



**NATIONAL CLIMATE CONFERENCE
OF YOUTH (COY) 2025
&
CLIMATE EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP
AWARDS**





POST CONFERENCE REPORT

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CONCEPT NOTE

The National Climate Conference of Youth (COY) 2025 & Climate Excellence Leadership Awards, organized by the Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC) on 4th November 2025 at Iqra University Islamabad, serves as Pakistan's premier youth-led platform to strengthen climate action, shape national inputs for global climate dialogues and advance evidence-based advocacy. The conference being modeled on the International COY held before COP, it has emerged as a major grassroots climate movement, empowering young people to confront environmental challenges through collaboration, capacity building and policy engagement. The year 2025 features diverse thematic discussions, including climate education, biodiversity and water conservation, renewable energy transitions, faith and gender in climate action, climate-resilient infrastructure, green skills, climate justice, climate finance and policy mechanisms such as NDCs and the National Adaptation Plan. The National Climate COY 2025 aims to drive impact by equipping youth with knowledge and activism skills, strengthening grassroots movements, promoting participatory research, enhancing policy advocacy and corporate accountability, advancing faith-based climate engagement and exploring opportunities in green jobs and sustainability. Insights from this National Climate COY converges at the national stage, culminating in a Youth Declaration on Climate Action, strengthened youth networks and concrete policy recommendations for Pakistan's NDCs, NAP and green economy pathways. The event concludes with the Climate Excellence Leadership Awards, recognizing outstanding climate leadership across the country.

PROGRAMME

09:00—09:30 AM	Arrival of Guests & Welcome Tea
09:30—09:40	Recitation from the Holy Quran & National Anthem
09:40—09:50	Welcome Note by Host / Organizer (M. Umair Mufakir – CEO of NYCCC)
09:50—10:00	Opening Address
10:00—10:05	NYCCC Journey & Impact (Video Documentary)
10:05—10:15	Speech by (Alexandra Berg von Lind - Sweden Ambassador to Pakistan)
10:15—10:55	Panel Discussion I: GREEN SKILLS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: PREPARING YOUTH FOR THE CLIMATE ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE 1. Dr. Sofia Khalid – Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, AIOU 2. Zille Humma, Deputy Secretary Deputy Secretary Governor House Secretariat 3. Dr. Qibla Ayaz – Former Chairman, Ideological Council of Pakistan 4. Dr. Eatnaz Ahmed, Associate Dean Social Sciences-Iqra University 5. Mr. Zia ur Rehman – Head, Sustainable Development, NUST University, Islamabad
	Q/A Session
10:55—11:05	Speech by Chief Guest (Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi - Governor KPK)
11:05—11:45	Panel Discussion II: ROLE OF YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAITH LEADERS IN CLIMATE ACTION 1. Mr. Amin Jan – President, NYCCC Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 2. Talha Tufail Bhati – President, NYCCC Gilgit-Baltistan 3. Mr. Mohsin Khan – President, NYCCC Kashmir 4. Aliza Rahamdil, Adolescent Climate advocate
	Q/A Session
11:45—12:00	MoU signing Ceremony between NYCCC and WHH , followed by a speech of “Isabel Bogorinsky – Head of Program WHH”
12:00—01:00	Panel Discussion III: Role of Government, Development partners, and Private Sector in Climate Resilience 1. Mr. Farhan Ahmad – Regional Manager Asia & West and Country Director, CESVI 2. Ms. Sobiah Becker– Advisor, Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership 3. Mr. Babar Ali – Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) 4. Ms. Daud Saqlain – Country Director, Human Appeal Pakistan 5. Mr. Rasheed Ahmed, Humanitarian Analyst, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
	Q/A Session
01:00—1:30	Remarks by Chief Guest (Ms. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal - Federal Minister for Climate Change)
1:30—01:40	Distribution of Climate Excellence Leadership Awards
1:40—02:00	Vote of Thanks (M. Umair Mufakir – CEO of NYCCC) & Group Photo

INTRODUCTION

The Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC) successfully organized the National Climate Conference of Youth (COY) and the Climate Excellence Leadership Awards on 4 November 2025 in Islamabad. The full-day national conference brought together youth leaders, government officials, diplomats, development partners and humanitarian organizations to advance green skills, climate resilience, resilient economy and youth-led action – MoU signed to strengthen community resilience projects and research.

