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Concern over lack of political will in implementation of SDGs in Sindh

KARACHI, May 15: Civil society concerned over lack of political will and slow progress towards



institutional response to implement sustainable development goals. Sindh government must come forward with strong political will to speed up the progress.



This was discussed at a consultation meeting of civil society organizations-CSOs at PILER Center here Monday, jointly organized with Pakistan Institutional Labor Education and Research-PILER and Sindh Community Foundation with support of United Nations Development Program.

Karamat Ali of PILER in his conclusion remarks said that SDGs are interlinked to each other and their prioritization must be integrated. He said that education status cannot be improved if the structural reforms are not made to provide social and economic security to the people because poverty is the root cause of drop out and lack of enrolment of the children in school.

He also added that despite of an agriculture province Sindh seriously suffered from malnourishment



among children and women. Punhal Sario of Sindh Hari Porhyat Council said that structural and economic reforms and satiability of democracy are the core principles for sustainable development.

Muqtida Mansoor-Columnist and journalist said that there is a need to change power

structure and electoral system to allow the marginalized section to be part of legislation and policy making . He ssaid that the existing electoral process does not allow to challenge the hegemony of the feudal lords and tribal chieftains, therefore, he suggested that for the implementation of SDGs it is necessary to empower local government system .

Javed Soz of Sindh Community Foundation who led the discussion on prioritization of SDGs in 24 districts of Sindh with different stakeholders and sections of groups including farmers , local elected representatives, rural women, youth and CSOs shared that education, health, access to clean water and linked with



peace and justice, responsive and accountable public institutions. Senior journalists Farooq Soomro and Mahesh Kumar also took part in discussion.

Representatives of civil society organizations from different districts of Sindh province also shared that development dimensions in context of localizing the SDGs targeted in district as well provincial perspective. He said that development prioritization draft from the civil society would be shared with

the policy makers and relevant institutions to incorporate the public priority in their SDGs framework /strategy for institutionalizing SDGs in long term planning.

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