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## Chairman's Message

2023 had been a year woven with threads of both challenges and triumphs for NDMA showcasing not only its unwavering commitment in proactively safeguarding the nation against hazards such as Biparjoy Cyclone and flood in River Sutlej but also supporting brotherly countries in distress.



From first ever Pakistan Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction convened in August, followed by inauguration of state-of-the-art National Emergencies Operations Center in October to the training-simulation exercises and insightful contributions at global forums, throughout the year, NDMA's dedicated team ensured continuous engagement, forging stronger partnerships and amplifying Pakistan's view point on disaster preparedness. Besides, participation in global forums like COP28 in UAE and organizing first National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action in Islamabad, where discussions on climate change adaptation and mitigation took center stage, allowed NDMA to share Pakistan's experiences and learn from leading experts. Despite operating with limited resources, Pakistan has earned admiration for its adept handling of various disasters, setting an example for nations grappling with similar challenges across the globe.

With a fair understanding of risks associated with recurring disasters, the focus now necessitates not only reactive intervention against foreseen hazards but also proactive mitigation approach against unanticipated threats, demanding anticipatory actions beyond established protocols.

As the calendar year concludes, NDMA with unwavering resolve, is determined to proactively address climatic challenges unfolding into disasters and also empowering communities through enhanced preparedness at all levels, envisioning a future where predictable and decisive responses prevails.

With deep appreciation I acknowledge the exceptional engagement of all stakeholders, encompassing relevant Federal Ministries, Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, line departments, generous donors, and dedicated humanitarian organizations. Their invaluable contributions have demonstrably fortified Pakistan's disaster management system, empowering communities to confront diverse and evolving challenges with increased efficacy.

NDMA aims to maintain its accomplishments and elevate preparedness efforts, fortifying the resilience of People of Pakistan.

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## NDMA's Participation in 28th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP-28) in the United Arab Emirates

The 28th session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) in Dubai was the first Global Stock take, raising levels of expectations and putting high responsibility on parties for setting the stage for this decade. The negotiations extended beyond scheduled duration as countries worked tirelessly to bridge divisions and reach a consensus on a final text.

Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, alongside the Pakistan Delegation, fervently advocated for a groundbreaking climate deal that would compel nations to transition away from fossil fuels. He highlighted the innovative initiatives taken by the authority for proactive management through tech-based predictive modeling.

Chairman NDMA, during various activities at COP 28 underlined successful execution of envisioned National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) in record time, highlighting Pakistan as one of the first countries to fully remodel its Proactive Disaster Management System, incorporating high-tech processes and innovative solutions to enhance its resilience and preparedness.



# NDMA WITH PARTNERS ORGANIZED FIRST EVER NATIONAL DIALOGUE PLATFORM ON ANTICIPATORY ACTION FROM 19-20 DECEMBER

The two-days National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action was organized by NDMA with support of German Red Cross, WFP, PRCS, FAO, WHH, and UN OCHA.

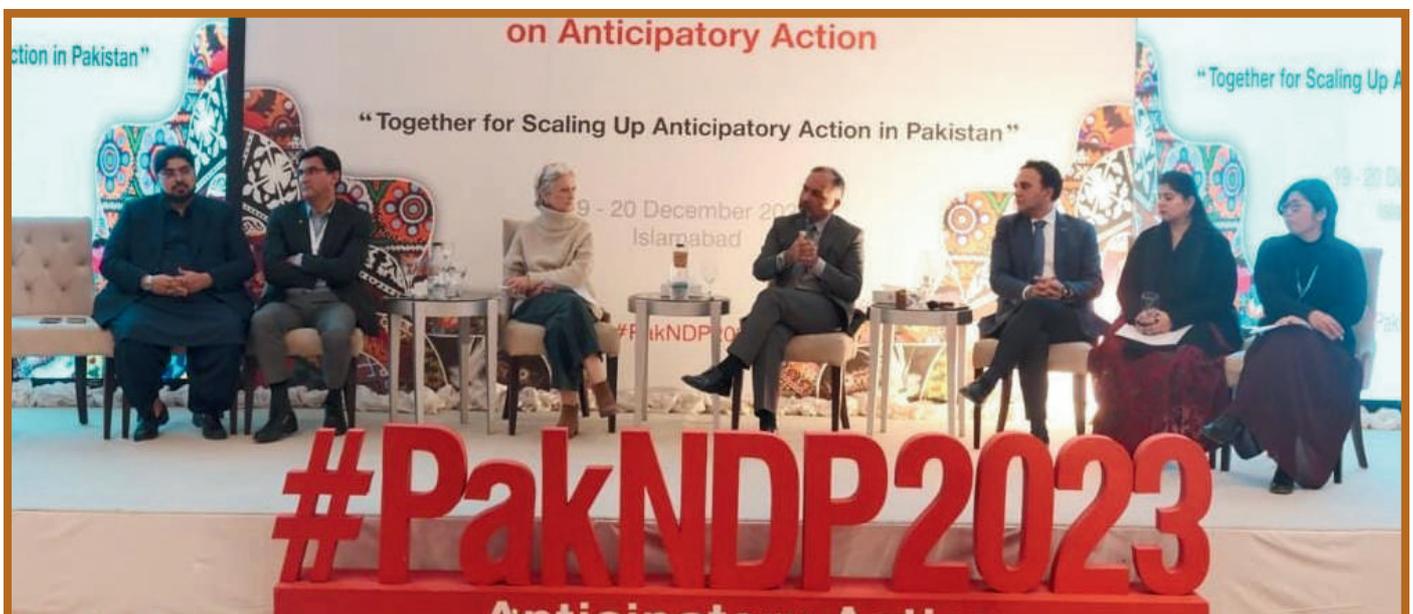
The discussions focused on fostering a common understanding and formulating practical recommendations to enhance the efficient implementation of anticipatory actions specifically in Pakistan. The dialogue was attended by disaster management stakeholders, including PDMAs, UN Agencies, NGOs/INGOs, academia and private sector.

