





WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

# Policy and Action on Waste and Plastics in Pakistan

31 May 2021











#### **Background: SWITCH-Asia**

The European Union launched the SWITCH-Asia programme with a mission to support the transition of Asian countries to low-carbon, resource-efficient and circular economies while promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns within Asia and greener supply chains between Asia and Europe. The programme aims at providing a platform to promote sustainable consumption and production (SCP) policies and practices in Asia and enhance the awareness and dialogue of local stakeholders.

The SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility aims at strengthening the implementation of SCP policies at the national level. In continuation of the efforts in Pakistan, an advisory project was developed with the Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) that addresses Pakistan's emerging urban challenges by strengthening institutional drivers to promote resource efficiency through a clean and recycling-based economy, particularly with regard to waste management and plastics.

#### Final Workshop:

The aim of the project's final multi-stakeholder workshop is to identify barriers and loopholes for the adoption of sustainable practices in waste management especially for packaging waste / plastics. Stakeholders are requested to provide valuable input and suggest policy enablers and actions that could translate SCP into projects on the ground in line with the project's policy recommendations.

The workshop is part of Pakistan's activities in the context of its hosting of World Environment Day, on June 5, 2021.

## **Workshop Agenda**

#### 31 May 2021

TIME	SESSION AND ACTIVITY
Session 1	
9:30 – 9:40 am 10 minutes	Opening of the Workshop  Lead: Dr Saima Shafique, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Expert  Remarks by  Muhammad Irfan Tariq  Director General, Ministry of Climate Change  Remarks on SDG 12 – Sustainable Consumption and Production  Dr Mushtaq Memon, UNEP
9:40 – 9:45am 5 minutes	Remarks from Ovidiu Mic, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to Pakistan
9:45 – 9:50 am 5 minutes	Remarks from Government on SCP (MoCC) Zartaj Gul Wazir, Minister of State for Climate Change
9:50 – 10:00 am	Round of introductions
10:00 – 10:15am 15 minutes	1) Legislations and case studies from the EU and EU member states on waste management with a focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)  2) Current processes and lessons learnt from EU and EU member states on progress monitoring with regard to policies addressing plastics and packaging waste collection, recycling and minimization  Presenter: Tom Clark, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Expert
10:15 – 10:30 am 15 minutes	Presentation on:  1) Waste management approaches- status quo of waste management in Pakistan, and analysis of waste streams, which qualify for the introduction of future EPR schemes in Pakistan  2) A brief over view of some waste initiatives in Pakistan  Presenter: Dr Saima Shafique, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Expert
10:30 – 10:35 am 5 minutes	Announcing the groups for discussion and sharing the input sheets with morning tea
	Moderator: Syeda Hadika Jamshaid

#### 10:35 - 11:15 am

Chair of the session will be Government official and Co- Chair will be from EU Panel Discussion with Provincial waste management companies focused on

- 1) What is the current status of waste management in Pakistan, provide inputs on the waste generation, priority categories of concern, waste collection? Comment on the current institutional mechanism along with rules and laws pertaining to waste management?
- 2) What are the existing waste initiatives in Pakistan and identification of effective measures for waste minimisation
- 3) Economics of waste collection and waste minimisation for the selected category
- 4) What is the priority waste category in your opinion and what are the best practices on waste minimisation for the selected category

Moderator: Syeda Hadika Jamshaid

#### 11:15 - 11:30 am

Tea Break

#### 11:30 – 12:15 pm 45 minutes

Group work ( two groups will be formed, one will work on waste minimization pilot and one will work on EPR evaluation framework)

Group I Give recommendations for capacity building and pilot test (including objectives, scope, methodology, deliverables, timeframe and required resources) for waste collection and minimisation (e.g. based on producer involvement in line with EPR)

Group II Conduct the EPR evaluation with the help of EPR framework

Moderator: Four moderators will work two with each group; Dr. Saima, Leena, Hania and Mustafa

#### 12:15 - 1:00 pm

Briefing on NDCs and Waste by ADB

Presenters: Mr. Nasir Javed and Melanie Hobson

Moderator: Syeda Hadika Jamshaid

#### 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Lunch and Prayer break

#### Session 2

#### 2:00 - 2:15 pm 15 minutes

Presentation on preliminary impact assessment of the existing legislations on plastic waste management in Pakistan

Presenter: Dr Saima Shafique

#### 2:15 - 2:20 pm 5 minutes

Announcing the groups for discussion and sharing the input sheets

Moderator: Dr Saima Shafique

2:20 – 3:00 pm	Chair of the session will be Government official and Co- Chair will be from EU Panel Discussion focused on
	What are the best practices on policies addressing plastics waste management which contribute plastics waste minimization and Analysis of (pros & cons) the applicability of identified best practices on plastics management in the contextof Pakistan
	2) How EPR schemes for plastic products, including complementing policy instruments (e.g. Deposit Refund Scheme for PET bottles) can work in Pakistan, What is our consideration for priority sector for EPR? What policies and strategies are to be made to implement EPR schemes?
	<ol> <li>Recommendations on how the identified best practices can help support the Government's Policy on Plastics</li> </ol>
	Moderator: Dr. Saima Shafique
3:00 – 3:45 pm 45 minutes eachgroup	Group Work (Two groups will be formed, one group will work on policy support mechanism, legislative support for waste management in Pakistan, the other group will work on EPR schemes that can be considered in the context of Pakistan)
	<b>Group I</b> Analyse the existing policy support mechanism , legislative milieu that supports waste minimization particular plastic waste
	<b>Group II</b> Work on EPR schemes considering plastic packaging waste in the context of Pakistan
	<b>Moderators</b> Four moderators will work two with each group; Dr. Saima , Leena, Hania and Mustafa
3:45 – 4:25 pm 40 minutes	Debriefing session, each group will be given 10 minutes
4:25 – 4:35 pm	Concluding remarks and vote of thanks
10 minutes	Muhammad Irfan Tariq

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### **Panelists**

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## **Workshop Team**



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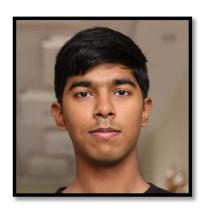
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