

PROPOSED PROGRAM (TENTATIVE)

TIME	DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES
Day-1 (Tuesday), 23rd Sep.2025	
OPENING CERMONY	
09:00am to 09:30am	Registration & Networking
09:30 am	Arrival of the Chief Guest
09:30 am to 09:35am	National Anthem
09:35 am to 09:40am	Recitation from Holy Quran Muzamil Khan
09:40 am to 09:45am	Overview of the conference objectives & expected outcomes – Dr Saqib Nawaz (Co-Chair Management)
09:45am to 09:55am	Welcome remarks Engr. Syed Zaheer Hussain Gardezi , Chairperson Conference Committee
09:55am to 10:10am	Keynote Speech by Mr. Han Heijnen , President International Rainwater Alliance (IRHA), Switzerland – <i>“Global Perspectives on Rainwater Harvesting: traditional practices, promising developments and growing uptake”</i>
10:10am to 10:20am	Address by the Guest of Honor (<i>Federal Ministry GoP</i>), Policies & Plans
10:20am to 10:40am	Address by the Chief Guest
10:40am to 11:00am	Souvenir presentation & Group Photo
11:00am to 11:30pm	Tea Break & Networking
PLENARY:(Rainwater Harvesting & Management -Regional & Global Perspective) Session Chair: Dr. Shakeel Khan , Advisor to World Bank Pakistan, Water Resource Planning and Management Expert	
11:30pm to 01:30pm	Country Overview of Rainwater Conservation Potential, Initiatives, Challenges and Future plans (Quantity, Quality, Technical Designs, Policy, Utilization, Financial & Social Aspects etc.) Dr. Tanuja Ariyananda, CEO Lanka Rainwater Harvesting Forum, Chairperson SARNET, SRI LANKA: Tradition to Policy: Journey of Mainstreaming Rainwater Harvesting in Sri Lanka Engr. Syed Zaheer Hussain Gardezi, Civil & Environmental Engineer, Social Sector Development Professional, former DG ERRRA GoP, Member SARNET, PAKISTAN: Promotion of Rainwater Harvesting in Pakistan; Historical & Progressive Perspective Engr. Mr. Ramdeep Sah, Chairperson, Smart WASH Solutions Kathmandu, NEPAL: Rainwater Harvesting Promotion and Challenges in NEPAL Mr. Zahid Hossain, Waste Management Specialist, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperative, Bangladesh: Climate-Induced Water Scarcity in Bangladesh: Exploring Adaptation via Rainwater Harvesting Ms Dhanushi (India), Rainwater Harvesting Management: Regional and Global Perspective-India

	6. Macpherson Trouble Nthara, President, Rainwater Harvesting Association of MALAWI: <i>Rainwater Harvesting and Management; Opportunities for Enhancing Climate Resilience and Building a Green Economy in Malawi, Central Africa</i> 7. Ms. Karma Uden, Program Manager, Tarayana Foundation Tarayana Centre Thimphu BHUTAN: <i>Community-Led Springshed Management for Water Security in Bhutan: A Nature-Based Solution to drying springs in Bhutan</i> 8. Mr. Javad TABATABAEE YAZDI, Assist. Prof. (Retired). Board member, Iranian rainwater catchment systems association. IRAN: <i>Floodwater Harvesting, Promising Solution for Water Scarcity in Arid Regions. A case study from IRAN</i> 9. Prof. Dr. Abdul Qayyum Karim, Faculty of Engineering, Kabul University, AFGHANISTAN: <i>Rainwater Harvesting Practices to Enhance MAR and Mitigate Climate Risk in Afghanistan</i>
01:30pm to 01:45pm	Souvenir Presentation & Remarks by the Chairperson Plenary Session
01:45pm to 02:15pm	Lunch & Prayers Break
TECHNICAL SESSION-Day-1 (Rainwater Harvesting Practices & Potentials in Pakistan) Session Chair: Dr. Tanuja Ariyananda , CEO Lanka Rainwater Harvesting Forum, Chairperson SARNET	
2:15pm to 3:30pm	Presentations on Best Practices & Researches on Land Surface Rainwater Harvesting Systems (Quantity, Quality, Technical Designs, Policy, Utilization, Financial & Social Aspects etc.) 1. Dr. Saqib Nawaz, Research Scientist, King Abdullah University of Science Tech. (KAUST), SAUDI ARABIA: <i>Stormwater soakage pits for groundwater recharge</i> 2. Mr. Javed Ali Khan, HPM cum Senior Advisor-UNHABITAT: <i>Rainwater harvesting prospects and potentials in Pakistan.</i> 3. Md. Shahadat Hossain, Managing Director & CEO, ONUSHANDHANI CREEDS LTD. (O. CREEDS), BANGLADESH: <i>Rainwater Harvesting (RWH): a critical solution for water-scarce 22 coastal towns affected by salinity from rising sea levels in Bangladesh</i> 4. Dr. Ghulam Zakir Hassan Sial, Director, Irrigation Research Institute, Govt. of the Punjab: 5. Mr. Ashfaq SOOMRO, Programme Manager, Meta Meta Research B.V.: <i>"Building flood resilience in Pakistan: Lessons from 2022 floods".</i> 6. Mr. Tanmay Pisolkar, Vice President Water Security Raah Foundation Mumbai, Maharashtra, INDIA: <i>Rainwater to Resilience: Building Sustainable Future in Ecologically Fragile Western Ghats</i>
03:30pm to 03:45pm	Q & A Session
03:45pm to 04:00pm	Souvenir Presentation & Remarks by the Chairperson Technical Session-1
04:00pm to 04:30pm	Tea Break, Networking & Closing of Day-1
DAY-2 (WEDNESDAY), 24th Sep. 2025	