During the two days sessions, experts were engaged in panel/group discussions that delved into various aspects, including disaster risk management structure, opportunities for anticipatory action in Pakistan, planning and financing, knowledge generation and the cultivation of partnerships for anticipatory actions.

Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen Inam Haider Malik highlighted the importance of anticipatory actions that have emerged as innovative way forward to act ahead of predicted disasters' to mitigate humanitarian, infrastructural and economic loses.

The Chairman NDMA while extending appreciation to the collaborative partners stated that the launch of this initiative is viewed as an initial step, and the expectation is that it will evolve into a more proactive and action-oriented strategy.

For conduct of the successful national dialogue, Chairman NDMA presented commemorative shields to the organizers.



# NDMA PARTICIPATED IN 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON (ICOIASS) HELD AT THE ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY, BAHAWALPUR



**Team NDMA participated in 3rd International Conference on Interdisciplinary Approach in Social Sciences titled "Building resilient and sustainable communities: Challenges and prospects" held at Islamia University, Bahawalpur on 12-13th December, 2023.**

**Manager NIDM Waseem Ahmed presented a comprehensive briefing on NDMA's role and operational mechanisms, focusing on the concept of "Proactive Disaster Management in Pakistan. The conference at Islamia University Bahawalpur has laid a solid foundation for interdisciplinary collaboration in environmental science and Agro-industry by bringing together diverse stakeholders and initiating practical programs like the Disaster Management course and research data exchange, the conference aims to make meaningful contributions to addressing the challenges and prospects of building resilient and sustainable communities globally.**



# STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

COP-28



Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik met with Mr. Abhas K. Jha, Practice Manager for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in the South Asia Region at the World Bank during COP28 in the UAE. They explored potential collaborations to enhance NEOC operations and strengthen capacity in disaster risk management.

The World Bank pledged support and expressed readiness for collaborations to strengthen the country's overall DRM system.

Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik briefed Mr. David Milliband, CEO of IRC, at COP28 about NEOC's pivotal role in preempting disasters for timely life and property-saving measures.

Mr. David Milliband outlined IRC's focus on Anticipatory Actions to prevent humanitarian disasters, expressing confidence in its significant impact



Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik presented Green Pakistan's initiative at a panel discussion titled, "Strengthening Delivery: Aligning Development, Humanitarian, and Climate Finance," hosted by IFAD & GCF during COP28 in UAE. He highlighted that Pakistan's proactive disaster management approach is focused on boosting capacities of first responders and locals to mitigate losses.

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Chairman NDMA and Deputy ED of GCF at COP28 discussed Pakistan's urgent need for GCF funding, particularly for climate adaptation and preparedness. NDMA's tech-driven proactive measures and the Green Initiative addressing food security's disaster impact were highlighted, with GCF pledging strong technical support and interest in collaborative climate-resilient projects for Pakistan.

Chairman NDMA underscored Pakistan's innovative disaster management solutions during a strategic engagement with Ms. Xiaohong Yang, ADB's Deputy Director General at COP28 UAE. This included the advanced NEOC utilizing indigenous technology for hazard forecasting and the concept of mobile NEOCs for swift remote response.

Ms. Yang pledged ADB's full technical and financial grant support for NEOC sustainability, with plans for NDMA to submit a proposal soon.



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**Chairman NDMA addressed the National Workshop at National Defense University, focusing on "Climate Change- Disaster Management/Risk Reduction in Pakistan He underscored the proactive role of the NDMA in mitigating the impacts of climate change. He elaborated on the capabilities of the NEOC in developing early warning systems to facilitate timely disaster alerts and support vulnerable communities.**

**A three-member delegation from the United Nations Office of Operations (UNOOPS) visited NDMA and held meeting with senior officials of the Authority. They explored avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation and collaborative efforts in tackling the mounting challenges of climate-induced disasters. Discussions centered around ongoing UN OPS projects in the region and future initiatives aimed at reinforcing infrastructure resilience to mitigate the detrimental impact of natural calamities.**



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NDMA conducted a briefing session for Pakistan's Armed Forces officers regarding the state-of-the-art National Emergencies Operation Centre (NEOC). The session encompassed a presentation detailing NEOC's capabilities in early warning systems, proactive preparedness, global engagement, and efficient risk communication.

Delegations from Ministry of Health and Medical Directorate led by Care Taker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan and Lt Gen Mohsin Muhammad Qureshi, Surgeon General of Pak Army visited NDMA.

Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik briefed the house on newly built National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC). The briefing also highlighted NDMA's dynamic role in managing pandemics, particularly its efforts during the COVID-19 outbreak in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Pak Army were also highlighted.



# NATIONAL THINK TANK NIDM ARRANGED TWO-DAY TRAINING ON RESILIENT URBAN PLANNING IN CLIMATE EXTREMES AT PESHAWAR



The two-days training titled 'Resilient Urban Planning in Climate Extremes' organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), held from the 19th to 20th December, 2023, at the Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar. The training served as a platform for highlighting the urgent need for multi-sectoral cooperation and knowledge exchange to address the complex challenges of climate extremes in urban areas. The event underscored the significance of resilient urban planning in the face of climate challenges and set the stage for continued efforts to build climate-resilient cities for the future.





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