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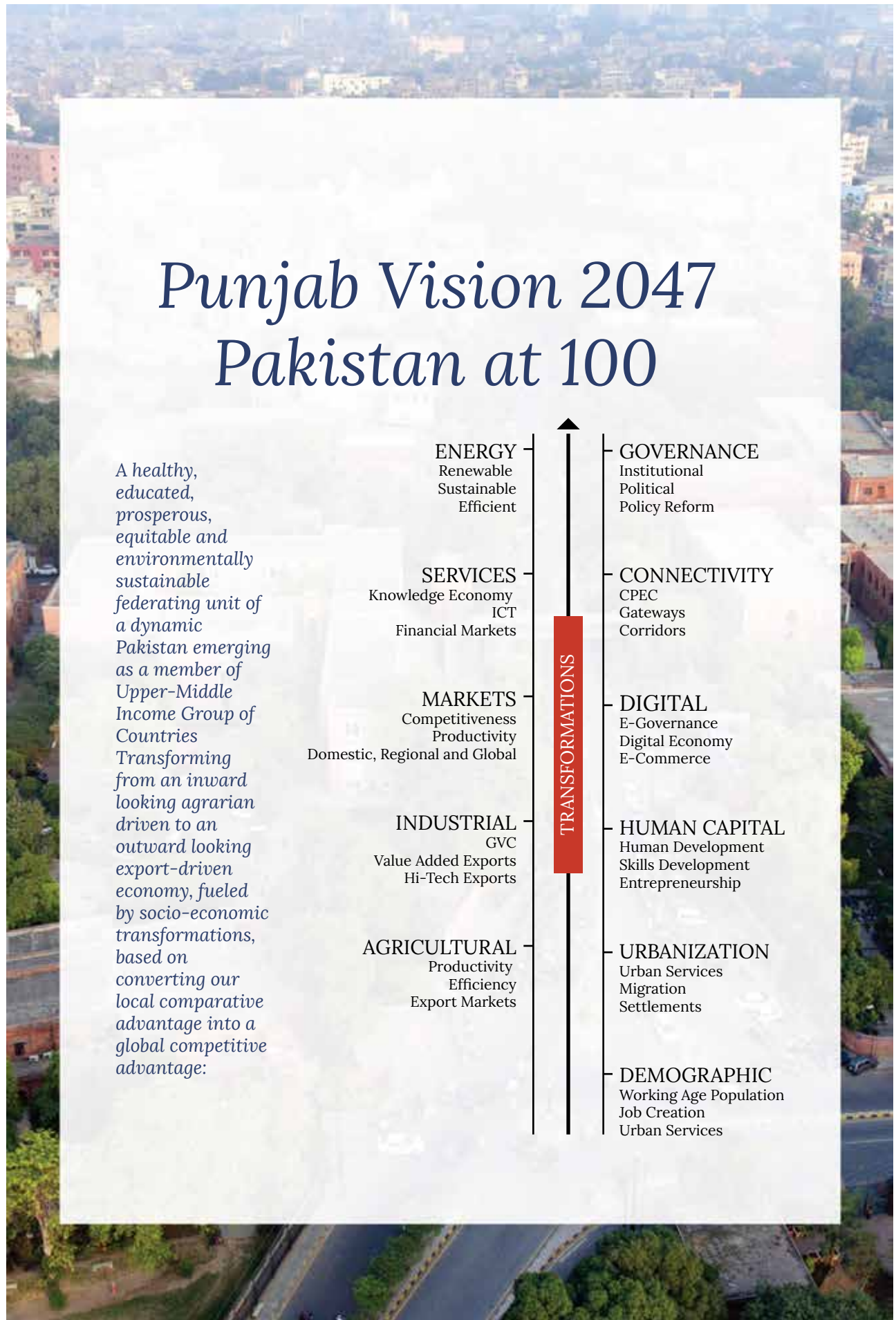
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## Visioning Exercise for Punjab Spatial Strategy

13/ DECEMBER 2017

After the completion of data acquisitions, analytical assessments, and analysis, a “Visioning Exercise” for Punjab Spatial Strategy (PSS) was organized to present the finding and draw roadmap for development. These analyses and portrait have highlighted spatial inequalities and need for economic development that can set Punjab on the trajectory for growth and performance. The basic purpose of this exercise was to gather stakeholder feedback from thought leaders.

