

The sustainable development agenda and the water goal for 2030

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Talk will focus on sustainable Development Goals pertaining to Water in particular goals 14, 15. Pakistan lagged in meeting MDG targets for water and there is much concern that meeting water development is a prerequisite to meet the development vision by 2030. With rapid urbanization there is a shift in how water nexus unfolds in Pakistan. More recent Transboundary challenges require Pakistan taking a pragmatic approach to water and enhance its ability to achieve a better mix in meeting sectoral demand for water. Lagging investments in the water sector give rise to unsustainable approaches often leading to greater marginalization of certain groups, especially those at the bottom tier. International commitment for SDG's must be synchronized with realistic appraisal of what is achievable within Pakistan's current development scenario. Following a short talk there will be ample opportunity for the audience to engage and ask questions on how to pragmatically move forward with Pakistan's water sector, in the light of discussions already taken place during the fall school.

Background Readings

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