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Climate Action begins with Inclusion:
Bargad & Forum for Dignity Initiatives at COP 30





About Bargad & FDI

Bargad is a youth-focused development organization with nearly three decades of experience in youth empowerment, peacebuilding, social inclusion, and climate action. It works to amplify young people's voices and connect communities with policy and decision-making spaces.

Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI) is a gender rights and social justice organization working to advance the rights, dignity, safety, and participation of women, transgender persons, and marginalized communities.

Together, Bargad and FDI bring a youth-centered and intersectional lens to climate action, recognizing that climate change affects communities differently and that those most affected must have a meaningful role in shaping solutions.

COP30 in Belém, Brazil, marked the historic “Amazonia COP,” placing nature, justice, and communities at the center of global climate action. Guided by the **“Global Mutirão” (collective action)**, it called for governments, youth, civil society, and marginalized communities to work together on climate solutions. With over 56,000 participants, COP30 was one of the largest COPs to date.

The Pakistan Pavilion served as a key platform for dialogue, engaging 1,000+ delegates through over 20 panels, roundtables, and high-level meetings. It amplified Pakistan's call for climate justice, equitable finance, and inclusive, community-led action, under the message: **“From the Indus to the Amazon, climate action begins with inclusion, equity, and resilience.”**



Discussion Highlights

Pakistan contributes less than 1% of global greenhouse gas emissions yet remains among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries. Devastating floods in 2022 and 2025, alongside intensifying heatwaves, droughts, glacial melt, and severe smog, have caused widespread loss of life, displacement, and economic damage. At COP30, Bargad and FDI highlighted this "unequal climate burden," calling for predictable, grant-based climate finance, greater investment in resilience, and recognition of loss and damage as a climate justice issue for vulnerable communities.

At the Pakistan Pavilion, **Maryam Nawaz Sharif – Chief Minister Punjab**, presented her "**Punjab for Planet**" vision, highlighting initiatives including Suthra Punjab, Green Punjab, electric mobility, and an enhanced anti-smog strategy featuring AI-powered monitoring and expanded air quality systems. She emphasized that environmental sustainability is a matter of justice, not charity, calling for stronger Global South leadership and showcasing Punjab's investments in climate resilience and disaster preparedness.



Marriyum Aurangzeb – Senior Minister for Climate, Environment & Planning, Punjab, highlighted Punjab's first Climate Policy and Action Plan, with a focus on reforestation, smog control, equitable climate finance, and partnerships. These priorities align closely with Bargad's efforts to strengthen community and youth engagement in climate policy and translate the Punjab climate agenda into inclusive local action through I-CAN.



Jacinda Ardern – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand & COP30 Special Representative for Pacific Nations, commended Punjab's eco-friendly initiatives and rapid pollution control efforts at the Pakistan Pavilion, praising them as a model for collaborative global climate action.







“Pakistan’s climate response prioritizes coordinated NDC implementation, gender-responsive adaptation, and grant-based climate finance.”

Aisha Humera Chaudhary
Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan



“Climate education and youth empowerment are essential to building resilient communities in the face of Pakistan’s climate challenges.”

Rana Sikandar Hayat
Minister for School Education, Punjab



“Transparent climate finance and community-led adaptation are key to reducing vulnerability to heatwaves and water scarcity.”

Nazia Zeb Ali
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan

Global Youth Statement at COP30

- 1.5°C-Aligned NDCs & Just Transitions
- Youth Participation in Climate Governance
- Climate, Peace & Protection of Civilians
- Transparent & Accessible Climate Finance
- Equal Focus on Adaptation & Mitigation

“Climate-resilient agriculture and integrated financing are vital to protecting food security and women farmers.”

