



Pakistan's SDGs and Polycrisis: How are we Faring?

Panel Discussion

As the world reaches the midway point to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is imperative to evaluate the progress made and the challenges faced. The recently released *'The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition'* by the United Nations paints a concerning picture, indicating that more than half the world is being left behind in the pursuit of these critical goals. Progress on key targets related to poverty, hunger, and climate has been weak or even reversed in some cases. In this context, the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Aga Khan University is organising this panel to shed light on Pakistan's journey towards achieving the SDGs in the midst of multiple crises, particularly in the context of what has been termed a '[polycrisis](#)' era. This polycrisis encompasses challenges such as the lingering effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, climate change, environment, health, and geopolitical disruptions, all of which impact progress towards the SDGs. Additionally, the neoliberal economic approach, has posed challenges to public health sectors and global supply chains, affecting the well-being of citizens and resilience against crises.

The discussion will:

- Evaluate Pakistan's progress towards achieving the SDGs in the midst of the polycrisis.
- Highlight the interconnected challenges of climate change, pandemics, environment, health and economic vulnerabilities.
- Discuss the need for multilateral collaboration and reforms to support developing countries in their SDG journey.
- Explore the concept of 'interconnected approach' and its potential to deliver integrated solutions.
- Showcase success stories from Pakistan.
- Promote a deeper understanding of the SDGs and the importance of comprehensive, sustainable development approaches.

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