



IUCN World Conservation Congress

Participation of the Pakistan Delegates

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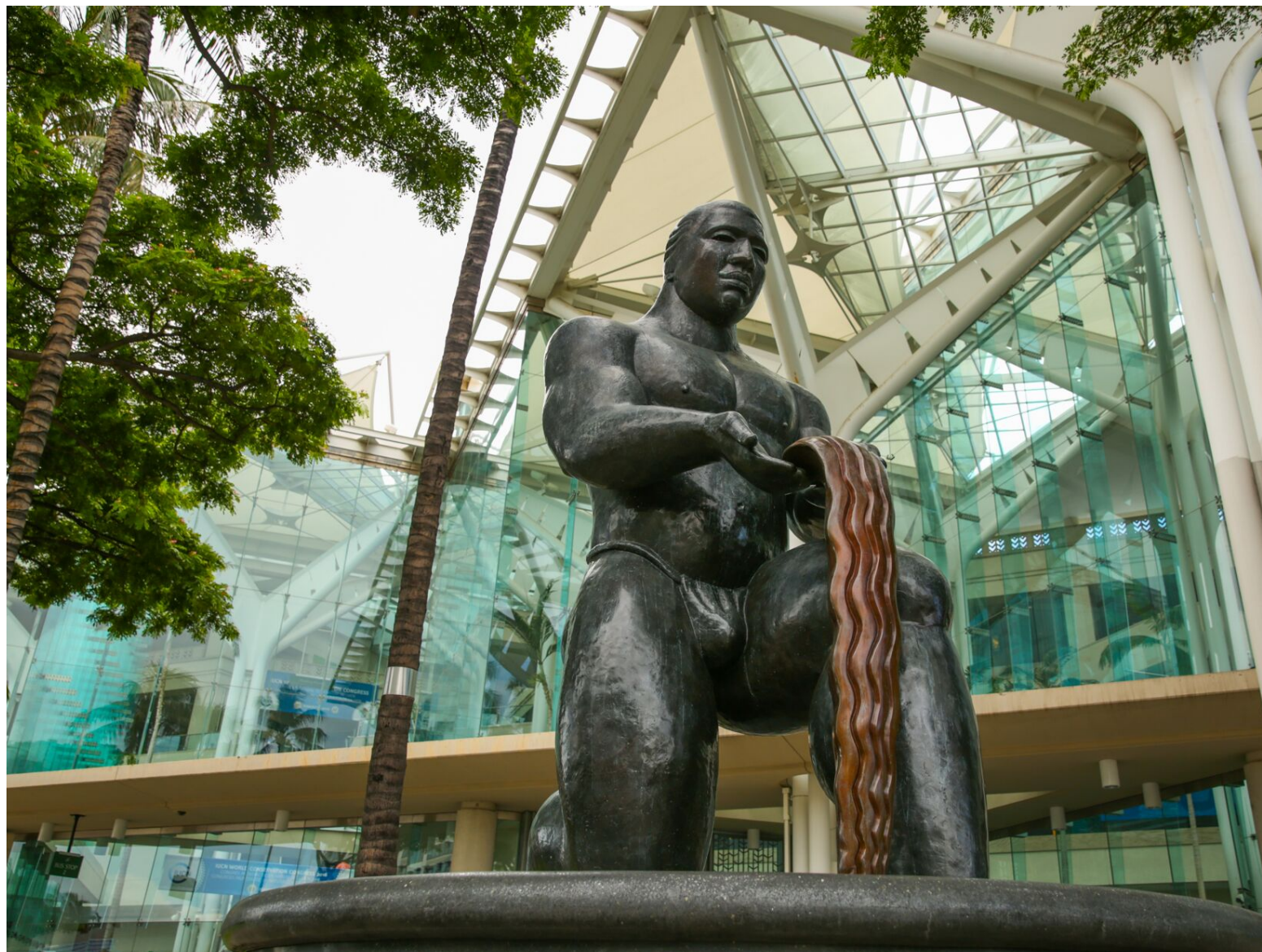
BACKGROUND

Held once every four years, the IUCN World Conservation Congress brings together several thousand leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business, and academia, with the goal of conserving the environment and harnessing the solutions nature offers to global challenges.