PLENARY SESSION (RAINWATER HARVESTING BY UN-AGENCIES & I/NGOs)

Session Chair: Dr Nasir Javed, former CEO Urban Unit Punjab

09:00am to 10:30am	Presentations on Best Practices & Research Papers on Roof-Top Rainwater Harvesting Systems (Quantity, Quality, Technical Designs, Policy, Utilization, Financial & Social Aspects etc.) Mr. Tayyab Malik, Deputy Director P&D, Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA): <i>Urban Flooding in Lahore and WASA initiatives</i> Dr. Naveed Iqbal, Regional Researcher – Hydrologist, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Pakistan “<i>Groundwater Recharging & Technical Aspects of Rainwater Harvesting</i>”. Mr. Dilshad Arshad, Director (Hydrology), PCRWR: <i>PCRWR’s Experience in Rainwater Harvesting and Managed Aquifer Recharge: Building Resilience Against Climate Stress.</i> Dr Khalid Mahmood, Associate Professor University of Punjab: <i>From Orbit to Aquifer; Space Technology for Rainwater Harvesting</i> Ms Shahooda Anwar, Research Fellow, College of Earth and Environmental Science, University of the Punjab: <i>Rainwater Harvesting: A potential Innovative Approach for Climate Resilient water Resource management in textile industry.</i> Ms. Almas Shakoor, Executive Director, Shehersaaz Islamabad Pakistan: <i>Turning Rain into Resilience: Rain Harvesting to Climate Adaptation</i> Dr Samiyah Tasleem, PEHTICG, Karachi Pakistan: “<i>Assessment of Rainwater Harvesting & Quality in Karachi, during Monsoon 2025</i>”
10:30am to 10:50am	Q & A Session
10:50am to 11:00am	Remarks by the Chairperson of the Session & Presentation of Souvenir
11:00am to 11:30am	Tea Break & Networking
TECHNICAL SESSION-2 (Future of Rainwater Water Management in Pakistan – Youth’s Perspective) Session Chair: Mr. Bilal Anwar , CEO NDRMF Govt. of Pakistan Moderator: Mr. Han Heijnen , President International Rainwater Alliance (IRHA)	
11:30am to 01:30pm	Pannel discussion by 6-8 Young Engineers , Scientists of Lahore based Universities who share their viewpoints about Climate Resilient Rainwater Harvesting & Rain-floods management in Pakistan
01:30pm to 01:50pm	Q&A Session
01:50pm to 02:00pm	Remarks by the Session Chair & presentation of souvenirs
02:00pm to 02:30pm	Lunch-Prayers-Networking
CLOSING SESSION	
02:30pm to 02:45pm	Arrival of the Chief Guest
02:45pm to 02:50pm	National Anthem
02:50pm to 02:55pm	Recitation from Holy Quran

02:55pm to 03:20pm	Debriefing on two-day proceedings & presentation on consolidated recommendations by the conference participants – By Dr Khalid
03:20pm to 03:30pm	Views by SARNET Convener, Dr Tanuja & President IRHA Mr. Han Heijnen
03:30pm to 03:40pm	Vote of thanks by the Chairperson of the Conference- Zaheer Gardezi
03:40pm to 04:00pm	Distribution of certificates & presentation of souvenirs
04:00pm to 04:20pm	Speech by the chief guest
04:20pm to 04:30pm	Group photo with dignitaries
04:30pm to 05:00pm	Hi-Tea & Closing of the conference