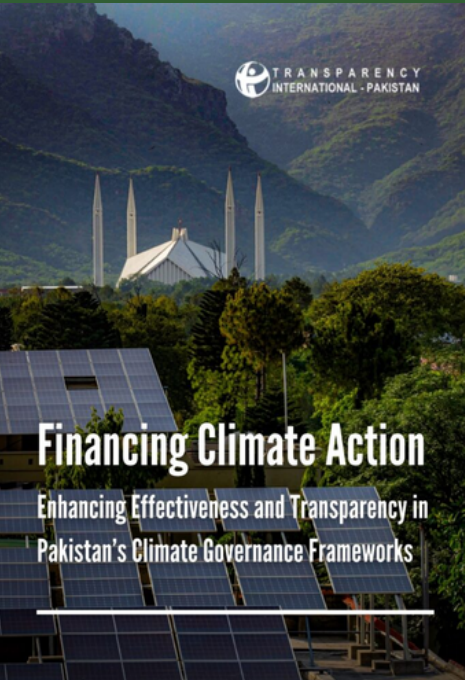


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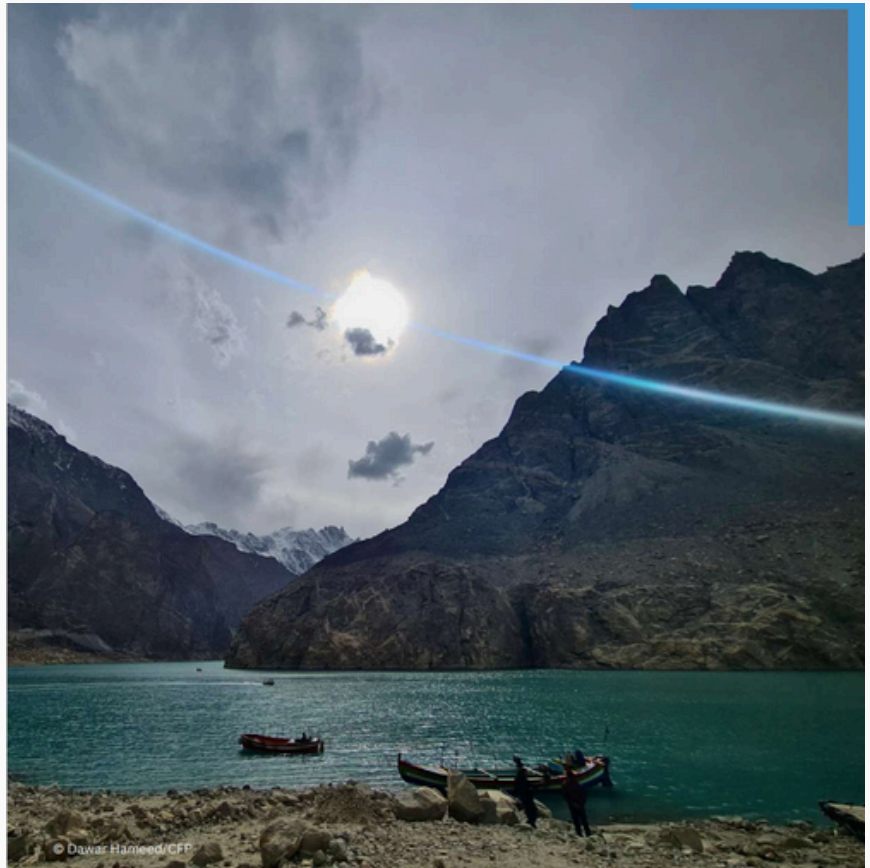
HIGHLIGHT OF THE QUARTER

Financing Climate Action: Enhancing Effectiveness and Transparency in Pakistan's Climate Governance Frameworks.

Transparency International Pakistan's recent report is an assessment of existing frameworks driving climate governance in Pakistan with an aim to identify areas of improvement and implementation gaps, specifically focusing on transparency, inclusiveness, and effectiveness of the country's response to climate change.