The conference was graced by H.E. Alexandra Berg von Linde, Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan, Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Ms. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal, Federal Minister for Climate Change, who commended NYCCC's role in advancing youth-led climate resilience.

The conference opened with welcome remarks from M. Umair Mufakir, CEO of NYCCC. Keynote remarks were delivered by H.E. Alexandra Berg von Lind, Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan. The Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and underscored the importance of empowering young Pakistanis as climate champions and innovation leaders. The conference hosted three focused panel discussions on climate priorities in Pakistan. Speakers highlighted the importance of green skills and youth readiness for the climate economy, the leadership role of youth, women and faith actors in driving community-based climate action and the need for strong multi-stakeholder collaboration, with participation from CESVI, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Human Appeal Pakistan, UNFPA and the Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership. A formal MoU between NYCCC and Welthungerhilfe (WHH) was signed to advance research, youth capacity building and community resilience initiatives, followed by remarks from Ms. Isabel Bogorinsky, Head of Program, WHH.

Ms. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal, Federal Minister for Climate Change, as Chief Guest, shared the Government of Pakistan's priorities on climate adaptation and community-based resilience, applauding NYCCC's contribution to grassroots climate mobilization. Further, she reaffirmed the government's commitment to youth inclusion in climate policy and capacity-building across Pakistan. The conference concluded with a Climate Excellence Leadership Awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding youth leaders and contributors to climate action.

WELCOME NOTE



M. Umair Mufakir
CEO, Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC)

M. Umair Mufakir, CEO of the Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC), extended a warm welcome to all distinguished guests, climate champions and the passionate youth of Pakistan attending the National Climate Conference of Youth 2025 and the Climate Excellence Leadership Awards. He highlighted that the event represented more than a conventional conference, describing it as a vibrant movement powered by young voices, bold ideas and a shared commitment to a sustainable future.

Reflecting on the progress of the youth-led climate movement in Pakistan, he expressed pride in how far the collective efforts have come. He noted that the 2025 conference marks a pivotal moment in NYCCC's journey, where meaningful dialogue evolves into tangible impact. Amid escalating climate challenges, he acknowledged the increasing urgency, creativity and resilience demonstrated by young Pakistanis across the country.

He further emphasized that the National Climate Conference of Youth serves as an inclusive platform for innovation, collaboration and policy engagement. The gathering aims to amplify underrepresented voices, connect local realities with global climate agendas and shape policy through grounded, community-driven perspectives. He affirmed that the participation of climate activists, students, policymakers and community leaders reflects a shared sense of responsibility and unity in confronting the climate crisis.

Concluding his message, M. Umair Mufakir expressed hope that the conference would foster new partnerships, inspire actionable solutions and strengthen the collective mission to build a just and climate-resilient Pakistan for future generations.

KEYNOTE SPEECH



*Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde
Sweden Ambassador to Pakistan*

Ambassador Berg von Linde commended the dedication and innovation of Pakistan's youth, emphasizing their vital role in driving sustainable climate solutions. She also appreciated the efforts of NYCCC for uniting young people, institutions and stakeholders from across the country under one platform to champion environmental resilience and meaningful climate engagement. She emphasized that Sweden has long prioritized sustainability, innovation and inclusive climate policies and she noted that empowering young people is essential for building resilient and future-ready societies.

She highlighted the importance of partnerships between governments, civil society and youth-led organizations in addressing climate challenges. Ambassador von Linde reaffirmed Sweden's support for constructive dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaborative efforts aimed at promoting climate resilience in Pakistan. She also welcomed opportunities where youth voices can contribute meaningfully to national and global climate agendas.

The Ambassador appreciated NYCCC's commitment to advocacy and community engagement and expressed optimism that such initiatives will continue to strengthen climate leadership among young Pakistanis.

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It is inspiring to witness the energy, clarity and determination of young climate leaders in Pakistan. Sweden has long believed that meaningful climate action requires not only strong policies, but empowered youth who can shape solutions from the ground up. Platforms like National Climate COY reflect exactly the kind of participation and leadership we want to see globally.

