and improving energy productivity and efficiency. The Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) has been launched to achieve universal access to energy, while doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy in the supply mix. A related National Action Plan 2018- 30, finalized through a consultative process, will be launched this year. The 'Bright Balochistan' project will also be launched to provide energy to off-grid communities in the province through renewable technologies. In addition, a comprehensive programme for the conversion of Balochistan's agriculture tube wells to solar power will be rolled out.

The Government has decided to solarize 20,000 schools in Punjab province, while focusing on remote areas. In the first phase of the "Ujala" program, 10,800 schools of South Punjab will be illuminated through installation of the solar panels. Green Pakistan Program has been launched with the specific objective to ensure implementation of Paris Agreement including through promotion of reforestation and renewable energy. Pakistan's "Billion Tree Tsunami" project

earned global recognition. The project is now being replicated as “Ten Billion Tree Tsunami”

We are cognizant that lack of technical efficiency constrains Pakistan’s ability to produce clean, affordable energy. This can be addressed through technology transfers, by adopting the latest efficient technologies, and by engaging with countries willing to invest in clean, renewable energy in Pakistan. Keeping in view our future energy demands, we look forward to participating in sustainable energy projects, both globally and regionally.
