“Our vision is to strengthen institutions, the national economy and bring people out of the poverty!”
• Pakistan Parliament was among the first to adopt the Agenda 2030
• National SDGs Framework approved by the National Economic Council
• SDG targets and indicators localized and prioritized
• SDG awareness building and stakeholder engagement at all levels
Adoption of SDGs as Pakistan's National Development Agenda

SDG Mainstreaming and Institutionalization at all levels and tiers of Governance
Pakistan VNR 2019
Reflecting high priority initiatives for advancing the SDG Agenda
Our vision and priorities for Sustainable Development

Leaving no one behind

Global efforts to alleviate Poverty - Ehsaas Program

Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development

Global Alliance to combat Climate Change

Strengthening Partnerships for Optimisation
Effective Governance Systems
For translating political vision into reality

- Ministerial restructuring initiatives for optimized and responsive structures
- Strengthening institutions and bureaucratic systems for institutional readiness for reforms
- Responsive and decentralized local government reforms to catalyse sustainable change at grass root level
- Instituting policies and austerity measures for promoting accountability, meritocracy and transparency
- Building the national data systems while ensuring that the marginalized populations are not under-represented in planning & evaluation process
Joining the global efforts to alleviate Poverty

- A new Ministry - Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division
- Ehsaas – Largest ever program to end poverty in Pakistan with allocation increased from Rs 120 billion in 2018-19 to Rs 190 billion in 2019-20
- Bringing social protection initiatives under one umbrella
- Multi-sectoral initiative implemented by 26 federal ministries
- Four focus areas, 115 policy actions, pro-poor goals and measurable indicators for every ministry
- Cross cutting positive impact expected along several SDGs
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Promoting Gender Participation
A major lever impacting Pakistan's progress towards the SDGs

• Kifalat Program to ensure financial and digital inclusion of 6 million women through the one woman one bank account policy
• 80,000 interest free micro loans awarded each month to women for establishing businesses
• Enhancing women electoral participation
• Joint ownership for women in PM housing program
• Special initiatives for widows
• Health and nutrition initiatives focusing on women's well being
• Establishing women-only police stations
• Boloh elpline for women seeking support
• Legislations and national frameworks ensuring gender parity at all levels
• Women active participation in Clean and Green Pakistan
• Tahafaz – inclusive financial assistance for protection against catastrophic events
Economic Drivers of Sustainable Development

• Creating fiscal space for social sector investment by increasing the tax base, exploring innovative financing options and promoting tourism.
• Launching of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), establishment of Gwadar port, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for enhancing employment opportunities and regional connectivity.
• Improving the ranking for the "Ease of Doing Business" which jumped by 11 points in just one year.
• Enhancing its electronic "Web Based One Customs Platform" for facilitation of exporting and importing.
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Pakistani Youth - Our strongest drivers for sustained economic growth

• Launching the Hunarmand Jawan Program for providing technical and occupational training for ensuring maximum employability and high productivity

• Developing and utilizing the intellectual capital by investing in knowledge products and products based on cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Big Data & Cloud Computing, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology

• Promoting entrepreneurial culture, establishing Science & Technology / Industrial Parks, Incubators and Accelerators

• Focusing on less developed geographic areas for balanced and equitable regional development with additional allocation of PKR 50 billion for the fiscal year 2019-20
Our vision for a digital Pakistan

An enabler for transforming economy

• Incentivizing industries for leveraging the technology to:
  – create an unprecedented number of jobs in the IT sector
  – enhance IT exports, citizen services, freelancing and telecommunications
  – increase Pakistan's IT exports to $10 billion over the next 5 years

• Developing online communities and expanding the outreach for:
  – provision of social services
  – health promotion & health awareness campaigns

• Developing and launching multi-communication satellite
  – expected to contribute to socio-economic uplift of the country by:
    • directly contributing towards SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 9
    • indirectly impacting SDG 1, SDG 11, SDG 13
An opportunity to change our development from gray to green

- **Clean Green Pakistan** initiative to boost climate vulnerability by:
  - rehabilitating and enhancing the country's forest cover
  - prioritizing on water conservation and storage
  - introducing climate-resilient food security measures
  - active participation of the government, civil society, and the students

- **Ten Billion Tree Tsunami** building on the success of one billion tree initiative
  - Acknowledged by UN Environment, Bonn Challenge and other International Bodies
  - Being scaled up to cover all provinces and administrative regions
  - Will be presented at the forthcoming UNSG's 2019 Climate Action Summit

- Climate budget coding and expenditure tracking system in place
Strengthening partnerships for optimization
• Strengthening investments for population planning
• Leveraging the demographic dividend through investment in youth
• Enhancing capacities for policy coherence for climate action
• Introducing innovative sustainable farming techniques
• Exploiting prospects for technology transfer for economic growth
• Dedicated budget of Rs 1388.3 billion for scaling up regional connectivity
Questions?