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BLUE ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

Originated in 2012 UN conference on Sustainable Development and Growth

Solution to economic woes of several less developed coastal economies

World Bank defines Blue Economy as: "Sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem."

BLUE ECONOMY

BLUE ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (SDG 14)

Leverages coastal and marine resources

Result in economic benefits

Emphasizes sustainable economic growth & environmental conservation.

Part of United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development



THE BLUE ECONOMY.



uses smart shipping to lessen the impacts on the environment



is inclusive and improves the lives of all



harnesses renewable energy



is based on sustainable fisheries



takes action against illegal fishing



creates jobs, reduces poverty and ends hunger



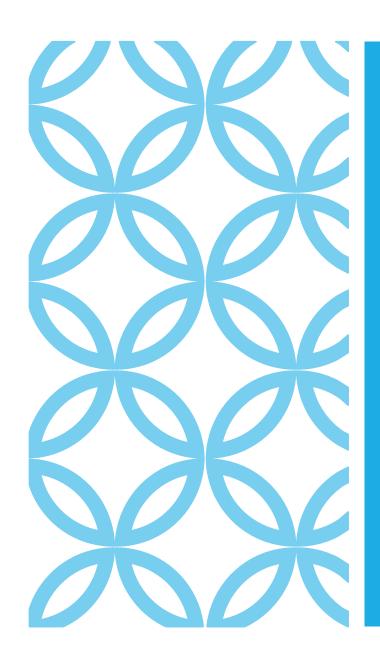
protects coastal communities from the impacts of climate change



tackles marine litter and oceans pollution



marine life and oceans



Qualitative design

Desk review

20 Key informants with experts

3 focus groups with private sector, government and civil society

METHODOLOGY

SECTORAL ANALYSIS OF BLUE ECONOMY

Renewable Energy

Fisheries

Maritime Transport

Maritime Infrastructure

Tourism

Food and Energy

Climate Change Waste Management Mineral Resources

Aqua Culture (Fish Farms)

Coastal Frontier Protection Discovering
New Marine
Resources

BLUE ECONOMY POTENTIAL OF PAKISTAN

990 kms long coastal line

Port Development (Gwadar and Karachi)

Fisheries and food processing

Wind Power (Onshore and Offshore)

Substantial tidal power potential



MOST OF THE AREAS
ON COASTAL BELT HAVE
LOWEST HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT INDEX



CAPACITY BUILDING OF LOCAL FISH FARMER



DIFFICULTY IN RESOURCE MOBILIZATION



SERVICES SECTOR NON-EXISTENT

PROBLEMS FACED

A CASE FOR FISHERIES

Around 2 billion US dollars worth of fishery industry exists

Plays a vital role in the national food supply and national income

Provides around 1.5 million employment directly and indirectly in the fishing and ancillary industries

A CASE FOR SHIP BREAKING FACTORY

Gadani is the largest shipbreaking yard since 1960s

Main source of iron ore and steel production for the demand of the infrastructure industry

Provides millions of job opportunities in the coastal area

A CASE FOR TOURISM

Development of excursion tourism

Betterment of existing tourist spots on coastal belt

International marketing

Harnessing the potential of CPEC

Historical and religious tourism

Water Sports Activities



Source: WDI

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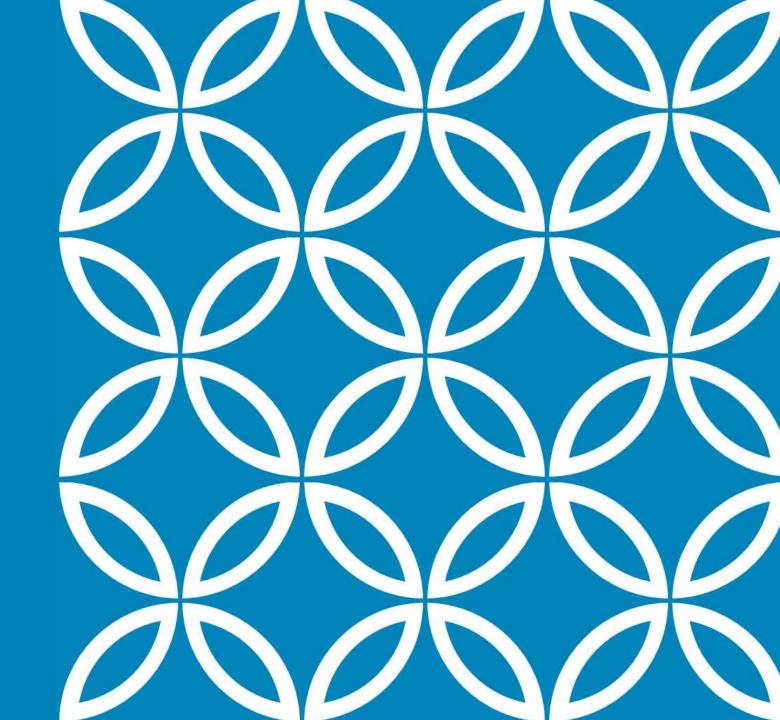
OPPORTUNITIES

Transit trade activities via CPEC an CAREC

Central Asian landlocked market

Better connectivity

Political Will on tourism



CHALLENGES





Human development needs focus

Untapped potential: Minerals, coastal wind, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Need for a comprehensive strategic thinking and goal setting

A proper monitoring and evaluation framework for effective goal orientation and alignment

Better coordination between decision making

Inclusive approach to decision making

Policy consistency

RECOMMENDATIONS (SECTORAL FOCUS)



VALUE ADDITION
ACTIVITIES FOR
FISHERIES AND OTHER
RELATED ITEMS



PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY (EASE OF PROCEDURE)



TOURISM SECTOR FOCUS



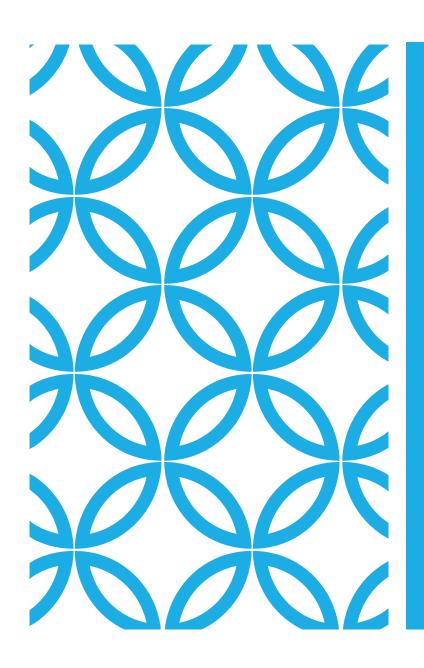
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUPLED
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSIDERATIONS



ACCESS TO DATA AND INFORMATION

FRUIT OF THOUGHT

Why Balochistan did not get the type of investment that Sindh coastal areas are getting like in Wind Power?



THANK YOU