The Congress aims to improve how we manage our natural environment for human, social and economic development, but this cannot be achieved by conservationists alone. The IUCN Congress is the place to put aside differences and work together to create good environmental governance, engaging all parts of society to share both the responsibilities and the benefits of conservation.

The 6th IUCN Conservation Congress took place from **1-10 September** in the Hawaii Convention Center, in the Hawaiian capital, Honolulu. It was hosted by the State of Hawaii with the support of the Department of State of the USA.

In the 6th Congress more than 1,300 Member organizations exercised their rights, influence the global conservation agenda and guide IUCN's work plan for the four years to follow.



CONTRIBUTION OF THE IUCN PAKISTAN DELEGATES FROM PAKISTAN

Pakistan had a large delegation from Asia region comprising of 50 delegates. Out of the 42 Members from Pakistan 37 were in good standing and one representative from each of these members was sponsored. There was also a strong presence of the self-funded delegates from the member organizations. A reasonable number of IUCN staff from Pakistan also supported the event majority of them in the capacity of volunteers.

Some of the prominent activities of the contributions of the delegates are captured in this report to ascertain the contribution from Pakistan. The Pakistan delegates also participated in hundreds of other workshops, knowledge cafés, seminars, poster exhibitions, high level dialogues, presentations etc.

The activities of the members worth mentioning are enumerated below:





Pakistan National Committee Meetings

The Members of the Pakistan National Committee convened the coordination meetings regularly during the World Conservation Congress at the IUCN Secretariat to share the updates and experiences with other members and to discuss and debate on the strategy for seeking votes for the candidates from Pakistan.



ELECTION OF THE IUCN COUNCIL

Two persons from Pakistan submitted their nominations for the Election of IUCN Council. Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, former global IUCN Vice President and Regional Councillor submitted his nomination for re-election and Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani submitted her nomination for the position of the Chair, Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP). Mr. Malik Amin Aslam was re-elected as a Regional Council for Asia.



CONTRIBUTION BY THE IUCN MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The delegates from Pakistan actively participated in the World Conservation Congress some roles played by select members are as follows:

BAANHNBELI

Baanhnbeli organized a workshop titled: *A vulture conservation strategy: sharing an experience from Pakistan: looking to learn from others* at the WCC on September 05, 2016. The presentations were made by Dr. Muhammad Khan Marri from Baanhnbeli. The workshop was attended by a large number of participants.

Proceedings were conducted by Senator(r) Javed Jabbar. In the introductory remarks he highlighted the role of Baanhnbeli in promoting grass-root community development in the far-flung areas of Sindh and community participation in conservation of natural resources and awareness-raising about environmental issues in Pakistan.

The workshop shared the work of the project on vulture conservation jointly implemented by IUCN and Baanhnbeli for preparation of national vulture conservation strategy, supported under USAID Small Grants Ambassador's Fund in Nagarparkar, Tharparkar. The findings of that project were jointly presented during the IUCN World Conservation Congress.

A woman representative from Kenya in East Africa contributed the African perspective as



the vultures in this continent are facing similar threat. She stated that hundreds of birds are lost in certain African countries as fallout of the tribal conflicts during which poisons are injected into both living animals and carcasses of dead animals as a form of revenge. She said that her organization also works with local communities and officials of the Wildlife Department to control poisonous drugs and the use of toxic agro-chemicals in crops. Communities are trained and linkages are developed with law enforcement agencies to control poisonous medicines.

Other prominent dignitaries amongst the speakers were: Syed Abu Akif, Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan; Mr. Ms. Aban Marker-Kabraji, Regional Director, IUCN Asia; Dr. Maheshwar Dhakal, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal; Dr. Mohammad Ishtiaque, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh; Mr. S. Bharathi Dasan, Secretary, ARULAGAM, Ellappalayam, Coimbatore, India, the Head of a leading environmental NGO in Southern India; Dr. Narendra Man Babu Pradhan; Mr. Priya Ranjan Sinha, Country Representative, IUCN India; Mr. Mahmood Akhtar Cheema, Country Representative, IUCN Pakistan; and Dr. Scott Perkin, Senior Specialist from the Asia IUCN Regional office in Bangkok.