WHAT IS INSIDE:

- **Release of Pakistan's First Climate Governance Report**
- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2023**
- **Capacity Building of Government Stakeholders**
- **MoU Signing between TI Pakistan and KP Information Commission**
- **Launching of Youth Climate Education and Fellowship Program**





TI Pakistan since AMM 2022. He highlighted that TI Pakistan has made significant strides in advancing its mission to combat corruption and promote transparency at local, provincial and national level.

Thereafter, TI Pakistan staff gave presentations on project activities including TI Pakistan work on Public Procurement Monitoring, National Corruption Perception Survey, Gendered Impact of Corruption, implementation of Strengthening Civic Voices for Good Governance and Accountability and Climate Governance Integrity Projects.

Annual Members Meeting 2023

Transparency International Pakistan Annual Members Meeting 2023 was held on 20th January 2023 at Avari Towers. The Board of Trustees, Members and Staff of Transparency International Pakistan gathered to take stock of the work done during 2023 and chart the way forward for 2024.

Justice (R) Zia Perwez, Chairman Transparency International Pakistan welcome AMM 2023

participants and briefed that during 2023, TI Pakistan as a leading anti-corruption organization in the country, has done a great deal of work to address the menace of corruption and empowered citizens in particular young people and women with the skills to promote good governance.

Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan briefed the participants on the activities of

AMM participants gave useful recommendations around enhancing implementation of Right to Information Laws, Whistleblower Protection and addressing cases of corruption.

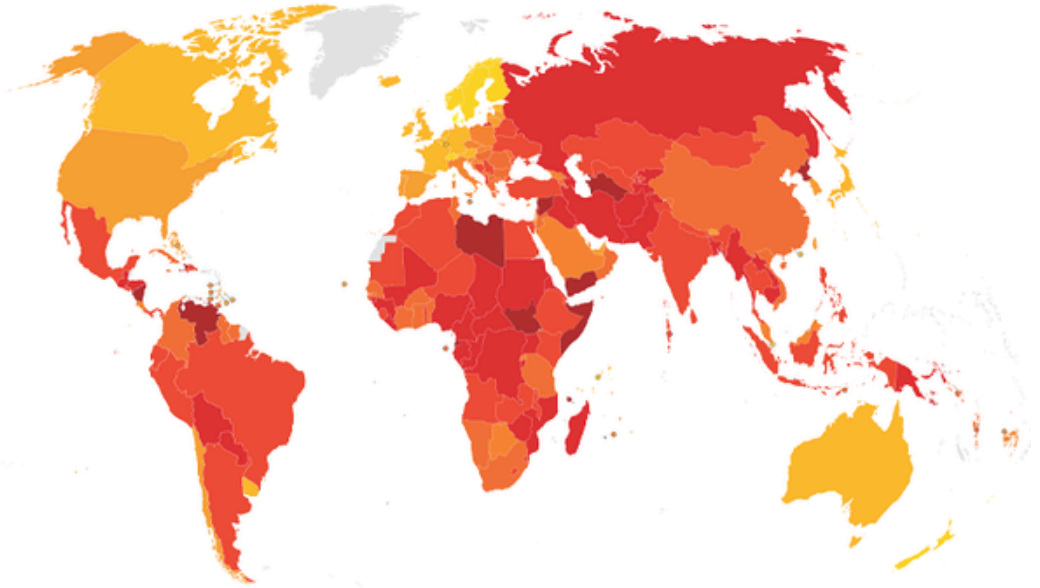
TI Pakistan also released its Annual 2022 Report which can be accessed: <https://transparency.org.pk/new-event/annual-report/>





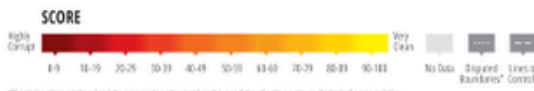
CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2023

The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.



