

# How is PTI tackling the issue of global warming? Are the policies in correspondence with the Paris agreement?

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The issue of global warming has always remained under discussion. The impact of global warming has had and will always have devastating effects on all living beings and their surroundings. Hence, it is vital upon every elected government to formulate policies and take measures to address and eliminate this issue. The current government in power, therefore, has the responsibility of eradicating the issue of global warming by taking key measures.

On a scale of 1 to 10, Pakistan is ranked as the 7th nation affected by disasters due to climate change. Heatwaves, floods, droughts, most of our natural disasters are related to water; therefore, not only is global warming greatly affecting our environment, but, it is also a major factor contributing towards one of Pakistan's greatest issues- our water crisis. Pakistan's climate agenda, as discussed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, has 3 main points:

1. The safety and well-being of the people of Pakistan. This is the top most priority of Pakistan's climate action.
2. Sustainable economic growth; as, even though economic growth and advancement is a requirement of our developing nation, it must not be achieved at the expense of our environment.
3. Fulfilling International agreements such as the Paris Agreement. In Paris, on 12 December 2015, Parties to the UNFCCC reached an innovative contract to combat climate change, to speed up the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon future. The Paris agreement brought all the nations together with a mutual cause to embark on go-getting efforts to combat climate change. This agreement's essential aim was to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. In addition, the agreement aims to upsurge the

capacity of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change, and at making finance flows consistent with a low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient pathway.

The PTI government has taken several steps to respond to the issue of climate change, most of which are in correspondence with the Paris Agreement. To solve the issue of the endangered Indus Delta, the degradation of our Karakorum Glaciers, and other water-related problems, PTI's response includes innovative techniques of irrigation, desalination, ground water regulation and allocation, and other water management and water storage procedures.

Tree plantation drives, which were initially introduced in KPK by PTI, such the Billion Tree and the Clean and Green Pakistan Projects are the foundation of Imran Khan's ideology for the future of our country. The Chief Justice, Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, after realizing the deteriorating conditions of the environment, gave the instructions to plant two trees in every new house being built in any housing society. Therefore, these initiatives are receiving remarkable support from the people all over the country.

As one of the most water intensive countries in the world, with one-fourth of our outputs, and two-fifths of employments are dependent upon agriculture and fishing, conservation of environment and natural resources and sustainable economic development remains PTI's biggest concern and challenge.

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