



Agenda

One Day Peace Conference

Engaging Communities for Peace Building in Karachi

Date: June 29, 2019

Venue: Movenpick Hotel, Karachi

9:30 am - 10: 00 am

Registration

10:00 am - 10:30am

Welcome note and brief introduction of the project by a PILER representative

10:30am – 12:00pm

Session 1: Karachi's history of violence and the necessity of peace

In this context setting, inaugural session, the key note speakers will discuss the history of violence in Karachi and its many facets. He/she will explore ethnic, religious and political dynamics of division which resulted in conflict and violence. The session is aimed at providing background of conflict and violence in the city and share ideas for sustained peace and harmony. (Moderator: Dr Riaz Shiekh; Speakers: Arif Hassan – architect, planner, social activist and writer; Dr Amir Shaikh – Additional Inspector General Police; Anis Haroon – Member National Commission for Human Rights; Murtaza Wahab – Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh (TBC)

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Session 2: Presentation of peace efforts by the 12 Peace Committees

In this session, the peace committees from the 12 core areas will share presentations of their individual and community-led efforts done so far with respect to countering violent extremism and curbing conflict within their neighbourhoods and areas. Through these presentations, they will also shed light on the support they require from offices of the public representatives present at the occasion, in order to address any discrepancies when transforming their ideas into actions.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Lunch Break

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Session 3: Making Karachi a pluralistic, diverse and inclusive city

This session will comprise of a panel where discussants will talk about the significance of peace in Karachi. The role of citizens in ensuring peace by employing techniques to counter violent extremism will also be discussed.

Panellist will include Jamil Yousuf – founder and former chief of CPLC; Faisal Siddiqi – Advocate Supreme Court; Sidra Imran – Member Provincial Assembly Sindh (PTI); Saeed Ghani – Minister Local Government Sindh (TBC)

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Way forward: How the peace committees will contribute to making Karachi a peaceful city in a sustainable manner?

This session will focus on the future of the 12 peace committees and the role they will play in making their neighbourhoods, as well as the wider community peaceful, diverse, resilient, inclusive and safe by sharing sustainable ideas. This session will have a couple of senior members, as well as youth discuss their aspirations to be socially active and serve their communities.

This session will be led by moderator Zeenia Shaukat/ Zulfiqar Shah which will result in agreeing on key features of a **Roadmap for Peace in Karachi** that these peace committees and other stakeholders may consider following up.

5:00 pm

Concluding remarks & Conference Decoration by a PILER representative