



# Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Pathways to Promote Renewables: Opportunities, Obstacles, and Options

July 12, 2023 | Marriot Hotel, Islamabad | 02:00 – 05:30 pm (PKT)

## CONCEPT NOTE

In the backdrop of the current polycrisis, energy security and reliability are central to the socio-economic development of Pakistan. While the country is addressing this socio-economic crisis, the mantra of “building back better” in power sector needs to make a broader push for higher integration of renewable energy in Pakistan. While addressing the economic crisis of energy sector, this would ensure that the recovery pathway is just, sustainable, and that the development plans are in line with international commitments such as the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In line with the above, Pakistan Renewable Energy Coalition, a group of allied organizations and individuals working to assist in accelerating the growth of renewable energy in Pakistan’s energy mix and foster implementation of goals set within the various energy policies and plans, is conducting a “Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue” that aims to bring together key stakeholders from the private and public sectors of the energy industry in Pakistan to discuss and explore strategies for increasing the share of renewable energy in the country’s energy mix.

The event will provide a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and consensus-building among participants. It will focus on the major findings of four modelling studies conducted by the LUMS Energy Institute (LEI), Agora, Renewables First & Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED), as well as a study conducted by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) which offer valuable insights into the renewable energy roadmap for Pakistan.

The conference is divided into 3 sessions; the first session will focus on the presentation of major findings from modelling studies, the second session will discuss the strategies to overcome the barriers for scaling up renewable energy adoption while the third session will discuss the way forward and provide recommendations on how green finance can be mobilized for renewable energy adoption in Pakistan.

The key objectives of the conference are as follows:

- 1). Highlight the key findings from four modelling studies conducted by LEI, Agora, Renewables First & PRIED, and UNESCAP-PPIB-SDPI.
- 2). Explore effective strategies and initiatives that can accelerate the deployment of renewable energy technologies in Pakistan, based on insights gained from the modelling studies.



3). Explore financing mechanisms and risk mitigation strategies that can attract investment in renewable energy projects.

4). Provide policy recommendations aimed at overcoming barriers to renewable energy integration, promoting a conducive environment for increased adoption and investment.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Agenda Point	Resource Person
<b>02:00 – 02:10 PM</b>	Agenda Setting Remarks	<b>Mr. Muhammad Mustafa</b> , Renewables First
<b>Session 1: Renewable Energy Integration</b>		
<b>02:10 – 03:00 PM</b>	Technical Presentation of Research Studies [12- mins each]	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Fiaz Chaudhry</b> [Study by LUMS Energy Institute (LEI)]</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Naila Saleha</b>, [Study by Agora]</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ammar Qaseem</b> [Study by Renewables First (RF) &amp; Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED)]</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Khalid Waleed</b> [Study by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)]</li> </ul>
<b>03:00 – 04:00 PM</b>	Panel Discussion on “Overcoming Barriers to Renewable Energy (RE) Integration in Pakistan”	<p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Representation from Public Sector Experts</b></li> <li>• <b>Representation from Private Sector Developers</b></li> <li>• <b>Representation from RE Coalition</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Zeeshan Ashfaq, Renewables First</p>
<b>04:00 – 04:15 PM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Mobilizing finance to Support Renewable Energy Uptake in Pakistan</b>		
<b>04:15 – 05:15 PM</b>	Panel Discussion on “Mobilizing Finance to Support RE Uptake in Pakistan”	<p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Representation from Public Sector</b></li> <li>• <b>Representation from Private Sector Developers</b></li> <li>• <b>Representation from Financial Experts</b></li> <li>• <b>Representation from DFIs</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Hanea Isaad, IEEFA</p>
<b>05:15 – 05:25 PM</b>	Address by Chief Guest	<b>Representation from Public Sector</b>
<b>05:25 – 05:35 PM</b>	The Way Forward + Resolution	<b>Mr. Badar Alam</b> , PRIED



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