



# Pakistan Voluntary National Review

High Level Political Forum



# SDGs - Political Commitment at Highest Level

- Pakistan Parliament was the first to adopt the Agenda 2030
- National SDGs Framework approved by the National Economic Council
- SDG targets and indicators localized and prioritized
- SDG awareness building and stakeholder engagement at all levels





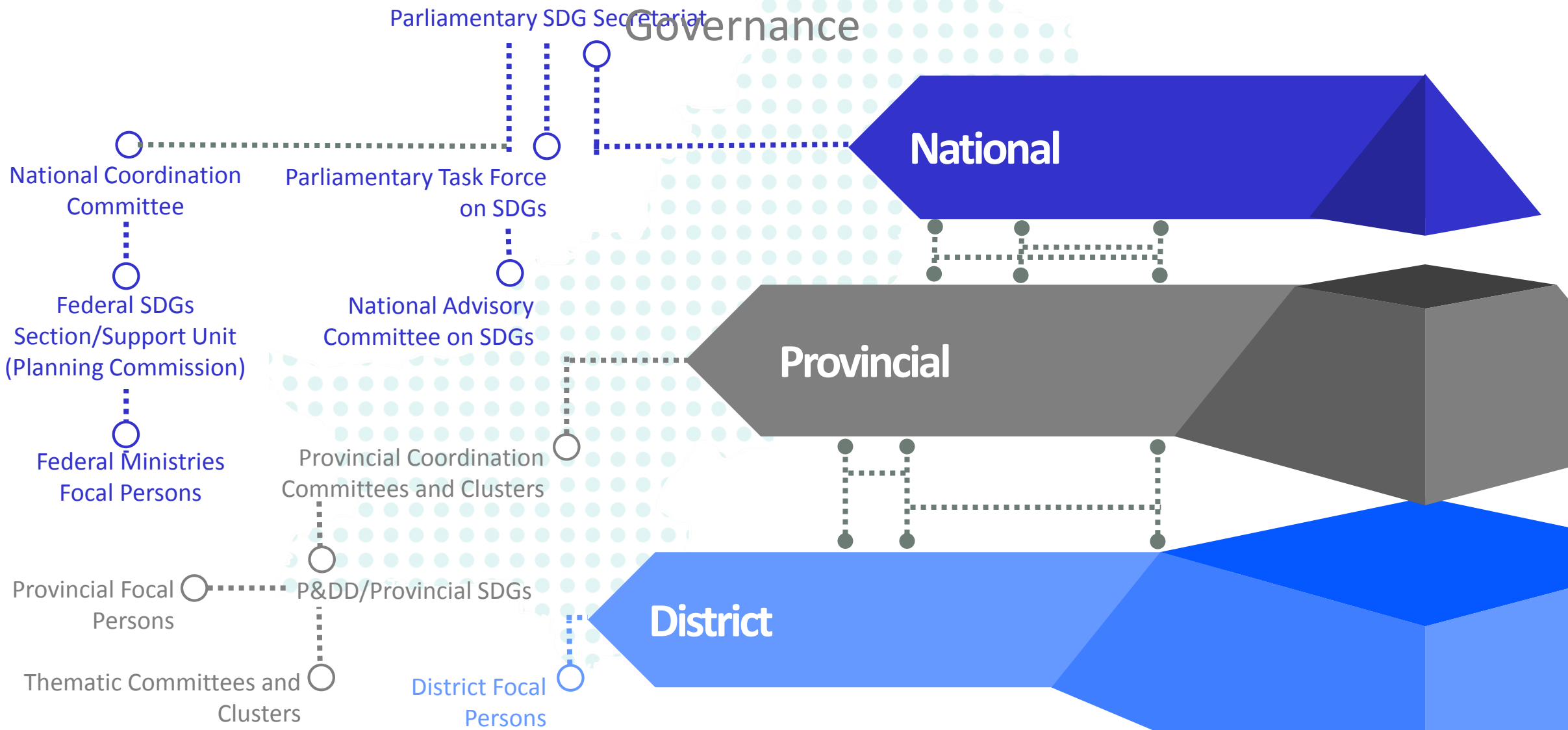


# Adoption of SDGs as Pakistan's National Development

## Agenda

SDG Mainstreaming and Institutionalization at all levels and tiers of

### Governance





# Pakistan VNR 2019

Reflecting high priority initiatives for advancing the SDG Agenda



Pakistan Coverage in VNR



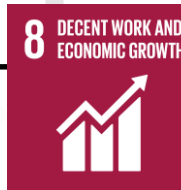
# Our vision and priorities for Sustainable Development