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- Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde



KEYNOTE SPEECH



PANEL DISCUSSION - I

Green Skills for a Sustainable Future — Preparing Youth for the Climate Economy and Agriculture

The first panel explored how Pakistan's youth can be empowered with the competencies, exposure and mindset required to thrive in the emerging climate economy, particularly within sectors such as sustainable agriculture, environmental management and green innovation. Panelists emphasized that the transition to a green economy is not merely a policy shift, but a generational responsibility demanding new skill sets, interdisciplinary learning and proactive institutional support.

Dr. Sofia Khalid, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences at AIU, highlighted the critical need for academic institutions to integrate climate literacy, environmental sciences and practical field training into mainstream curricula. She underscored that universities must act as incubators for green innovation, equipping students with scientific understanding as well as hands-on competencies in areas such as waste management, biodiversity protection and climate-resilient agriculture.

Ms. Zille Humma, Deputy Secretary at the Governor House Punjab Secretariat, stressed the importance of policy literacy among the youth. She noted that young people must understand public-sector structures, climate governance mechanisms and the regulatory frameworks shaping national sustainability efforts. She emphasized that a climate-aware workforce will be essential for effective policy implementation and long-term resilience planning.

Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Former Chairman of the Ideological Council of Pakistan, focused on the sociocultural and religious dimensions of climate action. He highlighted how values, ethics, religion and community engagement play a transformative role in addressing environmental challenges. Encouraging youth to draw upon cultural stewardship, he emphasized that societal behavior change is central to any successful climate strategy.

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Representing academia and economic thought, Dr. Eatnaz Ahmed, Associate Dean of Social Sciences at Iqra University, discussed the economic opportunities emerging from the global green transition. He underscored the need for Pakistan to prepare a workforce capable of participating in green entrepreneurship, climate-smart enterprises and low-carbon technological development. He emphasized that climate challenges must be viewed as economic opportunities for innovation, employment and growth.

Mr. Zia ur Rehman, Head of Sustainable Development at NUST Islamabad, emphasized practical green skills such as renewable-energy management, climate-smart agriculture and sustainable infrastructure development. He pointed out that universities and research centers must bridge the gap between theory and practice by offering technical training, industry partnerships and community-based learning.

Together, the panelists agreed that Pakistan's youth are positioned to lead the transition toward a green, climate-resilient future, provided they are equipped with the right skills, platforms and institutional support. The discussion reaffirmed that climate action and economic opportunity are deeply interconnected and that empowering young people with green skills is essential for sustainable national development.

“ Community-based learning and hands-on exposure are essential if we want students to translate sustainability knowledge into real-world impact. ”

- Mr. Zia Ur Rehman

**(Head of Sustainable Development
at NUST Islamabad)**





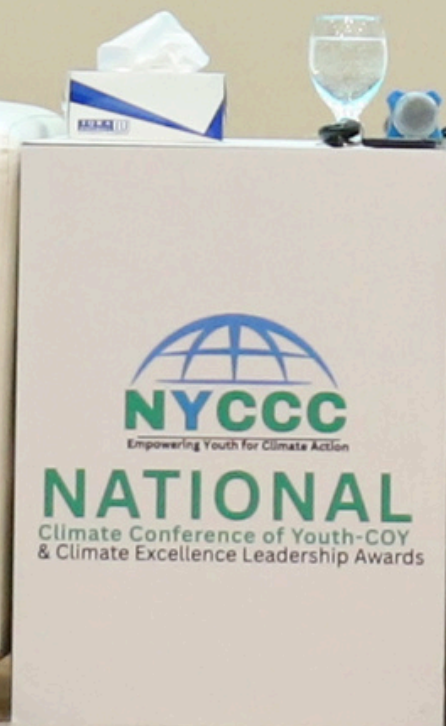
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“ Young people must understand how public-sector structures and climate governance mechanisms work, because effective climate action begins with informed engagement. ”

- Ms. Zil-e-Huma

(Deputy Secretary at the Governor House Punjab Secretariat)



“ Academic institutions must embed climate literacy and environmental sciences into mainstream curricula if we want to prepare students for the realities of a changing climate. ”

- Dr. Sofia Khalid

(Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences at AIU)