SCORE COUNTRY/TERRITORY

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#CPI2023
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Transparency International released the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) which shows that Pakistan's score on CPI 2023 has improved by 2 points from 27 in CPI 2022 to 29 in CPI 2023 and Pakistan's rank has improved by 7 positions from 140 in CPI 2022 to 133 in CPI 2023. According to Transparency International the CPI global average remains unchanged at 43 for the twelfth year in a row, with more than two-thirds of countries scoring below 50.

The CPI 2023 report notes that according to the Rule of Law Index, the world is experiencing a decline in the functioning of justice systems. Countries with the lowest scores in this index are also scoring very low on the CPI, highlighting a clear connection between access to justice and corruption. Transparency International has called on governments to give justice systems the independence, resources and transparency needed to effectively punish all corruption offences and provide checks and balances on power. Where necessary, they must also introduce better procedures and laws to help justice institutions shield themselves from and target corrupt acts. Full report: <https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2023>

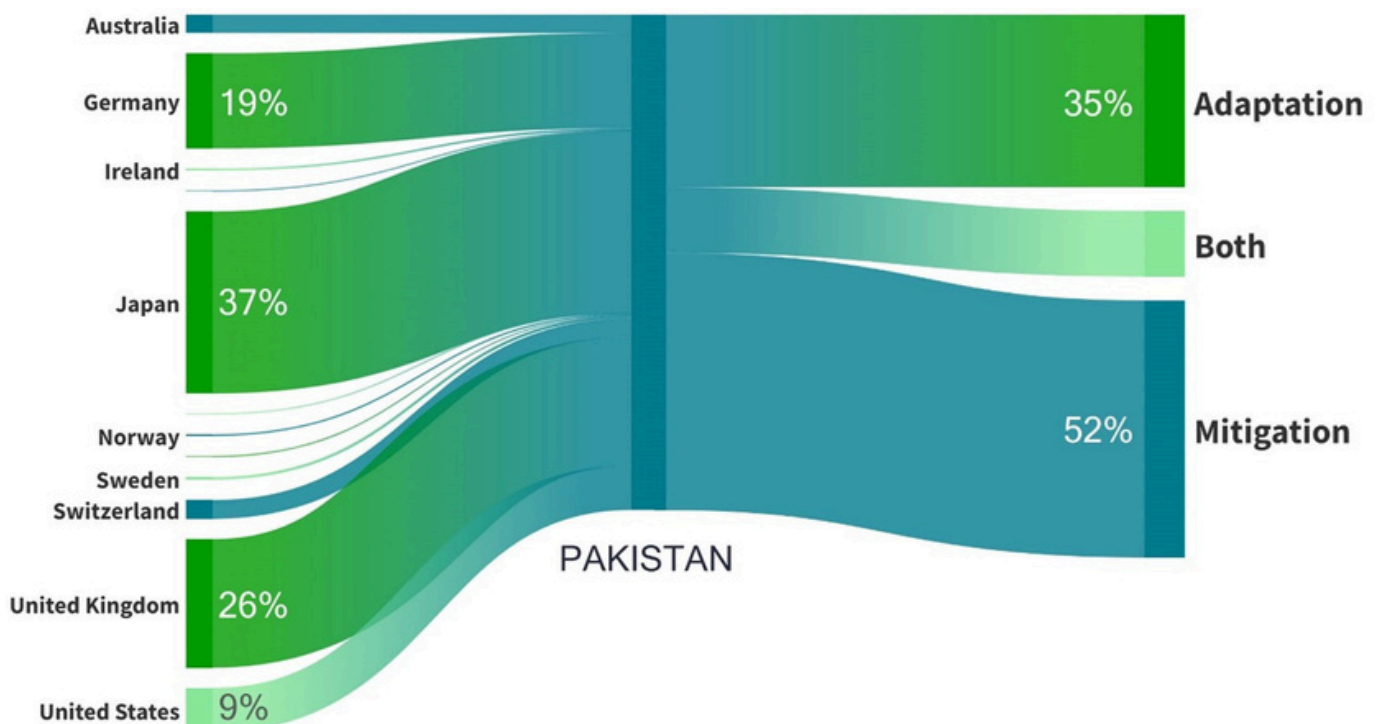
Report Release: Financing Climate Action Enhancing Effectiveness and Transparency in Pakistan’s Climate Governance Frameworks

