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CLIMATE CHANGE



EDITOR'S NOTE

This quarterly update reflects HRDN's steadfast commitment to capacity building and governance, highlighted by our impactful training on "EZ File & SECP Compliance Updates," which equipped member organizations with essential regulatory knowledge and fostered valuable networking opportunities. Our CEO's role as the keynote speaker at the seminar on women's confidence and resilience further underscores our advocacy for women's empowerment.

The 23rd Annual Training Retreat in Vietnam provided a vital platform for deepening understanding of climate change and promoting cross-cultural exchanges for collective action. Meanwhile, our Finance Committee's diligent assessments and the Board of Directors' strategic discussions reinforce our governance framework, ensuring transparency and fiscal responsibility. Together, these initiatives strengthen HRDN's mission and underscore our dedication to fostering collaboration, sharing knowledge, and driving impactful change for a sustainable and equitable future.



CEO MESSAGE



As CEO of HRDN, I want to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time: climate change. This global crisis impacts every facet of our lives, from the environment to our health, economies, and social structures. It is not just an environmental issue; it is a humanitarian challenge that requires our immediate attention and collective action.

At HRDN, we are committed to raising awareness about the urgent need for sustainable practices and innovative solutions to combat climate change. We recognize that the effects of climate change disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, exacerbating existing inequalities. Therefore, it must take proactive measures to mitigate its impact and empower those most affected.

In our initiatives, we focus on promoting environmental sustainability, fostering resilience, and encouraging community engagement. Through our partnerships and projects, we aim to inspire individuals and organizations to adopt eco-friendly practices, advocate for policy changes, and contribute to the global effort to combat climate change. Every small step we take can lead to significant change.

As we navigate this critical moment, I urge everyone to embrace their role in this fight. Whether it's reducing waste, conserving energy, or supporting renewable initiatives, each action contributes to a healthier planet. Together, we can create a future where our communities are resilient, our ecosystems thrive, and future generations inherit a world that is safe and sustainable.

Thank you for your commitment to this vital cause. Let us stand united in our efforts to combat climate change and work towards a better, more sustainable future for all.

Robeela Bangash



"Climate change is not just an environmental issue; it's a call to action for humanity to unite, innovate, and create sustainable solutions that protect our planet for generations to come."

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change stands as one of humanity's most pressing challenges, impacting every corner of our planet. The average global temperature has risen by approximately 1.2°C (2.2°F) since the late 19th century, largely due to increased carbon emissions from fossil fuels and deforestation. This warming has dire implications, leading to rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and shifts in ecosystems that threaten food security, water supply, and public health. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warns that climate change could push an additional 100 million people into hunger by 2030, highlighting its disproportionate effects on vulnerable communities.

At HRDN, we understand that climate change is not merely an environmental issue but a humanitarian crisis that demands urgent and meaningful action. Our commitment to combating climate change is reflected in our initiatives aimed at raising awareness, fostering resilience, and empowering communities to adapt to the changing environment. We believe that collective efforts can lead to impactful change.

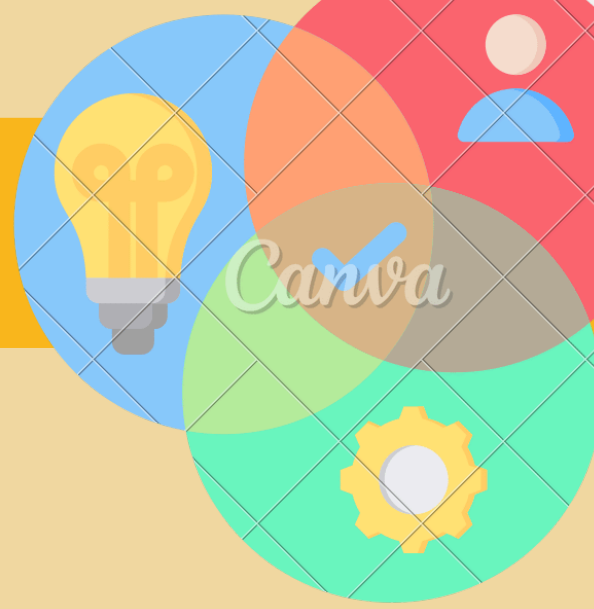
Our projects focus on community engagement to educate individuals on the importance of conservation, waste reduction, and eco-friendly practices. By collaborating with local stakeholders, government agencies, and NGOs, we implement strategies that address the root causes of climate change while promoting sustainable development. A key initiative is our tree plantation drives, where we work alongside communities to restore degraded lands and enhance biodiversity. Research indicates that planting trees can absorb approximately 2.6 billion tons of carbon dioxide annually, equating to the emissions of over 550 million cars.

We also prioritize youth engagement in climate action, as a survey by the Global Youth Climate Network found that 75% of young people consider climate change the most pressing issue of our time. Through workshops, training, and mentorship programs, we equip the next generation with the knowledge and skills to advocate for environmental issues and enact change within their communities.

As we confront the challenges posed by climate change, HRDN remains dedicated to fostering a culture of sustainability and resilience. Addressing climate change requires a unified effort, and we urge everyone to take action—whether by reducing energy consumption, supporting local initiatives, or advocating for environmental policies. The consequences of inaction are dire; projections suggest that by 2025, 1.8 billion people will live in areas of absolute water scarcity, and two-thirds of the global population could face water stress.

Together, we can combat climate change and build a sustainable future for generations to come. It is time to embrace our responsibility to protect our planet and foster a world where both people and nature can thrive. HRDN is committed to leading this charge, and we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact. The time to act is now.

