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Editorial

A Wake-Up Call on World Environment Day

As the world marks World Environment Day on May 5, Pakistan finds itself grappling with some of the most urgent environmental challenges of our time. Once considered seasonal anomalies, heatwaves have now become a deadly annual phenomenon, particularly in cities like Karachi and Jacobabad. With temperatures soaring beyond 50°C, vulnerable populations, especially laborers, children, and the elderly, are at extreme risk.

Compounding this crisis is an alarming water shortage. Once lush rivers like the Indus are drying at a rapid pace due to climate induced water shortage, poor water management, and upstream diversions. Southern parts of Sindh and Balochistan are experiencing drought-like conditions, pushing entire communities to migrate in search of water and sustenance. In many urban centers, access to clean drinking water is becoming a luxury rather than a basic right.

But these are just symptoms of deeper environmental neglect. Deforestation, unchecked urbanization, pollution from industries, and unregulated waste disposal are fueling the degradation of our ecosystems. Karachi, for example, generates over 12,000 tons of solid waste daily, much of which ends up in the Arabian Sea, threatening marine life and human health.

Despite these mounting challenges, environmental issues remain low on the national agenda. Pakistan must act decisively by investing in climate-resilient infrastructure, enforcing strict environmental regulations, and promoting community-based conservation. Citizens, too, must play a role by reducing plastic use, conserving water, planting trees, recycling, and holding leaders accountable.

This World Environment Day, let us not only reflect but commit to action. The cost of inaction is too high, not just for our environment, but for our future generations. It's time Pakistan treats environmental protection not as an option, but as a survival imperative.

Indus Consortium Joins National EV Dialogue in Lahore



Indus Consortium took part in the 2nd Electric Vehicle (EV) Conference organized by the Climate Action Center and PakEvo in Lahore. The event brought together key stakeholders including government representatives, civil society members, electric vehicle industry leaders, financial institutions, and technical experts. Discussions focused on the future of electric mobility in Pakistan, highlighting the potential of EVs and addressing the key challenges facing the industry. Speakers emphasized the critical role of policy, infrastructure, and financial support in accelerating EV adoption across the country.

As part of its ongoing initiative to support corporate sector decarbonization, Indus Consortium plans to launch a groundbreaking study on scope 3 emissions within Pakistan's automotive sector. This will be the first research of its kind in the country, aiming to assess the indirect emissions associated with the entire value chain of the automotive industry. The study will offer valuable insights into how businesses can reduce their overall carbon footprint and contribute to national climate goals.

Indus Consortium's involvement in the conference reflects its continued commitment to promoting sustainable transport and climate-friendly business practices in Pakistan.

Upcoming Event: Youth Cycle Rally for Environmental Justice

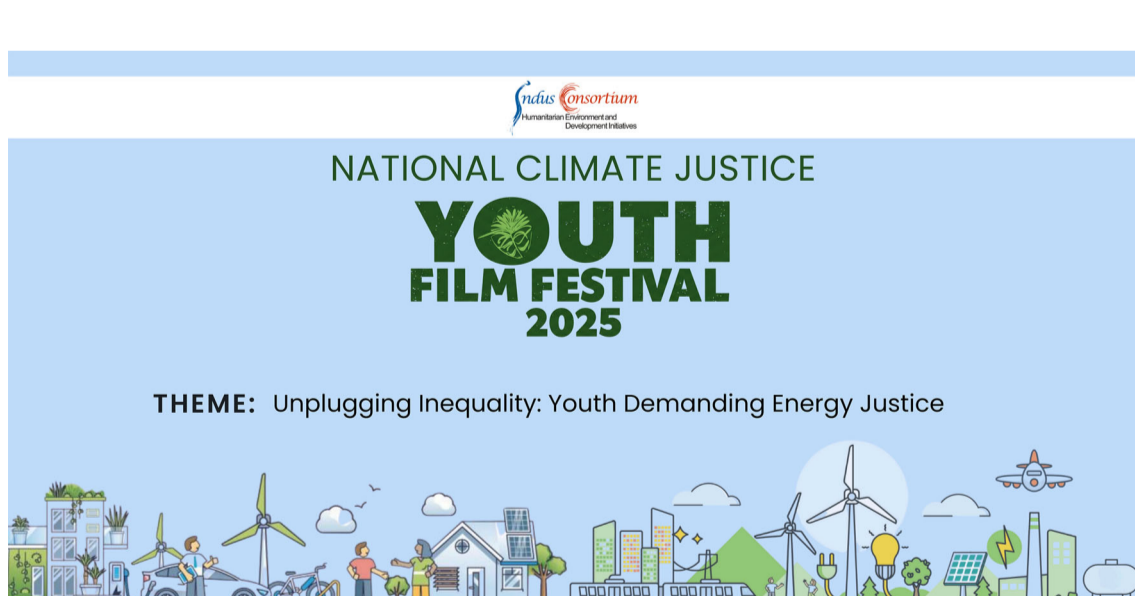


In connection with World Environment Day (celebrated globally on 5th June), Indus Consortium is organizing a Youth Cycle Rally on 4th May 2025 in Karachi.

This rally aims to raise awareness against the expansion of fossil Gas and LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) projects in Pakistan.

On World Environment Day, we are standing together to protect our environment, our communities, and our future.

Upcoming Event: National Climate Justice Youth Film Festival 2025



Indus Consortium is excited to announce the National Climate Justice Youth Film Festival 2025! This year's theme is "Unplugging Inequality: Youth Demanding Energy Justice," highlighting the crucial role of young people in advocating for clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

Access to energy is essential for ending poverty and enabling education, health, and entrepreneurship. Yet millions of youth, particularly in the Global South, still live without it. Traditional fossil fuel systems often fail youth needs, while renewable energy offers sustainable, community-driven solutions. Youth are not only beneficiaries but key drivers of the energy transition.

The festival invites students to submit short documentaries showcasing how energy access—or its absence—affects young lives and futures.

This year, seven universities are participating, including institutions from Sindh, Punjab, Baluchistan, and KPK — a significant expansion to include voices from across Pakistan. To support students, capacity building sessions will be conducted at participating universities, helping them better understand the theme and strengthen their storytelling skills.