Transparency International Pakistan released its report titled “Financing Climate Action: Enhancing Effectiveness and Transparency in Pakistan’s Climate Governance Frameworks”. The report is first of its kind and evaluates the effectiveness of Pakistan’s existing climate governance frameworks at Federal and Provincial levels, with an aim to identify areas of improvement and implementation gaps, specifically focusing on transparency, inclusiveness, and effectiveness of the country’s response to climate change.

The report notes that Pakistan experiences an average annual loss of US\$4 billion due to a high vulnerability to climate change-induced events. Pakistan has made its NDC commitments contingent upon receiving adequate finance. Given climate finance inflows are very low, these commitments cannot be implemented without effective access to international climate finance. The report provides 10 recommendations to strengthen climate governance in the country,

including a) Climate Change institutions as set under the Climate Change Act need to be operationalized and empowered b) A ‘whole of society’ approach which invites public and expert participation in climate planning and decision making must be adopted c) Integrate Transparency & Climate perspective in project designs including at planning and budgeting level d) Capacity Building of key auditing and reporting institutions, including corruption watchdogs e) Policy lag between national and provincial Climate policies and lack of institutional capacity f) Enhance climate budgetary allocations in proportionate to the scale of climate change crisis g) Ensuring compliance with Public Procuring Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules to enhance transparency of climate projects h) Establish open database on Climate Finance i) Enhance climate governance integrity using global best practices j) Ensuring appropriate mechanisms and capacity to capture complaints and enforce anti-corruption measures.

Bilateral Climate Finance Grant Inflows Into Adaptation & Mitigation (or Both) Streams



Capacity Building of Government Stakeholders: Climate Sensitive Budgeting and Climate Finance Transparency



Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan) organized a training workshop on Capacity Building of Government Officers on Climate Sensitive Budgeting and Climate Finance Transparency in Karachi, Sindh. Around 31 senior officers from different departments including deputy commissioners and

additional secretary from climate Change & Coastal Development, Planning & Development, Local Government & Housing and Town Planning, Irrigation, Energy, Forest & Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Provincial and District Disaster Management Authorities (PDMA)

& DDMA), attended the capacity building workshop.

Mr. Ayhan Mustafa Bhutto, Director General (DG), Directorate of Climate Change (DoCC), Govt. of Sindh briefed the departments about the efforts of the provincial government addressing the impacts of climate change.

Mr. Amat Shahi, Disaster Risk Financing Expert, provided an overview of climate finance landscape in Pakistan and said that Pakistan needs \$10 Billion to rebuild from 2022 floods. Mr. Shahi discussed the tools for tracking, monitoring and evaluation of climate finance and highlighted that “Climate Budget Tagging” is one of the tools designed to help countries mainstream climate change in public financial management.

Mr. Raza Gardezi, RTI Expert, outlined the potential penalties a department may face for not providing the information under The Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act, 2016.



MoU Signing between TI Pakistan and The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission



Transparency International Pakistan and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (KPIC) joined hands to promote open governance. TI Pakistan has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (KPIC) to extend the

collaborative efforts in ensuring merit and openness in public affairs performed by public entities.

The MoU was signed by Mrs. Farah Hamid Khan, Chief Information Commissioner, KPIC and Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan in presence

of other senior officers of the two organizations.

Under the MoU both the organizations will collaboratively work in mass awareness regarding Right to Information Act (RTI) and training of the Public Information Officers (PIOs) for the smooth flow of public information.

Both the institutions look forward to a fruitful partnership that will promote citizen integration into public affairs.

