

SPOTLIGHT

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Editors Note

A year ago, on October 23, 2024, the Climate Action Forum began as an idea - a space for shared purpose and collaboration. Today, as we release this first CAF Annual Newsletter, we celebrate how that idea has grown into a collective effort for climate action in Pakistan.

This edition captures moments of learning, connection, and progress that define CAF's journey so far. May this shared spirit continue to inspire our work and strengthen our resolve for a resilient future.

With gratitude,

Sara Asmat

Message from Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination

Mr. Zulfiqar Younus
(Additional Secretary)



While addressing to the CAF SC1 on Oct 23, 2024, Mr. Younus conveys,

“Your dedication and collaborative spirit are vital to the success of our initiatives. Together, we can drive meaningful change.”

Steering Committee



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Highlights



A1 BRIEFING SESSION WITH CLIMAVENTURES

November 18, 2024

Secretariat organized an insightful briefing session on the GCF-funded project Climaventures in collaboration with NRSP and CRCC at the Climaventures office. The session highlighted the opportunities offered by Climaventures and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for advancing innovative climate solutions in Pakistan.



Speakers, including Ms. Kashmala Kakakhel, Mr. Sohail Malik, Mr. Ghaffar Paras, and the CRCC team, shared valuable perspectives that enriched the dialogue. With CAF members in attendance, the session fostered collaborative discussions on impactful pathways for climate action and sustainable development.



A Post-COP 29 dialogue titled "Climate Change and Pakistan: Deciphering COP 29" at COMSATS University Islamabad was organized on Dec 18, 2024.

The distinguished panel featured:

Dr. Roomi S. Hayat, Chairperson CAF, Dr. Altaf Abro, Head of Mission, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Mr. Mahmood Akhtar Cheema, Country Representative, IUCN Pakistan, Mr. Fawad Hayat, Senior Director, Recharge Pakistan, WWF, Dr. Anjum Rasheed, Head of Climate Change, Institute of Regional Studies (IRS).

The discussion offered critical insights on how Pakistan can respond to global climate commitments with local action, focusing on opportunities for resilience and sustainability.



A3 BRIEFING SESSION WITH RECHARGE PAKISTAN

December 18, 2024



On January 14, 2025, members of the Climate Action Forum (CAF) participated in an insightful briefing session on the Recharge Pakistan Project, hosted at WWF-Pakistan's office. Supported by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the project aims to strengthen climate resilience and sustainable water management across the country.

The discussion, led by Mr. Fawad Hayat, Senior Director, Recharge Pakistan, along with his team, provided an in-depth overview of the initiative and fostered meaningful discussions on future collaboration opportunities.



A4 EXPOSURE VISIT LAWA OLIVE FARM

February 08, 2025

Held on February 08, 2025, the visit to Lawa Olive Farms offered participants an inspiring glimpse into nature-positive farming. From organic cultivation to water-smart irrigation, the farm served as a living model of how sustainability and productivity can go hand in hand. The farms had implemented eight climate-smart agriculture initiatives showcasing sustainable and resilient farming practices.



The highlight of the visit was the flourishing olive plantation—symbolic of climate-resilient agriculture and a growing shift toward high-value, drought-tolerant crops in Pakistan.





RSPN, a valued member of the CAF, organized the Community Convention 2025 — to celebrate community-led development and resilience. The event brought together representatives from across Pakistan to share experiences, success stories, and innovations in climate adaptation and rural empowerment. CAF members participated actively in the convention, engaging in discussions and networking sessions while



showcasing their IEC materials and thematic initiatives at the CAF-designated stall. Their presence underscored the spirit of collaboration that defines the Forum and highlighted the growing role of civil society in advancing climate action from the grassroots to the national level.





HRDN, a proud member of the CAF, successfully led the World Environment Day celebrations at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) on May 30, 2025, in collaboration with IUCN and CAF. The event brought together students, experts, and institutions to promote environmental awareness and inspire climate action.

The major highlight of the event was the art exhibition was followed by impactful panel discussion involving speakers: Ms. Robeela Bangash, CEO, HRDN, Mr. Bashir Khan, Former Director General, Ministry of Climate Change, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, TI), Vice Chancellor, FJWU.





A7 PLANTATION DRIVE TRAIL 7, MHNP

September 04, 2025

On September 4, 2025, the CAF Secretariat, in collaboration with MoCC, IWMB, CDA, and PPAF, organized a plantation drive at Trail 7, Margalla Hills National Park under the Government's "Aik Beti, Aik Shajar" campaign. Participants from government institutions, NGOs, INGOs, academia, and CAF member organizations joined hands to replant a degraded patch with 100 indigenous trees. The event was graced by Dr. Roomi S. Hayat, Chairperson CAF, and Mr. Sakhawat Ali, Director IWMB, who reaffirmed the Forum's commitment to collective climate action.



Active participation from RSPN, BRSP, SRSP, NRSP, SIF, HRDN, TVO, WWF, SBP, IUIC, PPAF, NDRMF, and GBTI made the drive a true reflection of collaboration and shared purpose. The initiative symbolizes CAF's ongoing commitment to restoring biodiversity, reviving ecosystems, and preserving the natural beauty of the Margalla Hills for generations to come.

Climate Action Forum (CAF)

Inaugural Meeting

August 08, 2024



The inaugural meeting of the Climate Action Forum (CAF) was convened on August 8, 2024, at the IRM Complex, Islamabad, bringing together representatives of 15 member organizations committed to addressing the pressing challenges of climate change in Pakistan.