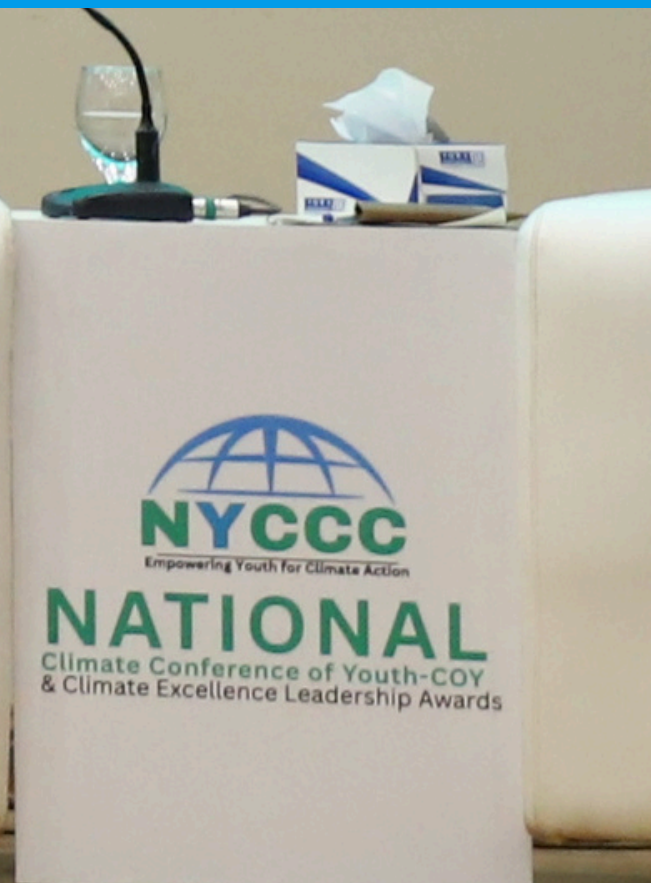




“ We must begin viewing climate challenges not only as risks but also as economic opportunities for innovation, employment, and sustainable growth. ”

- Dr. Eatzaz Ahmed

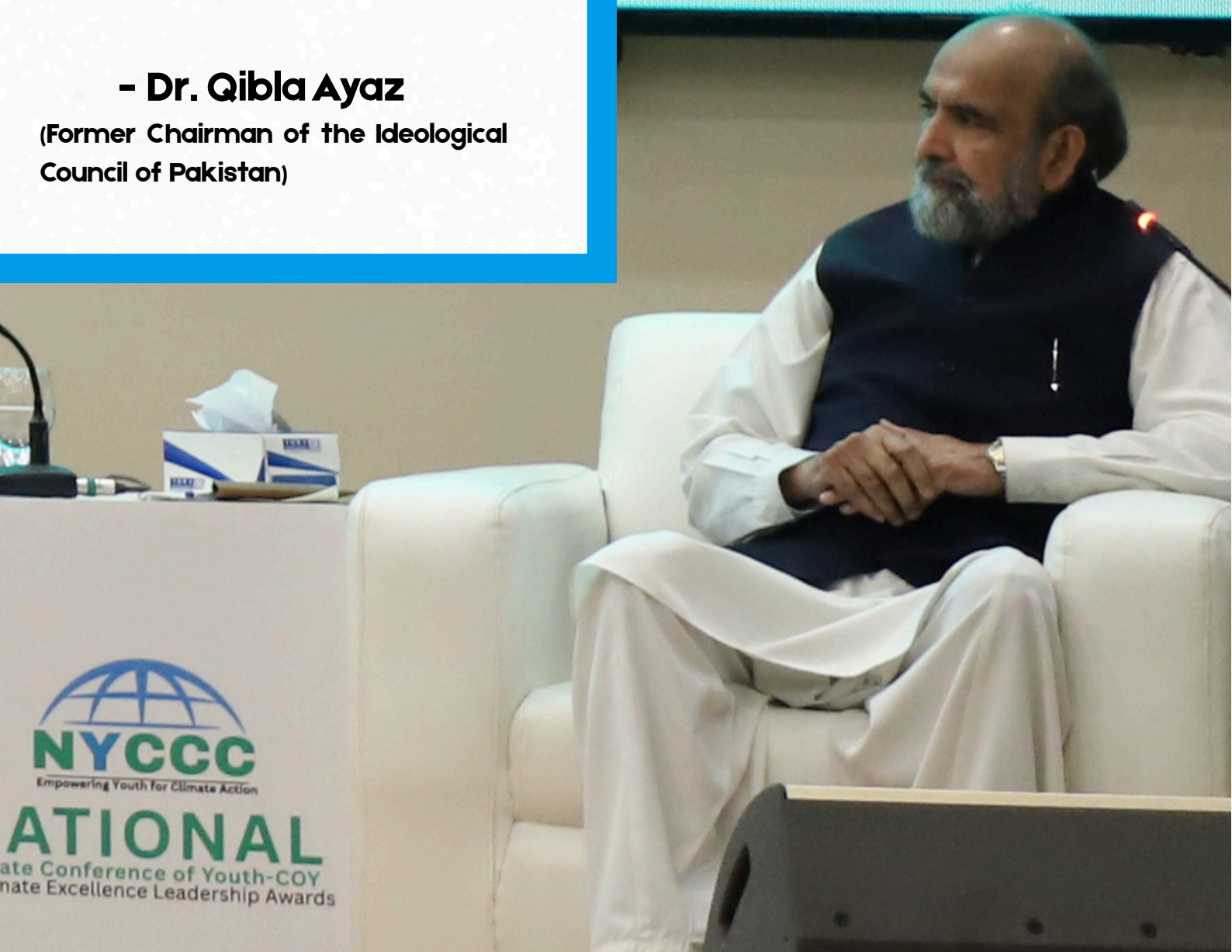
**(Associate Dean of Social Sciences
at Iqra University)**