SHEHRI

Ms. Asma Javed shared the story of KALASH people and approached media at the WCC. She was interviewed by Liz Rubin of Ecodeo (Story telling for a sustainable future); Michael Daly an Artist who interviewed people in the Convention Hall; National Geographic Society with whom she also shared a copy of the case study on the Kalash people; Mr. Boris Vos of Founder Ranger Campus promised to share the story of the Kalash people amongst his contacts.

THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY OF PAKISTAN

The Cultural and Scientific Society of Pakistan showcased a poster titled: ***Inspiring Young Generation: Capacity Building for Conservation and Management of Ecosystem, Biodiversity and Protected areas through Training Workshops: A CEM, West Asia Successful Program Conduction in Pakistan, Qatar and Sultanate of Oman*** at the IUCN World Conservation Congress Forum. The poster portrayed the training workshops organized by the Regional Chair of the Commission of the Ecosystem Management, West Asia for enhancing the capacity of the experts of the Ecosystem Management in various countries of the West Asia.

THE KENTON MILLER AWARD

In appreciation of his efforts in the vicinity of Khunjerab National Park for improving the quality of life of the people of the area Prof. Ashiq Ahmad was awarded the Kenton Miller Award.

It is the first time that this award has been awarded to any person from South Asia region. It was in recognition of his role as an innovator and leader in promoting co-management.



Due to his efforts the partnership between government and the local people has been strengthened. Prof. Ahmad is contributing to the planning and management of the central Karakoram National Park, the establishment of a transboundary conservation area in partnership with China, and a Biosphere Reserve in the Karakoram-Pamir mountain ecosystem by adapting the co-management principles piloted in the Khunjerab National Park.

For more information on the award please visit the [Kenton Miller Award page](#).

PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY

Dr. Hina Saeed Baig was invited to make a presentation in an event organized on 3 September at the IUCN World Conservation Congress entitled "Blue Economy - Diving with Cetaceans: Bridging the Gap between Tourism and Conservation in South Asia". The event was at the Oceans and Islands Pavilion. Dr. Baig presented the country report on Cetaceans entitled: "A Country Report on Cetaceans from Pakistan". It was well received by the audience.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Research and Development Foundation screened a documentary on spate irrigation: Potential and challenges in Sindh, on 5 September 2016 in the 'Water Pavilion' of the IUCN World Conservation Congress. The documentary focused on how the flash floods can create opportunities to improve environment and livelihoods of the communities, living in hilly areas. The event was attended by approximately 50 participants of the IUCN World Conservation Congress. At the conclusion there was a question/answer session about the documentary. Mr. Ashfaq Soomro of Research and Development Foundation responded to the questions. The event was very well received by the participants.



MOTION BY INDUS EARTH TRUST

Indus Earth Trust submitted a Motion for declaring Astola Island as a Marine Protected Area that was adopted by a majority votes in the IUCN Members Assembly at the IUCN World Conservation Congress:

The content of the adopted Recommendation is provided below:

055 - Declaration of Astola Island as a Marine Protected Area

Latest version in this language: *Version as adopted through electronic ballot prior to Congress |*

NOTING that there is no Marine Protected Area off the coast of Pakistan;

AWARE that fishing communities are suffering from a lack of fish stock owing to over-fishing by large trawlers that come within the 15-mile zone allocated for local fishing only;

FURTHER AWARE that the Government of Pakistan scheduled Astola Island as a Marine Preserve in 2007;

RECALLING IUCN's strong commitment to the conservation of marine species and habitats, as reflected in past Resolutions and Recommendations, such as Resolution 5.076 *Accelerating the global pace of establishing marine protected areas and the certification of their effective management*(Jeju,2012);

BELIEVING IN the importance of Marine Protected Areas for increasing marine biodiversity;

ACKNOWLEDGING that all stakeholders, governmental and private, must be on board from the beginning, with clear No Objection Certificates (NOCs) being issued by all Federal and Provincial Departments;

ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING both the need for fishing communities to thoroughly understand that a Marine Protected Area will eventually be for their benefit, and the need for alternative livelihoods to be encouraged and supported by all stakeholders, especially non-governmental organizations that work along the coast; and

RECOGNISING that sustainable funding mechanisms must be in place for at least ten years;

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:

1. CALLS ON the Director General, Commissions and Members to support and endorse the establishing of Astola Island as a Marine Protected Area in Pakistan;

2. REQUESTS the Director General, with the assistance of Council, Commissions and Members, to assist both technically and intellectually with the methodology for establishing such a Marine Protected Area;
3. ALSO REQUESTS the Director General to encourage Members to support further research pertaining to a Marine Protected Area at Astola Island; and
4. URGES State and Government Agency Members in Pakistan to support the establishment of this Marine Protected Area and to help formulate effective legislation to protect the Marine Protected Area for at least five years from its inception in the field.

