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UN chief calls for eliminating 'poison of anti-Muslim hatred'; Pakistan endorses

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for action to stamp out the "poison" of anti-Muslim hatred, as the world body marked the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, observed March 15. (Details on Page 5)



Women contribution to Kashmir freedom struggle laudable: Mushaal

Chairperson of Peace and Culture Organization, Mushaal Hussain Mullick lashed out the fascist notorious Narendra Modi-led government for using women as weapon of war in Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), whose lives, security, dignity and honour have been snatched by Indian occupation forces to quell the freedom movement. (Details on Page 5)

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Livestock sector consultations successfully held in Karachi for GRASP

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Department of Livestock, Sindh in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC) successfully held the 2nd round of sector consultation for livestock related industries on the 14th and 15th of March 2023 at the Movenpick hotel, Karachi, Sindh. The consultation aimed to validate the meat, dairy and leather value chains being developed under the Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) project, funded by the European Union. The project is geared towards supporting sustainable economic growth of rural communities in the Provinces of Sindh and Balochistan, in Pakistan.

As part of the sector strategy design process, for each sector, a Core Team comprising of relevant private and public sector members was identified, and a series of consultations were held where the participants discussed the challenges faced by the industry and identified opportunities to improve the value chains, increase productivity and efficiency, and enhance market access. These consultations paved way to the development of the draft strategy documents for each of the prioritized sectors, which contain in-depth diagnosis, plans of action, and implementation mechanism.

The second consultation served as a platform for the Core Team as well as other relevant stakeholders to discuss and validate each component of the strategy document, it also improved the buy-in from key stakeholders, quality, and effectiveness of the Sector strategies.

Mr. Tameezuddin Khero, Secretary, Department of Livestock, Sindh, highlighted the importance of the consultation. "We cannot realize the full potential of the livestock sector without a clear and coherent strategy. The importance of designing sector development strategies has been recognized due to the lack of strategic work done in these areas. Thanks to the support of the European Union and International Trade Centre through GRASP, we are updating and improving our policies and plans with the objective of fostering a more productive and collaborative relationship between the

public and private sectors, ultimately reducing distrust and increasing the sector's potential for growth."

Mr Rizwan Tariq, GRASP Provincial Lead Sindh, said the sector strategies will have profound impact on the livestock sector. By zooming in on the dairy, meat, and livestock, stakeholders from government of Sindh, entrepreneurs, and private sector representatives have come together to ensure the strategy is well rounded and all inclusive.

Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress is working on uplifting the business environment of SMEs in 22 districts across Sindh and Balochistan, focusing on the Livestock, Agriculture, and Horticulture sector.