“ For meaningful climate progress, we must encourage youth to draw upon cultural and moral principles, because lasting resilience begins with societal behavior change. ”

- Dr. Qibla Ayaz

(Former Chairman of the Ideological Council of Pakistan)








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PANEL DISCUSSION - I

Green Skills for a Sustainable Future — Preparing Youth for the Climate Economy and Agriculture



CHIEF GUEST SPEECH



*Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi
Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*

The Honorable Governor KPK, Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi delivered a focused and forward-looking address, appreciating the leadership of M. Umair Mufakir, CEO of and partner organizations for convening COY Pakistan 2025 as a critical platform for youth-led climate action.

He highlighted the urgent climate realities facing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: flash floods, shifting weather patterns, erosion and infrastructure damage, underscoring the need for collective action across government institutions, communities and youth networks.

The Honorable Governor outlined the province's commitments under the KP Climate Change Policy 2022, including climate-resilient infrastructure, ecosystem restoration, sustainable water management and institutional strengthening. Emphasis was placed on cross-departmental coordination, effective climate finance systems and regular monitoring of adaptation and mitigation progress.

The address also stressed the importance of climate finance and green growth, calling for private sector engagement, public-private partnerships and international climate funding to advance green jobs, climate-smart agriculture and sustainable value chains.

CHIEF GUEST SPEECH



*Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi
Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*

Key priority sectors identified were water and watershed management, agriculture and livestock, forestry and climate-resilient infrastructure. The province aims to expand nature-based solutions, strengthen early warning systems, support community-based adaptation and address vulnerabilities such as GLOFs, erratic monsoons and deforestation.

Youth empowerment formed a central part of the Honorable Governor's remarks, aligning with policy provisions for climate education, green skills training and youth participation in decision-making. He encouraged young delegates to pursue evidence-based advocacy, constructive accountability, and cross-sector partnerships. Gender-sensitive approaches and collaborations with academia, civil society and faith-based institutions were also emphasized. The address reaffirmed the province's commitment to transparent monitoring and reporting, linking provincial performance with national climate goals and global dialogues.

In closing, the Honorable Governor commended NYCCC and its partners: WHH, Cesvi, Human Appeal, and Iqra University, for advancing youth-led climate dialogue across provinces. He reaffirmed the collective responsibility to protect vulnerable communities, build resilience and create green livelihood opportunities for a safer and more sustainable Pakistan.

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Among our priority sectors are water and watershed management, agriculture and livestock, forestry and ecosystem restoration and climate-resilient infrastructure. The policy makes clear that we will deploy nature-based solutions, invest in early warning systems and strengthen community-based adaptation. In particular, we must tackle risk in mountainous terrain, glacial lake outburst floods, erratic monsoon behaviour and deforestation. all of which are noted as key vulnerabilities in our region.