QUARTERLY UPDATE



CAPACITY BUILDING

Training on EZ File & SECP Compliance Updates April-23rd 2024

HRDN organized a one-day training event held on April 23rd, 2024, on request from its member organizations registered under Section 42 of the Companies Act 2017. Titled "EZ file and SECP Compliance Updates," the training covered crucial content including filing updates and Ultimate Beneficial Ownership (UBO). The session successfully engaged 25 participants from 12 different organizations. Outcomes included enhanced understanding of regulatory changes, improved compliance practices, and strengthened networking among the participants, enabling them to better navigate and implement SECP requirements.



TRAINING ON EZFILE AND SECP COMPLIANCE UPDATES

DATE: APRIL 23RD, 2024
REGISTRATION: 9:30

TRAINING FEE:
PKR 10,000 (EXCLUSIVE OF TAX)



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- EZfile
- Compliance updates
- Filing updates
- UBO

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SEMINAR & WORKSHOPS



Seminar at IIUI: Pioneering Paths: Confidence and Resilience in Women's Journey to Success
May 17th 2024

Another significant recognition for HRDN occurred when the CEO was invited as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker at the Seminar at IIUI titled "Pioneering Paths: Confidence and Resilience in Women's Journey to Success," held on May 17, 2024. Addressing over 200 students, the CEO's address showcased HRDN's steadfast commitment to empowering women and promoting resilience in their professional paths. This prestigious role highlights HRDN's influential presence and substantial impact in advancing discussions on women's success and leadership.



23RD ANNUAL TRAINING RETREAT (ATR)



The 23rd Annual Training Retreat (ATR), held from May 22-29, 2024, in the picturesque settings of Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, and Sapa, Vietnam, centred around the theme "Green Horizons: Discourse on Climate Change Vietnam." This conference served as a pivotal platform for participants to engage in comprehensive discussions on pressing climate change issues and the innovative practices adopted by Vietnam in addressing environmental challenges. By featuring a diverse range of speakers, including environmental scientists, policy experts, and local activists, the event facilitated a rich exchange of ideas and knowledge about sustainable development strategies that can be applied globally.

Throughout the retreat, attendees participated in workshops and panel discussions that focused on practical solutions for mitigating climate change, including renewable energy initiatives, community-based conservation efforts, and policies promoting sustainable urban development. The unique geographical locations of Ha Long Bay and Sapa provided an immersive backdrop, allowing participants to witness firsthand the impacts of climate change on local ecosystems and communities. Additionally, the retreat emphasized the importance of cross-cultural collaboration, encouraging members to share their own experiences and insights while fostering partnerships that can enhance collective action in addressing global environmental challenges. Overall, the ATR not only deepened participants' understanding of climate change issues but also equipped them with the tools to advocate for sustainable practices within their own communities.



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"Escape the ordinary and
discover the extraordinary"

**ANNUAL
TRAINERS' RETREAT
MAY, 2024**

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GOVERNANCE



Finance Committee (FC) Meeting's June 24, 2024

Finance Committee (FC) meeting was convened to critically assess the network's financial progress, serving as a dynamic platform for in-depth discussions on financial performance, resource allocation, and strategic planning. In the final FC meeting, the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 was rigorously reviewed and ultimately approved, ensuring it aligns seamlessly with the organization's objectives and promotes long-term financial sustainability. The committee's proactive oversight and collaborative efforts greatly strengthened fiscal responsibility and transparency within the network. This strategic approach to financial governance exemplifies the FC's steadfast commitment to best practices in resource management, ultimately reinforcing the organization's mission and ambitious goals.



112 BOD MEETING JUNE 26TH, 2024

The Board of Directors received a detailed update during the recent quarter at the 112th BOD meeting. This session was a significant milestone, demonstrating the unwavering commitment of all members, especially the Board Chair, in navigating the organization through turbulent times. The regular occurrence of these meetings highlights the BOD's dedication to transparent governance and their collective responsibility to steer the Secretariat with a strategic vision. By encouraging open dialogue and aligning on critical priorities, these sessions empower HRDN to proactively address emerging challenges while upholding its governance standards. Additionally, discussions from the 112th BOD meeting further reinforced the Board's accountability and enhanced the organization's capacity to fulfill its mission effectively. Through these collaborative efforts, the Board continues to strengthen HRDN's operational resilience and strategic direction.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- 3rd AC meeting
- Summer Internship 2024
- Plant for Pakistan” Plantation Campaign
- Hybrid Seminar: "Unveiling the Secrets of Crafting a Career in Community Development and Humanitarian Fields"
- Hybrid Seminar: "Time Management and Productivity"
- Hybrid Seminar: "Professional Communication Skills"
- Hybrid Seminar: "Team and Collaboration"
- Hybrid Seminar: "Professional Development & Career Planning"
- Training on "Digital Literacy “ in collaboration with GBTI
- Water Wisdom” Learning from Turkey to revitalize Baluchistan water resources
- 8th Regional Conservation Forum(RCF)
- Post RCF PNC Meeting (Hybrid)
- Mid-Autumn Festival at COMSATS
- 113th BOD meeting

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HRDN is dedicated to creating sustainable change through strategic initiatives and partnerships. We invite you to join us in our mission to empower women, engage youth, and promote sustainable development.

For more information on our activities and how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.hrdn.org.

Thank you for being a part of the HRDN community. Together, we are shaping a brighter future.

Sincerely,
The HRDN Team

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