



**CONCEPT NOTE** *(Final Draft as of 23 December 2022)*

# International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan

Geneva, 9 January 2023

## Purpose

Co-hosted by the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations, this high-level Conference aims to marshal international support for the people and Government of Pakistan to rehabilitate the affected population and reconstruct the damaged infrastructure in a climate-resilient manner, after the devastating floods in 2022.

## Context

A combination of heavy rains and riverine, urban, and flash flooding has led to an unprecedented climate-induced disaster in Pakistan since June 2022. Floods have affected 33 million people, with more than 1,730 lives lost as well as 2 million housing units impacted, and several thousands of schools and hospitals damaged or destroyed. Estimates suggest that the national poverty rate may increase, pushing an additional 9.1 million people below the poverty line. Existing health and food insecurities are exacerbated by the disaster, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable.

The Government of Pakistan led a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), which was prepared with the support of a Core Group of partners comprising the Asian Development Bank, the European Union, United Nations Agencies, and the World Bank Group. The PDNA estimates total damages and economic losses topping USD 30 billion. Needs for rehabilitation and resilient reconstruction are assessed at over USD 16 billion. Housing, agriculture and livestock, as well as transport and communication sectors were most impacted. Sindh was the province worst-affected by the disaster, followed by Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Punjab.

Based on the PDNA, the Core Group has supported the Government of Pakistan in developing a *Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework* (4RF). The 4RF provides an overarching framework for planning, financing, implementing and monitoring Pakistan's climate-resilient recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **CLIMATE RESILIENT PAKISTAN** 2023



### **Format**

The Conference will take place on Monday, 9 January 2023, in Geneva. The Conference program will be divided in two parts: The first part will feature a high-level opening segment (co-chaired by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the United Nations Secretary-General), official launch of the 4RF document, and partner support announcements. The second part of the conference will explore concrete ways and means to build Pakistan's long-term climate resilience and adaptation including the articulation of provincial perspectives.

### **Objectives**

The objective of the International Conference is two-fold: (i) presenting the 4RF comprising institutional, financial, and implementation arrangements for the post-floods recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction; and (ii) securing international support, and forging long-term partnerships for building Pakistan's climate resilience and adaptation.

### **Participants**

Heads of States and Governments, United Nations agencies, as well as leaders from private sector, civil society, international development, and financial institutions have been invited to the Conference.