The gathering marked an important milestone in establishing a collective platform to advance climate advocacy, capacity building, and resource mobilization. Participants exchanged perspectives, shared strategies, and reaffirmed their dedication to working collaboratively towards building climate resilience across the country.



Climate Action Forum (CAF)

SC 1 Meeting

October 23, 2024



The first Steering Committee meeting of CAF was convened on October 23, 2024. The event was a milestone for the newly inaugurated forum as it brought together a Heads of all member organizations as well as international organizations including UN agencies and Government Departments.



A key outcome of the meeting was the establishment of the CAF Steering Committee, comprising the heads and CEOs of all member organizations to provide strategic guidance and oversight. IRM was selected to serve as the Secretariat of CAF, while Dr. Roomi S. Hayat, CEO of IRM, was appointed as Chair of CAF, reflecting the trust placed in IRM's leadership and vision.

Climate Action Forum (CAF)

QM1 Meeting



CAF successfully convened its 1st Quarterly Meeting (QM1), uniting member organizations to review progress, address challenges, and plan strategic actions for the months ahead. The session served as a collaborative platform to strengthen coordination, refine joint initiatives, and identify new opportunities for resource mobilization.

Key discussions emphasized ensuring that climate interventions remain inclusive, responsive, and impactful, while also enhancing the visibility of member-led efforts.



Climate Action Forum (CAF)



The Climate Action Forum (CAF) convened its 2nd Steering Committee meeting on April 15, 2025, uniting the CEOs and heads of member organizations to review progress and chart the way forward.



With shared commitment and practical collaboration, the Steering Committee reaffirmed CAF's role in driving an inclusive and action-oriented climate agenda, prioritizing Pakistan's most climate-vulnerable communities.

Climate Action Forum (CAF)

QM 2 Meeting



June 23 , 2025



Held the 2nd Quarterly Meeting (QM2), bringing together member organizations to collectively review progress, discuss challenges, and plan strategic actions for the upcoming quarter. The session provided a collaborative space to align ongoing efforts, strengthen coordination, and ensure that climate interventions remain responsive, inclusive, and impactful.

Discussions focused on refining joint initiatives, identifying opportunities for resource mobilization, and enhancing the visibility of member-led actions. The meeting reaffirmed CAF's commitment to advancing collective climate resilience through unity and strategic direction.



MEDIA COVERAGE



CAF hosts plantation drive under PM initiative 'Aik Beti, Aik Shajar'

ZUBAIR QURESHI

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CAF, partners launch "Aik Beti, Aik Shajar" plantation drive under PM's climate initiative



HOME WORLD PAKISTAN EDUCATION HEALTH SHORTER COLUMNS BLOGS ECONOMICS MAIL

CAF WITH COLLABORATION OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS HOSTS PLANTATION DRIVE UNDER PM INITIATIVE 'AIK BETI, AIK SHAJAR'

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During the activity, a degraded patch at the base of Trail 7 was reforested with the plantation of 100 indigenous trees, said a press release.

The drive brought together a wide spectrum of participants, nearly 100 people, including students, academics, government representatives, NGOs, INGOs, Rural Support Programmes, and all CAF member organizations, reflecting the true spirit of collaborative climate action.

NATIONAL DAILY COUNTRY NEWS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2025

Unity, patriotism stressed at Eid Milad-un-Nabi, defense day ceremony

Pakistan's first all-women fast food outlet opens in Rawalpindi

CAF, partners launch "Aik Beti, Aik Shajar" plantation drive under PM's climate initiative

Speakers for prompt action for climate resilience in post-COP-29 panel discussion

2,000 health facilities across Punjab being revamped: CM's aid

Azad Kashmir government suspends registration of over 450 private educational institutions



IRM, Iqra university organize seminar in connection with Earth Day 2025

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Speakers Urged Prompt Action For Climate Resilience In Post COP-29 Panel Discussion

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Various news snippets and headlines in Urdu, including mentions of climate change and environmental issues.

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The session was moderated by Dr. Anjum Rasheed, Head of the Regional Climate Resilience Program at the Institute of Regional Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IRM, Iqra University Organize Seminar In Connection With Earth Day 2025

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In his keynote address, CEO of the Institute of Rural Management Dr Roomi S. Hayat said while countries most affected by climate change contribute the least to its causes, "it is up to us to take the lead and act now".



CAF Steering Committee charts course for climate resilience



Global NEWS



Mosquitoes found in Iceland for first time as climate crisis warms country

Three specimens discovered in what was previously one of the few places in the world without the insects



In an example of shifting ecological boundaries, mosquitoes were recorded for the first-time in Iceland, signalling how warming temperatures are enabling species to expand into previously inhospitable regions.

[The Guardian](#)



Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2025



According to the Climate Policy Initiative, global climate-finance flows reached around US \$2 trillion in 2024, the highest ever, yet only a small fraction is going toward adaptation and vulnerable countries. [CPI+1](#)



Global climate predictions show temperatures expected to remain at or near record levels in coming 5 years

PRESS RELEASE



World Meteorological Organization (WMO) forecast an 80% chance that at least one year between 2025-2029 will exceed the warmest year on record, and a 70%+ chance that the five-year average will pass 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. [World Meteorological Organization](#)



Mind the adaptation gap: Despite rising climate costs, few companies have adaptation plans



The World Economic Forum highlights the “adaptation gap” — although physical climate-risks are rising fast, many businesses lack proper adaptation plans (only ~35% according to one study). [World Economic Forum](#)



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