Dr. Salman Shah Sr. Economist and consultant on PSS presented the major cities and growth nodes on the map of Punjab in order to highlight current spatial dynamics of Punjab. He elaborated on Social Progress Index and Human Capital Development Index along with their regional disparities in the province.



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**Dr. Salman Shah**  
Economist &  
Consultant on PSS

Districts in Punjab need to be looked at spatially in terms of development of industry, especially SME hubs. Goals for economic growth have to be set at an average pace of 11.4% every year till 2047 to become high income country.



**Dr. Kaiser Bangali**  
Economist and  
Consultant on PSS

We need to improve the poor quality of urbanization in Pakistan. The Provincial Government needs to upgrade its performance and the other provinces should work on their own spatial strategy exercises.



**Dr. Mujtaba Piracha**  
Secretary Industries,  
Commerce & Investment  
Department

Government is attempting to pass the right amount of industrial regulations to boost industrial zones, but implementation of PSS is the key element once the strategy is designed.



**Ms. Maleeha Bangash**  
MD, International  
Commission on Radiation  
Units and Measurements

Punjab needs to move towards value added economy in agriculture and Pakistan needs to add capital-intensive industry.



**Dr. Shujaat Ali**  
Former civil Servant

Private funding in SEZs and Public Private Partnership is of utmost importance to set the pace of industrial progress in the province.



**Dr. Nasir Javed**  
CEO, The Urban Unit

It is essential to consider the local, national and transnational perspectives of Punjab's economy when attempting to identify the potential growth nodes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Karachi International Water Conference - The Future of Water**

**21** DECEMBER 2017

Engr. Abid Hussaini Senior Specialist Strategic Management attended the 3rd Karachi International Water Conference "The Future of Water". It was a 2-day event with four major themes: rights and entitlements, science and technology, climate change and water economy. The conference aimed to bring the leading international and national experts together to share their views, findings and studies for a collective action plan. Conference Speakers included Dr. Salman Shah Former Finance Minister and Member Hisaar Foundation, Dr. Ishrat Hussain Former Dean and Director Institute of Business Administration, Rafay Alam Lawyer & Environment Activist and many other renowned professionals.



Visioning Exercise for PSS with Experts



Dr. Salman Shah addresses the Future of Water Conference

# PCGIP workshop for Institutionalization & Procurement Plans

04 DECEMBER 2017

The Urban Unit organized a one day workshop in which five cities (Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala and Multan) of Punjab Cities Governance Improvement Project (PCGIP) presented their institutionalization & procurement plans and future recommendations in presence of the World Bank and Provincial Department's representatives. The aim of the workshop was to discuss

achieved targets set for last four years, and to initiate work for institutionalization.

The workshop was attended by World Bank team Ms. Shahnaz Arshad, Ms. Uzma Sadaf & Mr. Shoaib Rashid, Deputy Secretary Housing, Moazzam Javed and representatives from MCs & WASAs.



## Key Achievements

*IDMAPs developed and operationalized in WASAs*

*ADPs of WASAs are aligned with IDAMP (80% by value)*

*A total of 29,350 assets of WASAs and MCs mapped*

*Financial Management System approved by WASAs*

*Punjab PPRA Rules are being implemented by MCs & WASAs for planning, procurement and contract management*

*Pension Management System operationalized in Lahore and Faisalabad. A total of 28,119 pensioners are registered.*

*Automated complaint grievance Redeem Systems related to Municipal Services operationalized and complaint data being used for planning purpose*

*Overall financial impact of On Source Revenue (OSR) in WASAs is PKR 1097 million*

*Websites are operational*

*Capacity Building*

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**Ms. Shahnaz Arshad**  
Task Team Lead, World Bank

World Bank will monitor the implementation of Integrated Development & Asset Management Plan (IDAMP) by validating the Procurement Plans with the notified/approved IDAMP of the entity.

**Uzma Sadaf**  
Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank

Regarding Procurement Plans of cities, it was directed to cities to rationalize the schemes duration for timely completion of all activities.

