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What Everyone Should Know about Water in Pakistan

LEAD Associate Project – LAP, is an integral activity of 18 months duration, which all the LEAD associates, have to complete during their training. All the associates have to select issue oriented themes for their projects and submit recommendations for their mitigation and minimization.



Ms. Rina Saeed Khan, Associate C – 10 has conducted her project on the “What Everyone should know about Water in Pakistan”. A comprehensive book on the topic has been written with an aim to raise awareness among the children in primary and middle classes on the efficient and safe use of drinking water. In this book Ms. Khan has given history of Indus water and its efficient use by previous civilizations. She has discussed the issue of water scarcity with reference to its effects on animal and plant species, fresh water resources, depletion of mangroves and its effects on the local farmer communities who are totally dependent on this resource for their livelihood. Ms Khan verified all the data in the book by depicting details from her actual visits to places like the mangrove forests of Keiti Bundar (situated in the interior Sindh). In the end some concrete recommendations regarding the efficient use of water are also given in the book.

The message drawn from the book is that the government should make a policy to include environmental education in the curriculum at appropriate levels to sensitize them towards the problem of water scarcity and contamination. The role of communities should be strengthened with the help of NGOs and CBOs who should then forge partnerships with government to raise public awareness for water conservation through its efficient use and exploring ways to reduce water contamination and pollution.

By the grace of God, MTD is one year old now. This is the thirteenth issue and we are highly proud of our Fellows / Associates, friends, partners and well wishers for their continuous support and helping us in *Making The Difference* a success. We look forward to work with you and strengthen our network of LEAD family.

Managing Waste Productively – A New Trend by ICI

ICI is the one of the largest manufacturing industry in Pakistan with its several plants situated in different cities. ICI creates, develops and markets paints, foods, fragrances and products used for personal care. The Soda Ash manufacturing plant of ICI is situated in Khewra near Jhelum where a huge quantity of calcium chloride is produced as waste during the process of soda ash manufacturing. The ICI has reclaimed the dumpsite and planted many trees there. During the last week of March, Islamabad LEAD Club arranged a visit to ICI reclaimed site and also visited Khewra Salt Mines. It was basically a recreational visit facilitated by Mr Bilal M. Syed and coordinated by Mr Azhar Qureshi. Syed Mahmood Nasir and Dr Mohammad Pervaiz volunteered as the resource persons for biodiversity and mineral resources for the visit.

During the visit to the reclaimed land it was observed that plant growth can be improved by introducing improved methods of plantation. Indigenous and local varieties of plants can also be planted to conserve the biodiversity of the area. Mr Mahmood Nasir is working on the recommendations for improved plant growth in the area. These recommendations once finalized will be sent to the Environmental Health and Safety Engineer of ICI for better patterns of plantation that will help conserve the biodiversity of the area.

On their way back the group also visited Kallar Kahar Lake, Takht – e Babri. The area of Kallar Kahar is rich in biodiversity and is famous for migratory birds but the dilemma of the lake is that it is highly polluted due to unplanned tourist and business activities. ILC is considering forming consultative groups to suggest remedial measures for lake water pollution.



International Training Session for Cohort – 10

Going Against the Grain: Sustainable Agriculture and the Global Food Economy

15 – 20 April 2004, Wye, Kent, United Kingdom



Sustainable agriculture is an important element in the overall effort to make human activities compatible with the demands of the earth's ecosystem. But the growing demands of the global population for grains restrict this method of farming from flourishing. Although the World trade economy calls for sustainable agriculture but there are several issues associated with the promotion at local, regional and global level.

Keeping this in view, the final International Training Session of Cohort – 10, is based on the theme "Going against the Grain: Sustainable Agriculture and the Global Food Economy." The session will focus on issues related with Agriculture and Food Security. The purpose of this session is to provide a forum for the exploration and exchange of ideas, and to facilitate discussion on a wide range of global and national issues pertaining to agriculture and food security.

The session will be commencing from 15 – 20 April 2004 at Wye College, London and will bring on board several experts on the above mentioned theme and will promote recommendations and solutions for the future of sustainable agriculture in the world.

LEAD Pakistan Training Calendar April – May 2004

No	Trainings	Venue
1	International Training Session Cohort - 10 (15 – 20 April, 2004)	Wye College London
2	Training on Writing Project Proposals (4 May – 15 June, 2004)	On line Training
3	Training on Health Care Waste Management (26 - 27 May, 2004)	LEAD House, Islamabad
4	Trainings on ISO 14001 (May – June, 2004)	Lahore, Faisalabad and Karachi
5	Training on Environmental Management in Oil and Gas Sector (May, 2004)	Islamabad

Online Training on Writing Project Proposals 4 May– 15 June 2004

Distance Learning is a rapidly growing method of providing training. Therefore LEAD Pakistan being a capacity building organization launched its first distance learning module on **Conflict Resolution: Strategies and Skills**. The success of this training was very encouraging and LEAD Pakistan is now offering Distance Learning Training on **Writing Project Proposals** from 4 May - 15 June 2004. This course was designed by LEAD International and modified by LEAD Pakistan to assist learners in developing effective project proposals. The modules take the participants from proposal conceptualization to proposal development including constructing and formulating budgets and writing crisp executive summaries. Project Proposal Writing skills allow one to communicate effectively with funding agencies world over. This training will build the capacity of participants to prepare winning proposals. At the end of the training the participants will have proposals in hand ready to send to the donor agencies.



For further details access: <http://www.lead.org.pk/wpp>

World Earth's Day - 22 April 2004

World Earth Day is an annual event, which is widely celebrated all around the globe. Each year the event targets a focal theme, which embraces the global goal of a sustainable society. This year the World Earth day, on 22 April will focus on energy and global warming. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. The Earth day calls for attention from all the sectors of society especially public and private sectors like ministries of environment, government departments and NGOs to conduct seminars, workshops, symposiums and stakeholder dialogues on this occasion and highlight the issues threatening our planet with appropriate measures.

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