Strengthening Climate Action: Priorities and Proposals for Effective Implementation

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Pakistan's National Adaptation Plan (2023) and NDC 3.0 (2025) set out the direction for climate resilience. The immediate challenge is to translate these commitments into funded, implementable and accountable action at provincial and district levels. The revised PC-I framework provides for climate-risk assessment and links to national climate goals, but effective adaptation also depends on how priorities are selected, budgeted, delivered and monitored.

With COP31 approaching in Antalya (9-20 November 2026), the discussion will connect Pakistan's subnational delivery challenges with the wider political economy of climate action: adaptation finance, fiscal constraints, equitable access to international support and accountability for results. It will focus on provincial coordination and ways to move adaptation plans into the public investment cycle, while ensuring that vulnerable communities benefit.

Given the above backdrop, the main objectives of this session will be to:

- Explore how provincial adaptation priorities can be embedded in project identification, PC-I appraisal, budgeting, implementation and monitoring.
- Clarify federal, provincial and district responsibilities, with measurable results, transparent reporting and community accountability.
- Identify financing and institutional measures that can turn adaptation priorities into credible, investment-ready projects.
- Connect locally grounded implementation evidence with Pakistan's adaptation priorities and finance discussions ahead of COP31.

Speakers will address the following questions:

1. What would help provinces convert adaptation plans into approved, funded and monitored development projects?
2. How can federal, provincial and district institutions coordinate responsibilities and make adaptation results publicly accountable?
3. In a global climate finance system shaped by unequal resources and fiscal pressures, how can adaptation support reach provincial and local projects more predictably and fairly?
4. Ahead of COP31, what should Pakistan seek on adaptation finance and implementation accountability, and how can provincial evidence strengthen its position?

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