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- Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi



CHIEF GUEST SPEECH



PANEL DISCUSSION - II

Role of Youth, Women and Faith Leaders in Climate Action

The second panel brought together a diverse group of youth leaders and climate advocates from across Pakistan's regions, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, Kashmir and the national adolescent climate movement. Although their exact remarks were not formally documented, the discussion collectively highlighted several recurring and powerful themes.

Mr. Amin Jan, President of NYCCC Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, emphasized the rising climate vulnerabilities in the region, especially floods, landslides and water scarcity. He also underscored that how youth-led community mobilization has become essential for building resilience. He stressed the importance of empowering local youth councils, enhancing climate literacy and ensuring that young people are included in district-level climate planning.

Mr. Talha Tufail Bhatti, President of NYCCC Gilgit-Baltistan, spoke about the urgency of addressing climate change in the high mountain areas, where glacial melt and shifting weather patterns threaten ecosystems and local livelihoods. Drawing from his experience, he highlighted the need for youth participation in environmental monitoring, early warning systems and conservation initiatives that protect the unique ecological heritage of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Mr. Mohsin Khan, President of NYCCC Kashmir, reflected on the intersections of climate vulnerability and social cohesion in the region. He stressed that faith leaders, community elders and youth networks play a critical role in shaping public attitudes toward environmental stewardship. His insights highlighted how culturally rooted approaches can strengthen climate awareness and inspire broader community participation.

Representing the voice of young girls and climate activists, Aliza Rahamdil, an adolescent climate advocate, emphasized the transformative potential of women's leadership in climate action. She spoke about the gendered impacts of climate change, particularly in marginalized communities and called for safe, inclusive platforms where young women can lead on climate policy, innovation and advocacy. Her perspective underscored that climate justice remains incomplete without gender equality.

“ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is facing escalating climate vulnerabilities from floods and landslides to increasing water scarcity and our response must match the scale of these challenges. ”

- Mr. Amin Jan

(President of NYCCC Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)



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“ In the high mountain regions of Gilgit-Baltistan, glacial melt and shifting weather patterns pose urgent threats to our ecosystems and the livelihoods that depend on them. ”

- Mr. Talha Tufail

(President of NYCCC Gilgit-Baltistan)

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“ In Kashmir, climate vulnerability is deeply intertwined with social cohesion, making community unity essential for effective environmental action and ensuring that climate action resonates at every level of society. ”

- Mr. Mohsin Khan

(President of NYCCC Gilgit-Baltistan)



“ Women’s leadership has a transformative role in climate action, especially when young girls are given safe and inclusive spaces to lead and this reality must shape our policies and solutions. ”

- Ms. Aliza Rahamdil
(Adolescent Climate Advocate)



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Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, Governor of KPK

He praised NYCCC for fostering climate education, research and community mobilization, noting that young people are now central actors in shaping Pakistan's climate future. The Governor reiterated the government's commitment to supporting green skills, climate-smart livelihoods and youth-led climate solutions that align with both provincial strategies and national climate commitments.

In closing, he called for stronger collaboration between government institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector to accelerate a transition toward resilience and sustainable development. He reaffirmed that the collective efforts showcased at National Climate COY Pakistan 2025 reflect the country's determination to build a greener, safer and more prosperous future for the next generation.



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Let us commit to an agenda that combines prevention with opportunity: protect communities from immediate hazards, invest in resilience infrastructure, and create pathways for green livelihoods. I wish you productive discussions today and enduring partnerships tomorrow. May our combined efforts leave a safer, greener and more prosperous Pakistan for the next generation.

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- Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi



MEDIA TALK

Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, Governor of KPK



MOU SIGNING CEREMONY - NYCCC & WHH

A significant milestone of the event was the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC) and Welthungerhilfe (WHH). This partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing climate resilience, youth empowerment and community-driven sustainability initiatives in Pakistan. By joining forces, both organizations aim to strengthen collaborative efforts, enhance knowledge exchange and support impactful programming that uplifts vulnerable communities. The MoU symbolizes not only an institutional alignment of vision but also a collective step toward fostering long-term, strategic climate action at both local and national levels.