*“Leaving no one behind”*

Efforts to alleviate Poverty - Ehsaas Program



Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development



Leading the fight to combat Climate Change



Strengthening Partnerships for Optimisation





# Responsive Delivery Systems

*For translating political vision into reality*

- **Ministerial restructuring initiatives** for optimized and responsive structures
- **Strengthening institutions and bureaucratic systems** for institutional readiness for reforms
- **Responsive and decentralized local government reforms** to ensure effective delivery at grass root level
- **Instituting policies and austerity measures** for promoting accountability, meritocracy and transparency
- **Building national data systems**, ensuring coverage across all strata for representative planning, development & evaluation process





# Joining the global efforts to alleviate Poverty

- A new Ministry - Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division
- **Ehsaas**
  - Largest ever program to end poverty in Pakistan with allocation increased from Rs. 120 billion in 2018-19 to Rs. 190 billion in 2019-20
  - Bringing social protection initiatives under one umbrella
  - Multi-sectoral initiative implemented by 26 federal ministries
  - Four focus areas, 115 policy actions, pro-poor goals and measurable indicators for every ministry
  - Cross cutting positive impact expected along several SDGs





# Promoting Gender Participation

*A major lever impacting Pakistan's progress towards the SDGs*

Clusters	SDGs	Initiatives
Economic	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kifalat Program</b> to ensure financial and digital inclusion of 6 million women through the one woman one bank account policy</li><li>• 80,000 <b>interest free micro loans</b> awarded each month to women for establishing businesses</li></ul>
Social	       	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancing <b>women electoral participation</b></li><li>• Joint ownership for women in <b>PM housing program</b></li><li>• Special <b>initiatives for widows</b></li><li>• <b>Health and nutrition initiatives</b> focusing on women's well being</li></ul>
Environment	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women active participation in <b>Clean and Green Pakistan</b></li><li>• <b>Tahafaz</b> – inclusive financial assistance for protection against catastrophic events</li></ul>
Governance	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishing <b>women-only police stations</b></li><li>• <b>Bolo helpline</b> for women seeking support</li><li>• <b>Legislations and national frameworks</b> ensuring gender parity at all levels</li></ul>





# Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development

- Creating **fiscal space** for social sector investment by increasing the tax base, exploring innovative financing options and promoting tourism.
- Launching of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), establishment of Gwadar port, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for enhancing **employment opportunities** and **regional connectivity**
- Improving the ranking for the “**Ease of Doing Business**” which jumped by 11 points in just one year
- Enhancing electronic “**Web Based One Customs Platform**” for facilitation of exporting and importing



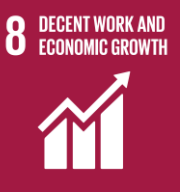
# Pakistani Youth - Our strongest drivers for sustained economic growth

- Launching the **Hunarmand Jawan** Program for providing technical and occupational training to enhance avenues of employability and increased productivity
- Developing and utilizing **intellectual capital** by investing in knowledge products and products based on cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Big Data & Cloud Computing, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology
- Promoting **entrepreneurial culture**, establishing Science & Technology / Industrial Parks, Incubators and Accelerators
- Focusing on less developed areas for **balanced and equitable development** across the board with additional allocation of PKR 50



# Our vision for a digital Pakistan

*An enabler for transforming economy*



- **Incentivizing industries** for leveraging technology to:
  - create opportunities for technology hubs and flourishing IT economy
  - enhance IT exports, citizen services, freelancing and telecommunications
  - increase Pakistan's IT exports to \$10 billion over the next 5 years
- **Developing online communities** and expanding the outreach for:
  - provision of social services
  - health promotion & health awareness campaigns
- **Developing and launching multi-communication satellite**
  - expected to contribute to socio-economic uplift of the country by:
    - directly contributing towards SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 9
    - indirectly impacting SDG 1, SDG11, SDG 13