**Aisha Jamshed – Country Director,
Welthungerhilfe Pakistan**

Pakistan Pavilion

Panel: CLimate Justice begins with Inclusion

Organizers: Bargad, Forum for Dignity Initiatives and MOCC&EC

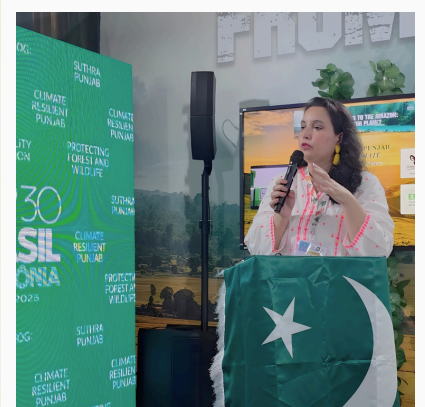
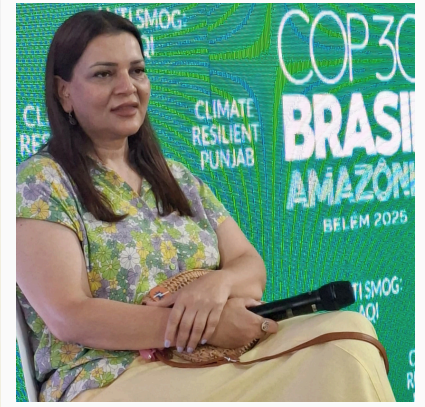
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The panel aimed to foster dialogue among government, civil society, community networks, and development partners on embedding inclusion into Pakistan’s climate governance, spanning policy design, implementation, and climate finance access. The session addressed Pakistan's escalating climate impacts like floods, heatwaves, droughts, displacement, and livelihood losses, which disproportionately affect marginalized groups including women, youth, transgender persons, people with disabilities, religious minorities, Indigenous communities, and low-income rural populations due to systemic inequalities and exclusion from resources and decision-making.

Moderator: **Uzma Yaqoob**, Executive Director, Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI)

Panelists

- **Sabiha Shaheen**, Executive Director, Bargad
- **Rizwana Anjum**, Task Team Lead, CM Punjab Green Credit Program
- **Ayesha Amin** – Founder and CEO, Baithak
- **Sidra Riaz** – Founder, Environmental Change Makers, Pakistan
- **Khadija Naeem** – Secretary General, Commonwealth Asia Youth Alliance, Member National Youth Council



LEARNINGS

- COP30 highlighted the importance of youth-led, faith-based, and inclusive climate action in global climate governance.
 - Stronger connections between national priorities and global negotiations are essential for effective climate action in Pakistan.
 - Youth remain highly motivated to engage in NDC implementation and UNFCCC processes, but lack structured pathways and guidance.
 - Global commitments such as NDC 3.0 and the Global Youth Statement need to be translated into community-friendly formats for local impact.
 - Engagement with international organizations demonstrated the value of cross-border collaboration and evidence-based advocacy.
 - Integrating COP outcomes into education, peacebuilding, and climate programs strengthens community-centered responses.
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WAY FORWARD

- Bargad and FDI will organize a Post-COP Forum and Climate Gala to share COP30 takeaways and connect Bargad's Inclusive Climate Action Network (I-CAN) members with Pakistan's climate leaders.
 - Continued collaboration with MOCC&EC, Prime Minister's Youth Programme, and provincial actors will create youth entry points in the NDC cycle.
 - Direct follow-ups with climate officials will support the integration of youth and faith-based perspectives into national dialogues.
 - COP30 learnings will be shared with the I-CAN network to strengthen local advocacy aligned with national and global climate agendas.
 - Global commitments will be simplified into accessible tools for awareness, training, and community action planning.
 - Bargad and FDI will guide youth on pathways to COP participation, including YOUNGO engagement, consultations, and portfolio building.
 - COP insights will be embedded into Bargad's climate education, youth cooperation, and faith-in-climate programs, alongside policy advocacy for inclusive climate governance.
 - Partnerships with organizations such as Welthungerhilfe, Climate Analytics, and GCISC will be explored for sustained collaboration.
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