**Moazzam Jamil**  
Deputy Secretary HUD& PHED

With the PCGIP grant, WASAs have managed to improve their infrastructure to great extent that lead to improve service delivery.



# World Geographic Information System Day 2017 Celebrated @The Urban Unit

**15** DECEMBER 2017

GIS Day provides an international forum for users of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society. The Urban Unit celebrated GIS Day 2017 with more than 200 GIS professionals, managers, senior specialists and senior management team working on different GIS based projects.



# 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on China Urban Water Development



Engr. Abid Hussainy, Senior Specialist Strategic Management presented expedient information on water quality and treatment options under One Belt One Road Initiative.

# Training on Transport Modelling Software 'TransCad'



Dr. Murtaza Haider during the Training Session

**21** DECEMBER 2017

The Urban Unit arranged a 3-day Training on Transport Modelling Software 'TransCad'. Dr Murtaza Haider from Ryerson University Canada, a renowned professor and expert on Demand Modelling trained the participants. The participants were trained regarding various models used in the 4-stage transport demand modelling.

The training aimed at helping the participants to have a better understanding of methods used for gauging current and future mobility needs. The participants included transport professionals from TEPA, NESPAK, Engineering Consultancy Services Punjab (Pvt) Limited, Lahore Transport Company, Lahore Parking Company, Transport Planning Unit, Lahore Waste Management Company, Research & Development Unit, and University of Engineering and Technology Lahore.

# PSS Components discussed

**30** NOVEMBER 2017

Nadeem-ul-Haque, ex- Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, economist and writer visited Urban Unit.

Punjab Spatial Strategy team briefed him about the various components of the project and its achievements. He praised the work done by the team and also suggested some guidelines to follow in future.

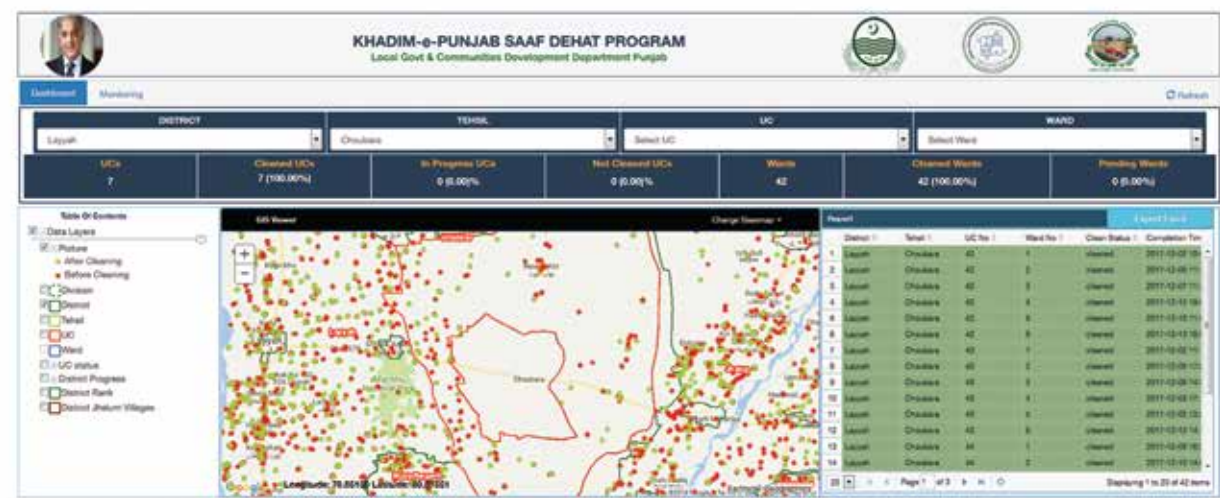


Glimpses from PSS Presentation

# Khadim e Punjab Saaf Dehat Program-Monitoring Dashboard developed

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After successful intervention to improve solid waste management in cities, the Punjab Govt. intends to improve sanitation services in rural areas also. A project entitled "Khadim e Punjab Saaf Dehat Program" for waste management has been launched by the Local Government & Community Development Department. The project aims at provision of waste collection and transportation services to the



rural areas. Union Councils have been asked to conduct one-time cleaning operations in their respective areas before execution of the project. In order to monitor the activities, the Urban Unit has been assigned the task of establishing a Monitoring Dashboard as a tool for monitoring all activities. The Urban Unit developed the dashboard and made it accessible to all stakeholders. Union Council representatives are required to submit pictorial evidence of waste heaps removal from their

respective areas during one-time cleaning operations and later during the project execution.

