

PRESS RELEASE

State of Human Resource Development in Pakistan

19th All Member's Meeting- HRDN

Saturday, 13th October 2018: Human Resource Development Network (HRDN) organized 19th All Members' Meeting at Hotel Marriot Islamabad on the theme of 'State of Human Resource Development in Pakistan'. Mr. Shahrayar Khan Afridi, Minister of State, Ministry of interior, GoP was the Chief guest at the event. 130 professionals including middle and senior level management professionals from Academia, UN Agencies, International Donor agencies, Ministries, National NGOs and professionals from developments sector participated in the event.

HRD Network (HRDN) a membership based network and think tank on HRD, includes more than 145 National and International NGOs and around 850 Individual professionals from diverse professional backgrounds. Annual All Member's Meeting is the tradition of HRDN for the last 18 years, which attracts participation from top of the line prestigious institutes from their diverse network. This event provides opportunities of interacting, learning and knowledge sharing among HRDN professionals, donors and government sector. The theme of this year's AMM was carefully selected with the main purpose of gathering evidence on the state of the HRD in Pakistan, new trends evolving and recommending strategies to address the needs of Pakistani society. Top of the notch and highly learned professional speakers from public and private sector like Mr. Kaleem Imam IG Sindh, Mr. Ali Kemal Economic Policy Advisor from Planning Commission, Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Assistant Country Director UNDP and Mr. Shafqat Munir Research Fellow SDPI were invited to shed light on State of Human Resource in Pakistan.

Mr. Roomi S. Hayat, Chairman HRDN, who is regarded by most of his contemporaries as a prominent expert in the field of Human Resource Development welcomed all the participants at the event. The panelists deliberated on various HRD related topics. Mr. Shafqat Munir, Research Fellow from SDPI discussed the Role of Human Resource Development for Sustainability: Policies and Perspectives in Pakistan. Mr. Kaleem Imam IG Sindh enlightened the participants on the Importance of investing in human resource for peaceful Pakistan. Mr. Ali Kemal Economic Policy Advisor from palnning Commission, GoP deliberated in detail about the changing paradigms of Human Resource in Economic development of Pakistan. Lastly Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Assistant Country Director UNDP talked about Analysis of the Challenges and Opportunities related to Human Resource Development in Pakistan. The discussions were followed by the Video documentaries related to Human Resource development models from all over Pakistan presented by Institute of Rural Management and Black Box Sounds.

At the end of the event, Mr. Shahrayar Afridi, Minister of State, Chief Guest of the event addressed the professionals by deliberating his thoughts about the present situation of Pakistan and importance of investing on Human Resource. He truly believes that in order to build a nation, it is imperative to invest on its people. He presented the mandate of Present government and said that if we truly want a new and lawful system in Pakistan we should be proactive towards building our nation rather spending on infrastructure. The future of Pakistan is our youth; they are the actual Human resource. If we want to see Pakistan growing we have to endow our energies on them.

Ms. Robeela Bangash, CEO HRDN concluded AMM with the Vote of thanks to all the guest speakers and especially Honorable Minister to State. She extended her thanks to sponsors of the event i.e. Thardeep Microfinance Foundation, Balochistan Rural Support Program, Hashoo Foundation, Institute of Rural Management, Saibaan, Agahe, Strengthening Participatory Organization and Black Box Sound.