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Reforming the brick sector in Pakistan

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Event focus

Pakistan, a country facing severe air pollution mostly due to the brick sector, is on a mission to reduce emissions from brick kilns by adopting and transitioning to cleaner technology.

This intervention in technology and change was initiated in 2017. The Government of Punjab, Pakistan declared a total ban on operation of traditional kilns as of December 2020. Efforts to clean the air and protect the climate are ushering in transformational change in Pakistan's traditional brick sector, improving efficiency and reducing costs for owners, protecting workers, and formalizing a once unregulated industry. In a relatively short time, Pakistan has

converted 35 per cent (7000 of 20,000) of its traditional brick kilns to more efficient kilns, reducing air pollution and short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs). If all 20,000 kilns are converted, it will result in estimated reduction of 7 million tons of CO₂ per year, which would contribute significantly to the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees.

This event will showcase the successful transition of Pakistan's traditional, unregulated brick sector into a formal, responsible sector that is setting an example in mitigating transboundary air pollution through adoption of cleaner zig-zag technology that also has social and economic benefits.



Agenda

Time	Programme
17:00–17:10	Welcome remarks – Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD
17:10–17:20	Special remarks - M. Irfan Tariq , Director General, MoCC
17:20–17:45	Reforming the brick in Pakistan – Asad Mahmood , Manager-Technical – ECF/NEECA – Muhammad Asif Sahibzada , Director (Env. Policy) MoCC
17:45–17:50	Screening of documentary
17:50–18:00	Closing remarks – Malik Amin Aslam , Minister for Climate Change/ Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, MoCC

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