



***Preparing Pakistan to Avail Loss and Damage Fund (L&DF) for Green Transformation***

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***Abstract***

Loss and Damage Fund (L&DF) is a significant turning point in acknowledging the inequities of climate change. The proposed L&DF to address climate change injustices can provide crucial resources for climate resilience and sustainable development. The devastating 2022 floods in Pakistan underscored the urgency of establishing climate finance for losses and damages from climate catastrophe. However, Pakistan's technical and institutional capacity constraints impeded attracting international climate finance in the past. To access the fund effectively, Pakistan must invest in technical capacity, promote inter-agency cooperation, foster stakeholder cooperation, develop a national policy position, engage experts as well as local stakeholders, target multiple funding options, and establish a dedicated agency with the necessary authority and resources. Furthermore, Pakistan must engage with the relevant Transition Committee to develop modalities to enhance the prospects of funding for Pakistan. Nevertheless, L&DF should be fair, just, inclusive, fit for purpose, directly accessible to climate-vulnerable developing countries, and adequately funded. This requires establishing effective mechanisms such as impact monitoring, need assessments, and progressive and sustainable initiatives.