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on the occasion of

# World Environment Day 2023

*“Solutions to Plastic Pollution”*



## Programme Schedule

Time	Programme	Speaker/Facilitator
9:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:05	Recitation of Holy Quran	
10:05-10:10	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Almas Shakoor, Executive Director - Shehersaaz
10:10-10:15	Opening Remarks	Mr. Jawed Ali Khan, HPM, UN Habitat
10:15-10:30	Message by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres	Ms. Almas Shakoor, Executive Director - Shehersaaz
	Message by UN Habitat Executive Director, Ms. Maimunah Sharif	
	Screening of short videos	
10:30-11:00	Citizen's Speak - People's Perspective: Issues, Concerns and Solutions	Moderator: Ejaz Sherazi, Shehersaaz
11:00-11:45	Panel Discussion	Moderator: Faiqa Aziz - UN Habitat Pakistan
	<b>Panelists:</b> Mr. Jawed Ali Khan, Country Program Manager - UN Habitat Pakistan Ms. Farzana Altaf, DG Pak EPA Ms. Rina Saeed Khan, Chairperson, Islamabad Wildlife Management Board Arif Hasan, Architect, Planner, Activist, Social Researcher and Writer Dr. Mansoor Ali, Team Lead, Waste Burning Program, Royal Academy of Engineering, UK Dr. Imran Hashmi, Tenured Professor & Associate Dean, IESE Dr. Beenish Kalsoom, Lead Local Governance Program- Shehersaaz Dr. Hira Amjad, Asst. Prof. SCEE (IESE) & GYM Focal Person - NUST Mr. Sajid Safdar, Managing Director - Rawalpindi Waste Management Company	
11:45-12:00	Question & Answer Session	Moderator: Faiqa Aziz
12:00-12:05	Green Salute to: Gardeners, Sanitary Workers & Forest Guards	
12:05-12:10	Prize distribution to the winners of Art Competition of International Zero Waste Day	By the Chief Guest
12:10-12:15	Green Souvenir & Gifts for Panelists & Participants	By the Chief Guest
12:15-12:30	Keynote Address	Ms. Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change, Govt. of Pakistan
12:30-12:35	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Ms. Almas Shakoor
12:35-12:40	Group Photo	
12:40-13:00	Signing of the Pledge and Guided tour to the Green Stalls	
13:00	Hi-Tea	

## Background and Introduction

World Environment Day (WED), is held annually on **5<sup>th</sup> June**. It brings together millions of people from across the globe and engages them in the efforts to protect and restore the Earth. This year marks the event's **50<sup>th</sup>** anniversary. WED is the largest global platform for environmental outreach inspiring positive change. People from more than **150** countries participate in this UN designated International Day to celebrate environmental action and the power of governments, businesses and individuals to create a more sustainable world. It has been led by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) since its inception in 1973<sup>1</sup>. Every year, a specific theme is selected. For WED 2023, the selected global theme is '**Solution to Plastic Pollution**'<sup>2</sup>. UNEP reports that around the world, one million plastic bottles are purchased every minute, while up to five trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year. Half of all plastic produced is designed for single-use purposes i.e. used just once and then thrown away. Today, humanity produce about 400 million tons of plastic waste every year<sup>3</sup>.

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make a mountain twice the height of K2—second tallest mountain in the world<sup>4</sup>. Every year 55 billion plastic bags are used in Pakistan with an expected annual growth of 15 percent<sup>5</sup>. Plastics account for 65% of the total waste generated in the country<sup>6</sup>. 86% of this plastic waste is mismanaged<sup>7</sup>.

## The Event

To observe WED 2023, a multi-component event is planned. Here are details:

- Day: **Monday**
- Date: **05 June 2023**
- Venue: **Institute of Environmental Sciences and Engineering (IESE), School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (SCEE), National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad**
- Event Partners:
  - ✓ **Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Government of Pakistan**
  - ✓ **UN-Habitat Pakistan**
  - ✓ **Adaptation Fund (AF)**
  - ✓ **IESE, SCEE and NUST, and:**
  - ✓ **Shehersaaz: The Trust of Cities and Citizens**

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<sup>1</sup> For more details, please see <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/about/history>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unep.org/interactives/beat-plastic-pollution/>

<sup>4</sup> *Rethinking Pakistan's Relationship with Plastics*, UNDP, 2021

<sup>5</sup> WWF Pakistan [https://www.wfpak.org/issues/plastic\\_pollution/](https://www.wfpak.org/issues/plastic_pollution/)

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

<sup>7</sup> UNEP <https://www.unep.org/interactives/beat-plastic-pollution/>