POST MOU SPEECH



Ms. Isabel Bogorinsky
Head of Program, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

Following the MoU signing, Ms. Isabel Bogorinsky expressed her appreciation for the partnership between Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and the Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC). She highlighted the importance of empowering young people as key agents of change, especially in communities most affected by climate vulnerabilities.

Ms. Bogorinsky emphasized that WHH's mission has always centered on strengthening community resilience, promoting sustainable development and ensuring that marginalized groups have the knowledge and tools needed to adapt to a rapidly changing climate. She noted that collaborating with a youth-driven organization like NYCCC aligns strongly with WHH's commitment to locally-led action and inclusive climate governance.

She further reiterated WHH's confidence that this partnership will help amplify youth engagement, support capacity-building initiatives and pave the way for innovative, community-focused climate solutions across Pakistan. In closing, she expressed optimism about the shared journey ahead and reaffirmed WHH's dedication to supporting young leaders in their efforts to build a more resilient and climate-conscious future.

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- Ms. Isabel Bogorinsky



PANEL DISCUSSION - III

Role of Government, Development Partners and Private Sector in Climate Resilience

The third panel brought together an experienced group of government-linked advisors, international development practitioners and private-sector humanitarian leaders to reflect on how multi-stakeholder partnerships can accelerate Pakistan's climate resilience efforts. While the discussion did not rely on prepared transcripts, the panelists' backgrounds and domains of work shaped the overarching themes that emerged.

Mr. Farhan Ahmad, Regional Manager for Asia & West and Country Director at CESVI, emphasized the importance of integrating community-driven adaptation models with institutional climate planning. Drawing from CESVI's regional portfolio, he highlighted how early-warning systems, localized resilience initiatives and sustainable livelihood interventions become significantly more effective when development partners and government agencies align their implementation strategies.

Ms. Sobiah Becker, Advisor for the Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership, underscored the need for technical cooperation and policy coherence. She discussed the role of bilateral partnerships in strengthening national climate frameworks, promoting renewable energy transitions and enhancing the institutional capacities required to meet Pakistan's medium and long-term climate commitments.

Representing the humanitarian sector, Mr. Babar Ali from Welthungerhilfe (WHH) drew attention to the intersecting vulnerabilities of communities facing both climate and socio-economic pressures. He spoke broadly about the importance of anticipatory action, food security programming and community preparedness, noting that humanitarian actors can play a pivotal role in bridging immediate needs with long-term resilience building.

PANEL DISCUSSION - III

Role of Government, Development Partners and Private Sector in Climate Resilience

Ms. Daud Saqlain, Country Director for Human Appeal Pakistan, focused on the private and non-profit sector's ability to mobilize swift, targeted climate responses. She stressed the value of public-private partnerships in scaling up resilience initiatives, particularly in disaster-prone regions where mitigation efforts must be complemented by strong recovery and rehabilitation mechanisms.

Finally, Mr. Rasheed Ahmed, Humanitarian Analyst at UNFPA, highlighted the often-overlooked human and demographic dimensions of climate resilience. He broadly referenced the significance of protecting vulnerable populations, especially women, children and displaced communities during climate-induced emergencies. His perspective emphasized the need for data-driven planning and inclusive climate policies that safeguard human well-being alongside environmental goals.

Collectively, the panel reinforced a unified message: Pakistan's climate resilience requires coordinated leadership across government, development partners and private-sector stakeholders. Collaboration, technical expertise and community-centered program design remain essential to achieving sustainable and equitable climate outcomes.

A man in a dark suit and white shirt is seated on a white armchair on a stage. He is looking towards the right. In front of him is a small table with a glass of water and a microphone. The background is a dark blue wall with horizontal panels. The image is framed by a green bar at the top and a blue bar at the bottom.

“ Community-driven adaptation models must be fully integrated into institutional climate planning if we want resilience efforts to translate into long-term impact. ”

- Mr. Farhan Ahmad

**(Regional Manager for Asia & West
and Country Director at CESVI)**



“ Bilateral partnerships such as the Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership play a crucial role in supporting national climate frameworks and accelerating renewable energy transitions. “

- Ms. Sobiah Becker

(Advisor for the Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership)



“ Humanitarian actors have a pivotal role in bridging immediate needs with long-term resilience, ensuring that emergency assistance contributes to sustainable recovery.”