Mr. Tahir Rashid

Commission Member

**Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) and
The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)**

Mr. Tahir Rashid was invited as an expert and panelist at a side event “Mega Cities and Watershed Management”. The session focused on showcasing the experience of IUCN and other partners in the area of landscape and ecosystem restoration of watersheds on which the megacities are dependent. A few case studies like *Restoration of Miyun Watershed in Beijing Municipality*; and *Dongjiang Watershed in China* demonstrated key successes and how remote sensing, ecosystem assessment, landscape restoration, community based pollution and resource management etc. can jointly build stronger natural water infrastructure for urban water security. The event comprised four presentations and a panel of 5 experts presenting their experiences with working on the forest landscape and



ecosystem based restoration of watersheds of megacities in China and other places. The empirical examples enabled the audience to understand and subsequently uptake for replicating the restoration efforts for similar watersheds across the world.

Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan

Mr. Naseebullah Khan Bazai, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Government of Balochistan presented the Balochistan perspective at the Water Pavilion during the session on Water Conservation issues in the Arid and Semi-Arid Zones. He also presented the Balochistan perspective on the Integrated Water Shed Management for recharging ground water aquifers during the screening of the Ground Water Solar Pump video by AWAZ Foundation.



Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, former IUCN Vice President and Regional Councilor

Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, former IUCN Vice President and Regional Councilor participated as a Chair and a Panelist in various IUCN high level Sessions.

Detail of his participation is as follows:

Date and time	Event
5th September 0:500 pm to 07:00 pm	Panelist of a session on "Conservation Finance"
6th September 10:00 am to 10.30 am	Presented the Council performance report along with President and all VPs
7th September 09:45 am to 11:45 am	Panelist of a High Level session at the Members Assembly on "Building Constituencies for Nature"
9th September 03:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Chaired Members session to elect the next President of IUCN

Awaz Foundation Pakistan – (CDS)

Awaz Foundation Pakistan – (Centre for Development Services) screened the documentary of its flagship program on clean energy and safe waters for poor and marginalized farmers titled: *Rising with the Sun*. The screening was held at the Water Pavilion of the Congress and was attended by representatives of various national and global organizations including Water Aid UK, IUCN's Commission Members, high level government officials and members of the IUCN Pakistan National Committee.



At the conclusion there was a questions/answers session on the success of the program and appreciation by the participants on the role of Awaz Foundation Pakistan in promoting alternate energy sources and providing safe water to marginalized communities for drinking and irrigation purposes.

The URL to the documentary is: <http://awazcds.org.pk/rising-with-the-sun/> or at <https://vimeo.com/67220717?ref=fb-share>

Meetings with the IUCN's Youth Ambassador

Mr. Zia-ur-Rehman had a detailed meeting with the IUCN's Youth Ambassador to discuss the possibilities of connecting the Pakistani youth with the efforts being made by her. He also presented to her a brief introduction of the Pakistan Parwan Alliance – PPA- an alliance of young people working for building youth friendly health services and making efforts to ascertain the effects of Climatic Change on reproductive health of young people and women.



IUCN Pakistan

Mr. Mahmood Akhtar Cheema, IUCN Country Representative made presentations on Mountains of South Asian; Pakistan Sustainable Forest Management; and Affects of Climate Change on Water Resources during different events during the Congress.



DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE IUCN PAKISTAN MEMBERS BY THE CHAIR, PNC

The Chairperson, Pakistan National Committee hosted a dinner in honor of the members at Bombay Restaurant located in Hawaii. He also presented the IUCN Pakistan Annual Report 2015 to the President at the meeting of the IUCN Asia Members Regional Committee meeting.



