

Expected Outcome of the First Inter-Provincial Meeting of the LCAs KP and Punjab

Introduction

The first Inter-Provincial meeting of both the LCAs (LCAs KP & Punjab) the counterparts suggested in the Result Area State-Citizens Dialogue (SCD) Planning Workshop with them in January 2018. The purpose of the activity which was duly approved by both the counterpart and GIZ SCD was to enable both the partners join hands for strengthening local governance in their respective provinces as GIZ is working with them as well Local Government Departments in KP.

The cooperation between all the LCAs in Pakistan generally, and KP and Punjab particularly need focus to work in tandem as their mutual communication and cooperation could enhance and improve knowledge management to consolidate local governance in both the provinces. The enhanced outreach will enable the LCAs in the twin provinces to play its pivotal role of being true representative outlets of the local councillors; promoting and protecting the local governance as well as making services provision to its members.

Owing to the recent elections of LCA in Punjab after a gap of more than a decade, it is further felt to bring closer the two LCAs as the LCA KP has more senior office bearers. In a collaborative spirit both the LCAs in a successful manner jointly hosted the UCLG ASPAC International Conference, Think Globally, Act Locally, this year in April. However, to further streamline the cooperation between the two associations, the newly elected office bearers of the LCAP required the support, orientation, encouragement, and motivation from their peers in the LCAKP given the situation where the Prime Minister of Pakistan has constituted a task force to revise the Local Governments Laws in both the provinces.

To make the voices of the local elected councillors being heard, it is essential to make the LCAs more vibrant, more organized, more responsive and effective not only internally but also externally at the inter provincial level.

Expected Outcome of the Workshop

The following are the expected outcomes of the Inter-Provincial Workshop on Local Governance:

- Enabling both the LCAs to share a joint forum for updating each other's on their vision for the LCAs with the aim to play a proactive role for the strengthening of local governance in KP and Punjab
- Experience sharing in terms of service provision to the elected councillors
- Prospects of role's contribution at the national level
- Brain-storming on how they see the expected outcome of their recommendations on Local Governments revised laws in the provinces and the imminent outcome from the govt task force (imminent new LG legal framework)
- Participants input for the upcoming GIZ/UNDP Inter-Provincial High-Level meeting regarding suggestions/Ideas/ views for the meeting and nomination of person (s) to represent the respective LCAs
- MoU on a framework of cooperation between LCAP and KP

Role of SCD Result Area

As agreed in the work plan for 2018, the result area has to provide enabling technical advice as well as logistical support to the counterparts to organize and deliver the activity. The moderation and documentation will also be conducted by both the TAs for LCAs in each province. After the election of LCAP, the team decided to hold this joint activity in Lahore on November 20th, 2018.