The collaboration between TI Pakistan and the KPIC marks a significant step towards encouraging open governance and promoting transparency in public affairs. With a shared commitment to upholding the Right to Information Act (RTI) and ensuring meritocracy in governmental processes, this partnership aims to empower citizens with access to vital information while enhancing the effectiveness of Public Information Officers (PIOs).



Launching of Youth Climate Education and Fellowship Program University of Peshawar



Transparency International Pakistan launched Youth Climate Education and Fellowship Program in collaboration with University of Peshawar in Feb 2024. The main objective of this fellowship is to engage and enhance the capacity of university students in understanding and addressing climate change

challenges by equipping them with skills and exposure on climate policies, advocacy, and social accountability.

The fellowship will provide educational enhancement regarding basic concepts of climate change, impact assessment

mitigation strategies, adaptation techniques and social accountability, practical engagement, and training of youth in understanding climate policies and communication strategies. This year-long fellowship will engage students through workshops, innovation challenges, and community outreach programs.

In the launching ceremony at University of Peshawar, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between TI Pakistan and UoP for enhancing students understanding on climate governance transparency, leadership development and participation in climate discourse.

A Capacity Building Workshop on Youth Participation in Climate Governance was also organized where speakers emphasized the importance of the youth perspective in climate policies and the implementation of climate investments in the country.



An Insightful Session on Climate Finance and Just Energy Transition



Pakistan’s climate change goals, both under mitigation and adaptation and has a real potential to address country’s energy woes. He also gave an overview of climate finance landscape in Pakistan and stressed on the crucial need for investing on renewable energy. Participants hailing from different backgrounds delved into interactive discussion to draft recommendations for government and the private sector.

Transparency International Pakistan led the second session of Just Energy Transition (JET Café) on “Climate Finance and Just Energy Transition: Experiences from COP28 and Potential for Pakistan” organized by Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) at Climate Action Centre. Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan spoke about

the potential, regulatory framework and the imperative of mobilizing international and local financing for just energy transition in Pakistan.

He highlighted that Pakistan has considerable potential for using solar energy and wind energy in the coastal belt of Sindh & Balochistan. RE can significantly contribute to

He also underscored the significance of learning from the experiences shared at COP28 to effectively steer Pakistan’s transition towards sustainable energy sources. The discussions revolved around identifying key challenges and exploring innovative solutions to ensure a smooth and equitable transition. The session served as a platform for stakeholders to collaborate and strategize towards achieving a greener and more sustainable energy landscape for Pakistan.



International Women’s Day 2024 - Gender Inclusion in Climate Action: Building Inclusive, Resilient Communities



Transparency International Pakistan organized a Seminar on International Women’s Day 2024, themed “Gender Inclusion in Climate Action: Building Inclusive, Resilient Communities” in District Mirpur Khas, Sindh. The main objective of

this seminar was to address the intersectionality between gender equality and climate change resilience and to strengthen the resilience of communities to climate change impacts by fostering inclusive approaches.

A diverse group of people participated in the seminar, with women comprising the majority, from civil society, social activists, communities, minority groups, and media. Ms. Shamim Murree, Assistant Director, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), and Mr. Wajid Ali Memon, Additional Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department also graced the seminar with their presence.

Ms. Shamim Murree addressed to the participants and said that women actively pursuing education, employment, and entrepreneurship contribute significantly to societal advancement. Their engagement increases economic growth and social empowerment, benefiting both individuals and communities alike. She said that educated and empowered women also promote sustainable practices that mitigate the impacts of climate change, benefiting both individuals and communities alike.



Transparency International Pakistan regularly raise awareness on business integrity, influencing the business environment, and providing a selection of tools and resources to organisations looking to improve their integrity governance.

TI Pakistan collaborated with the Novo Nordisk Pakistan to arrange Integrity Talk for their Compliance Ambassadors. Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director TI Pakistan briefed the participants on Pakistan's score on latest Corruption Perception Index 2023 and corruption risks in the pharmaceutical sector.