The Dashboard proved to be of great value for monitoring as more than 60,000 pictures were uploaded there in first 10 days. After successful implementation of the monitoring system, the Urban Unit has been asked to provide similar system and services for the whole project to be executed during 2018.



Provincial Minister LG&CD Muhammad Mansha ullah Butt chaired the Meeting

# The Urban Divide in limelight

14 DECEMBER 2017

The Regional Workshop on Access to Urban Services for Inclusive Development in Asia was organized by East-West Center Jakarta in partnership with the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia.

Dr. Kiran Farhan, Principal Aljazari Academy represented the Urban Unit and presented on 'Access to Urban Services for Political Inclusion and Social Equity' - a study based on Internal Migration in Lahore and Cross-border Migration in Peshawar with special emphasis on pace of urbanization and ratio of the provision of urban services in both cities.

The Workshop aimed at discussing the impact of government programs and decentralization policies and structural and institutional barriers to the access of residents of low-income urban settlements, including marginalized groups, to urban services in 5 countries namely Pakistan, India, China, Vietnam and Indonesia.

## Objectives

The objective of the workshop was to enhance the understanding of barriers to access to urban services in order to inform policy. It focused on:-

- ◆ Scale of deficits in access of marginalized groups to urban services including water and sanitation, health, education and other social exclusions in cities;
- ◆ Government decentralization policies and programs that attempt to accommodate the needs of marginalized groups;

◆ Institutional mapping to understand and assess the functional mandates and boundaries of the agencies that provide services/regulate the urban affairs of cities;

◆ Structural and institutional barriers to full engagement of marginalized groups in processes and mechanisms of local democracy including local elections,

accountability of local government, access to basic urban services, transparency in local governance and community based organizations and participation;

◆ Informing pro-marginalized group reforms with regard to urban policy and programs in selected cities for implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11.



Dr. Kiran Farhan representing the Urban Unit in Regional Workshop, Indonesia



## Progress on Segregation, Treatment & Disposal Facility, Sahiwal

### Urban Unit @ADB Workshop

14 DECEMBER 2017

CEO The Urban Unit presented during in Asian Development Bank's consultation Workshop 'Supporting Economic Corridor Development in Pakistan'. The workshop aimed to seek feedback of stakeholders in order to identify strategic policy interventions and regulatory framework to maximize the potential benefits of Economic Corridors Development. Other panelists included Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Dr. Salman Shah and Dr. Ijaz Nabi.

21 DECEMBER 2017

The senior team of Urban Unit led by CEO Dr. Nasir Javed presented on Segregation, Treatment & Disposal Facility for Sahiwal City to the Commissioner Sahiwal Division Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi and Zila Chairmen. Merits of the facility were explained during presentation. The waste treatment plant in the facility

would be operational by June 2018, however, Urban Unit would run a Pilot Compost Plant on the site from February 2018 onwards. This pilot project would help to optimize the operational parameters of whole facility. The compost produced would be assessed for its quality and will be used in collaboration with Parks & Horticulture Authority, Sahiwal. The recyclables would be sorted out and later sold to the interested buyers.



05 DECEMBER 2017

Leave No One Behind:

Women Empowerment  
**Ms. Memoona Arslan Bhatti**

Sr. Communication Specialist presented on the awareness seminar @ Government College for Boys, Lahore.



## Good-Byes

The Urban Unit wishes all the best to its staff leaving in anticipation of brighter future.



**Mr. Babar Inayat**  
Sr. Procurement Manager  
(January 2015 - November 2017)



**Mr. Tauseef Dilshad Khatana**  
Sr. Institutional Development Specialist  
(November 2015 - November 2017)

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## Jingle Bells @The Urban Unit

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