WCC SPONSORSHIP TO THE PAKISTAN MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

38 of the IUCN Pakistan's Member organizations received sponsorship for participating in the IUCN World Conservation Congress:

The list of the sponsored organizations and their delegates who participated in the WCC is provided below:

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Delegate</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1.	Mr. Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman	AWAZ Foundation Pakistan
2.	Mr. Javed Jabbar	Baanhn Beli
3.	Mr. Nadir Gul	Balochistan Rural Support Programme
4.	Mr. Nasrullah Khan	Centre for Peace and Development
5.	Mr. Anees Khan	Haashar Association
6.	Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Zaor	Health and Nutrition Development Society
7.	Mr. Suhail Awan	Human Resource Development Network
8.	Mr. Shahid Sayeed Khan	Indus Earth Trust
9.	Mr. Roomi Hayat	Institute of Rural Management
10.	Mr. Khalid Usman	Khwendo Kor
11.	Mr. Hina Lotia	LEAD - Leadership for Environment and Development
12.	Syed Abu Ahmad Akif	National Council for Conservation of Wildlife, Ministry of Environment
13.	Dr. Hina Saeed Baig	National Institute of Oceanography
14.	Mr. Mirza Moqem Baig	National Rural Development Program
15.	Mr. Muhammad Ajmal Khan	New World Hope Organization
16.	Mr. Dominic Stephen Sona	Participatory Village Development Program
17.	Mr. Naseebullah Khan Bazai	Planning and Development Department, Government of Balochistan
18.	Mr. Masood Ahmed Mahesar	Research and Development Foundation
19.	Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Gill	SACAN Foundation
20.	Dr. Muhammad Zaheer Khan	Scientific and Cultural Society of Pakistan
21.	Ms. Amra Javed	Shehri: Citizens for a Better Environment
22.	Mr. Iqbal Nafees Khan	Sindh Coastal Development Authority, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh
23.	Mr. Asim Ali Syed	Society for Empowering Human Resource
24.	Mr. Naseer Ahmed Memon	Strengthening Participatory Organization
25.	Ms. Zubeda Yousuf	Trust for Conservation of Coastal Resources
26.	Mr. Faisal Safdar	SUNGI Development Foundation
27.	Mr. Pervez Iqbal	Water, Environment and Sanitation Society
28.	Mr. Amjad Rashid Qureshi	Taraqee Foundation
29.	Mr. Ali Raza Khan	Planning and Development Department,, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
30.	Ms. Meher Noshirwani	Candidate for CEESP Chair
31.	Mr. Malik Amin Aslam	Candidate for Regional Councillor, West Asia's seat
32.	Mr. Yousuf N. Khokhar	Secretary, Planning Commission of Pakistan

Self-funded member delegates:

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| 1. Dr. Shankar Lal | Baanhn Beli |
| 2. Dr. Muhammad Khan Marri | Baanhn Beli |
| 3. Mr. Muhammad Younus Bhandhani | Baanhn Beli |
| 4. Mr. Ashfaqee Soomro | Research and Development Foundation |
| 5. Mr. Israr Hussain | Institute of Rural Management |
| 6. Ms. Samia Imran | Institute of Rural Management |
| 7. Mr. Tahir Rashid | Balochistan Rural Support Programme |
| 8. Prof. Ashiq Ahmad Khan | IUCN Commission Member |

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| 3. Mr. Shibly Humanyun | IUCN Pakistan |
| 4. Mr. Azhar Saeed | IUCN Pakistan |
| 5. Mr. Hammad Saeed | IUCN Pakistan |
| 6. Ms. Sadia Tabasum | IUCN Pakistan |
| 7. Mr. Umair Khan | IUCN Pakistan |
| 8. Mr. Azfar Ansari | IUCN Pakistan |

Write-up on the IUCN World Conservation Congress

A Write-up on the IUCN World Conservation Congress by Mr. Javed Jabbar was published in 'The News' on October 20, 2016. He is a former global IUCN Vice President and the IUCN Regional Councillor, Asia for two terms i.e. 2004-2008 and 2008-2012. (Copy attached as Annexure)

Follow-up

It was planned to organize the follow-up meetings of the PNC Members after returning from the IUCN World Conservation Congress to prepare an action plan so that the objectives could be achieved. Two of the follow-up meetings have been organized in Karachi and Quetta. A meeting is being planned to be held in Islamabad in the near future.



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