# Climate Action - Clean Green Pakistan

*An opportunity to change our development from gray to green*

- **Clean Green Pakistan** initiative to boost climate response by:
  - rehabilitating and enhancing the country's forest cover
  - prioritizing on water conservation and storage
  - introducing climate-resilient food security measures
  - active participation of the government, civil society, and the students
- **Billion Tree Aforestation and Ecosystem Restoration Initiative**
  - Acknowledged by UN Environment, first winner of Bonn Challenge and recognized internationally
  - 10 Billion Tree Aforestation, building on the success of one billion tree initiative
  - Country wide expansion and scaled-up across sectors to cover a range of aspects
  - Contributing as a member of Nature Based Solutions at the forthcoming UNSG's 2019 Climate Action Summit
- **Climate budget coding** and expenditure tracking system in place, including mandatory allocation for environment in each development project

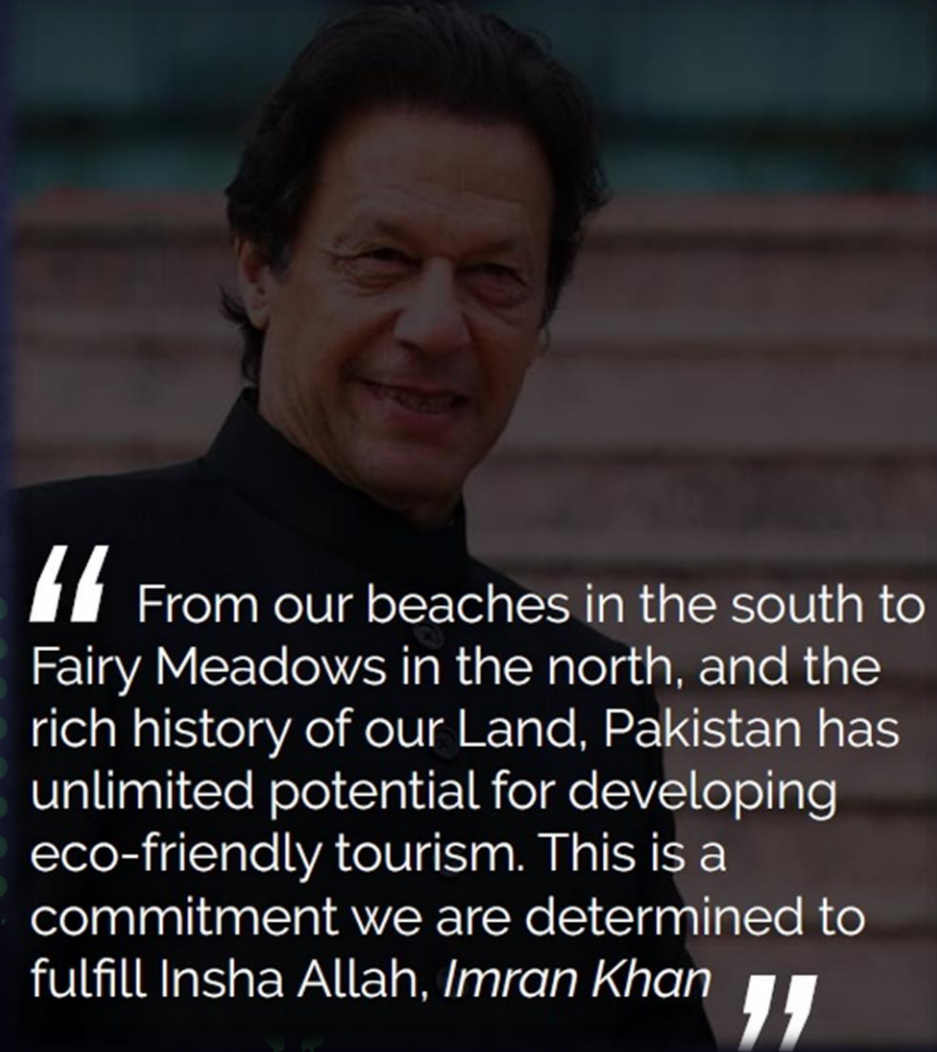




# Leveraging on Eco Friendly Tourism

*Respect for Environment & People*

13 CLIMATE ACTION



“ From our beaches in the south to Fairy Meadows in the north, and the rich history of our Land, Pakistan has unlimited potential for developing eco-friendly tourism. This is a commitment we are determined to fulfill Insha Allah, *Imran Khan* ”



# Strengthening partnerships for optimization

- Strengthening investments for **population planning**
- Leveraging the **demographic dividend** through investment in youth
- Enhancing capacities for policy coherence for **climate action**
- Introducing innovative sustainable **farming techniques**
- Exploiting prospects for **technology transfer** for economic growth
- Dedicated budget of Rs. 1388.3 billion for scaling up **regional connectivity**



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