



## Meeting with UNESCAP

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Date/time</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017, 12pm to 1pm
<b>Venue</b>	Committee Room, P&D Department
<b>Participants</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Muhammad Waseem, Chairman, P&amp;D Board</li> <li>2. Ms. Rehana Ghulam Ali Memon, Member (Development), P&amp;D Board</li> <li>3. Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand</li> <li>4. Mr. Naeem uz Zaffar, Chief Economist, P&amp;D Board</li> <li>5. Mr. Naseem-ul-Ghani Saheto, Director General, Bureau of Statistics</li> <li>6. Mr. Ali Ahmed Channa, Director, Bureau of Statistics</li> <li>7. Ms. Niveen Qadri, Communication and Advocacy/Acting Project Manager, SDGs Support Unit</li> </ol>
<b>Key Discussions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Introduction:</b> United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region, and is specifically engaged in result-oriented projects, technical assistance and capacity building of member states. They hold critical expertise in statistical analysis of data and development of databases and systems that aid in development decision-making.</li> <li>2. <b>Government of Sindh’s Efforts towards SDGs Implementation:</b> Government of Sindh has initiated a support project for SDGs implementation in Sindh, jointly-funded by Government of Sindh and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). “SDGs Framework for Sindh” is being developed, setting targets and road map for SDGs implementation in Sindh.</li> <li>3. <b>Data Gaps and Challenges:</b> Data collection remains a critical challenge and there are various capacity gaps that need to be addressed for GOS to be in a better position to establish baseline and report progress against SDGs.</li> <li>4. <b>Capacity-Building Opportunities:</b> UNESCAP conducts capacity-building around: data, systems innovation, multi-stakeholder coordination/engagement, and sectoral-specific policies (energy, environment, economic, and disaster risk reduction).</li> </ol>
<b>Actions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UNESCAP, following this consultation, will assess and propose interventions for capacity-building specifically for Sindh province.</li> <li>2. UNESCAP to share updates about its trainings and upcoming events that can provide valuable lessons and knowledge to Sindh province with the SDGs focal person, i.e. Project Coordinator/Member (Development), P&amp;D Board</li> </ol>