Emphasizing the significance of transparency, integrity, and honesty, the Integrity Talk underscored the essential values necessary for encouraging a culture of accountability and ethical conduct within organizations.

Through partnerships like this, TI Pakistan continues to spearhead efforts in promoting a culture of



Integrity Talk for Compliance Ambassadors of Novo Nordisk

integrity and accountability within the private sector. By organizing events such as the Integrity Talk for Compliance Ambassadors, TI Pakistan not only raise awareness but also actively engage stakeholders on crucial issues such as transparency, integrity and honesty. This

includes raising awareness in the public domain on business integrity, influencing the business environment, and providing a selection of tools and resources to organisations looking to improve their integrity governance.



National Maritime Conference



In March 2024, Global Compact Network Pakistan (GCNP) and the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) organized National Maritime Conference. Experts and industry stakeholders emphasized the urgent need for legislative and regulatory reforms.

Justice (R) M. Shaiq Usmani, Member Board of Trustee, TI Pakistan addressed the conference. He said that The United Nations (UN) has estimated that corruption can increase the cost of conducting international business by 10% or more. He emphasized that there is a need for collective action against illegal practices in line with the global best practices.

Mr. Shaiq Usmani stressed on the implementation of transparent regulations, enhancing international cooperation along with enforcement of regulations to ensure accountability within the maritime sector.



Webinars on International Days

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL - PAKISTAN

Gender Inclusion in Climate Action: Building Inclusive, Resilient Communities

Twitter Space

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February 26, 2024
3:00 PM

MODERATOR

SPEAKERS

- Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan (@a_kashif8)
- Aisha Khan, Chief Executive, CSCCC (@aisha4climat)
- Dr. Nausheen Wasi, Prof UoK, Board Member, TI Pakistan
- Shabina Faraz, Environmental Journalist, TI Pakistan (@Shabinafaraz)

Fariha Fatima, TI Pakistan (@fatma_sultana)

Transparency International Pakistan organized an engaging series of online sessions on International Women’s Day and International World Water Day.

The discussions on #IWD2024 explored disproportionate impact of climate change on women and the need for employing a gender lens to climate action. The expert panels delved into the intersectionality between gender equality and climate change resilience, and advocated for gender mainstreaming in provincial climate policies and action plans. Speakers discussed the role of women as agents of change in climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, recognizing their unique knowledge and experiences in sustainable resource management and community resilience-building.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Gender Inclusion in Climate Action: Building Inclusive, Resilient Communities

Facebook Live

FRIDAY 09 MAR, 2024 TIME 11:00 PST

Fariha Fatima, TI Pakistan, MODERATOR

- Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan
- Ms. Zofeen T. Ebrahim, Independent Journalist
- Ms. Raheema Panhwar, Gender Advisor, WaterAid Pakistan
- Mr. Sabbir Hussain Mahar, Secretary SCAN

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In the session on World Water Day, discussion highlighted the disproportionate impact of climate change on women, emphasizing the urgency of incorporating a gender-sensitive approach into climate action strategies.

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL - PAKISTAN

Impact of Climate Change on Water Insecurity: Increased Burden on Vulnerable Communities

Online Session

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024 11 AM - 12 PM

#WorldWaterDay

FARIHA FATIMA, TI Pakistan, Moderator

- KASHIF ALI, Executive Director, TI Pakistan
- FIZA QURESHI, Program Policy Officer, World Food Programme
- DR. SHAKEEL HAYAT, Climate Change & Water Governance Specialist, WaterAid Pakistan
- MUHAMMAD UMER KARIM, Senior Agriculture and Water Resources Engineer, FAO

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The sessions served as a platform for experts to underscore the interconnectedness of gender equality and environmental protection, advocating for inclusive policies and initiatives to address these complex challenges. The online sessions, hosted by TI Pakistan garnered significant attention and engagement from a wide audience of diverse backgrounds.

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