



## 1<sup>st</sup> Capacity Building of Green Court Judges Two-Day Workshop

1<sup>st</sup> Capacity Building of Green Court Judges, Two-day workshop was held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 in Punjab Judicial Academy. The objectives of the workshop were;

- ✓ *To develop consistency and coherence in judicial approach toward climate change.*
- ✓ *To sensitize the judges and other stakeholders on legislative and jurisprudential development in Pakistan on environmental law.*
- ✓ *To understand and articulate / fulfil the international commitments of Pakistan on environment / climate change.*

### **Participants:**

Thirty nominated magistrates working in green courts, five members from Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Chairman and Members from Punjab Environmental Tribunal participated in the workshop. The participants were divided into three groups for deliberation on three different propositions relating to application of environmental laws. They were also imparted training to proper presentations. The groups were to be evaluated on the basis of their presentations. The lists of participants are as **(Annex-A)**.

## Presenters:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ayesha A. Malik (Judge Inspection Environment), took keen interest in making this event happen, were one of the presenters. The others were Dr. Parvez Hassan, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, the world leading environment expert, Mr. Usman Mansoor Awan, Mr. Ahmad Rafay Alam and Ms. Saima A. Khawaja. The detail of presenters along with topics is as under:

Presenter	Topic
<b>Day One (12.07.2017)</b>	
Dr. Parvez Hassan, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan (Leading expert in Environment)	The Role of Judiciary in Environmental Protection in Pakistan
Ms. Saima A. Khawaja, Advocate (Expert in Environment)	Achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) – Judiciary, stakeholder or a bystander?"
Mr. Ahmad Rafay Alam, Advocate (Expert in Environment)	Judicial Response – Need for Introspection and Innovation
Mr. Usman Mansoor Awan, Advocate (Expert in Environment)	Environmental Projection – Need to be Inquisitorial
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Saima A. Khawaja, Advocate</li><li>• Mr. Ahmad Rafay Alam, Advocate</li><li>• Mr. Usman Mansoor Awan, Advocate</li></ul>	Breakout Session: The Twelve Principles / Regulations in force in Punjab
<b>Day Two (13.07.2017)</b>	
Dr. Navraj Singh Ghaleigh, Senior Lecturer in Climate Law, University of Edinburg, UK	Court Climate Change and Role of law – Video Message
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ayesha A. Malik (Green Bench, LHC)	Role of Specialized Environmental Courts – Judicial Perspective
Mr. Basharat Ahmed Saeed, Coordinator Climate Change Programme LEAD Pakistan	Law, Justice and Human Rights in the fight for Climate Resilience
Dr. Masood Arshad, WWF-Pakistan	Role of Judiciary in Preserving and Protecting Forestry and Wildlife
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore (Green Bench LHC)	Challenges of Environmental Justice

On the conclusion of the workshop the feedback of participants was procured on prescribed form which is enclosed **(Annex-B)**. The data collected shows that the experience of the workshop remained very useful for the participants and sensitized them with the significance of environmental protection and climate change. On particular question, the collected data is as **(Annex-C)**. The complete feedback is shown graphically in the **(Annex-D)**.

In view of the feedback of the participants it can be concluded that the workshop remained very useful in sensitizing them on environmental and climate change issues. The presenters remained successful in giving orientation on national and international perspective of the subject.

Key issues and challenges were highlighted to the participants with the vision that while adopting the precautionary principles, public trust doctrine and other international norms, they can save the environment to provide a better future to next generations.

In short, the workshop has successfully contributed on the subject hoping that such like activities will be carried on in future as well.

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