- Mr. Babar Ali

(Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs,
Welthungerhilfe (WHH))



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PANEL DISCUSSION - III

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CLOSING SPEECH



Ms. Sheza Mansab Ali Khan Kharal
Minister of State for Climate Change

In her address, the Chief Guest, Ms. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal, commended the organizers and participants for bringing together Pakistan's youth, policymakers and climate actors on a unified platform.. The Honorable Minister emphasized that COY Pakistan 2025 stands at the heart of the country's emerging youth climate movement, providing an essential space for dialogue on green skills, climate finance, gender-responsive action and faith-based environmental stewardship.

Highlighting the urgency of the global climate crisis, the Honorable Minister underscored Pakistan's disproportionate vulnerability despite contributing less than 1% of global emissions. She referenced the recurring devastation of floods, accelerated glacial melt and increasing economic losses as reminders of the country's climate realities.

The address outlined Pakistan's major policy strides, including the National Adaptation Plan 2023 and the updated NDC 3.0 (2025), which charts an ambitious pathway toward a 50% emissions reduction by 2035. The Honorable Minister also stressed the importance of climate finance, noting the \$565 billion required to meet national targets and reaffirmed Pakistan's principled stance in global climate negotiations, grounded in fairness, equity and common but differentiated responsibilities.

CLOSING SPEECH



Ms. Sheza Mansab Ali Khan Kharal
Minister of State for Climate Change

A significant portion of the speech celebrated the role of youth in climate action. With 64% of Pakistan's population under 30, the Honorable Minister described young people as the architects of Pakistan's climate future. She applauded their contributions, from climate education campaigns and recycling initiatives to disaster response and policy input in NDC 3.0, affirming that youth-led action is central to building national resilience.

The Honorable Minister called for stronger intergenerational collaboration, urging partners, institutions and supporters to continue funding and mentoring youth-led solutions, green entrepreneurship and community resilience projects. She concluded with a reaffirmation of the nation's commitment to building a green, inclusive and climate-resilient Pakistan.

In a celebratory closing, the Honorable Minister congratulated all award recipients, recognizing their achievements as catalysts for future climate leadership. She reiterated his openness to youth ideas and innovations, emphasizing a whole-of-society approach to advancing Pakistan's sustainable development goals.

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The awards distribution served as a moment of celebration, recognition and encouragement for the outstanding individuals contributing to climate action across Pakistan. The ceremony aimed to honor those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation and commitment in advancing the national climate agenda.

These awards not only acknowledged the remarkable achievements of the recipients but also highlighted the spirit of dedication that drives the broader climate movement. By recognizing excellence in various categories, the ceremony underscored the importance of youth engagement, community-driven initiatives, academic contributions and collaborative partnerships.

This segment of the conference reaffirmed our belief that meaningful climate action is fueled by passion and perseverance. It also acknowledged that these efforts are essential to inspiring others to follow. The awards distribution thus stood as a testament to the transformative power of committed individuals and the collective potential of Pakistan's climate leadership.



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VOTE OF THANKS



M. Umair Mufakir
CEO, Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC)

The CEO of the Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC), M. Umair Mufakir extended sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this conference. He thanked all distinguished speakers, panelists and delegates for sharing their time, expertise and perspectives, which added remarkable value to the discussions.

Special thanks were extended to the Honorable Governor KPK, the Swedish Ambassador and the Minister of State for Climate Change by the CEO of NYCCC, reiterating their commitment of national-level interest in climate action. Further, he said that their presence added significance to the event and their insights enriched the overall dialogue. Their participation was acknowledged as a key element in elevating the quality and impact of the proceedings.

He deeply appreciated the participation of youth representatives, partner organizations, volunteers and supporters whose enthusiasm and dedication shaped the spirit of this event. He said that our heartfelt thanks also go to the institutions and stakeholders who supported the conference through their collaboration, guidance and encouragement.

He acknowledged the tireless efforts of the organizing team and volunteers, whose commitment ensured the smooth execution of every session and activity. Finally, he appreciated all attendees for their engagement and willingness to be part of a collective journey toward climate action, resilience and empowerment.

He said that this conference stands as a reflection of our shared vision and we look forward to carrying this momentum forward together.

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