

Inaugural Forum for the Global Coalition for Social Justice

‘Fostering Social Dialogue for Shared Prosperity’

Initiatives by Government of Pakistan to advance the Coalition’s Objectives

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen-
Good afternoon

1. Government of Pakistan is geared towards aligning its *initiatives and governance responses* to *significantly* support social dialogue among all segments of society.
2. The policy, legal, financial and institutional *interventions* aim to bring visible change in the life of workers.
3. We are *integrating* our governance framework to help in achieving shared prosperity through effective social dialogue at appropriate forums.
4. Our First National Emigration and Welfare policy is *ready* to be placed before the Federal Cabinet by mid-July, 2024. It *outlines* our vision and policy responses for welfare of emigrants, domestic workers and practical ways to boost social safety net arrangements.
5. We have re-energised our Federal and Provincial Tripartite Consultative Committees, to streamline issues pertaining:
 - a. Private sector pension contribution and disbursement system
 - b. Taking OSH profile to next level of workplace SOPs and
 - c. Improving our organizational working, based on the lessons learnt from Decent Work Program, particularly in Mines, Sanitation, Health Care and Ship Breaking sectors.
6. Yesterday, Government of Pakistan while announcing Federal Budget for the next Financial Year, has *significantly* enhanced minimum wage for workers apart from enhancing allocation for Pakistan’s largest social safety net program- Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), by 27%, up to Rs. 593 billion.

7. Government of Pakistan is assigning top priority for ratification of P29, C160 and Maritime Labour Convention during the year 2024. We are fostering social dialogue for ratification of C155, C187 and C176, during next year.
8. We undertake to revamp the working of National Industrial Relations Commission (NIRC) so that all pending matters, related to election of Labour Federations and registration of trans-provincial unions etc., are resolved expeditiously, under the provisions of Law.
9. Government is working on enhancing the scale and scope of health insurance, crop insurance and extending un-collateralized credit facilitation for potential emigrants for work abroad.
10. We are working on shaping collaboration with ILO's International Training Centre, Turin, to ensure enhanced efficiency and productivity of our work force.
11. Government of Pakistan shares its undiluted resolve, *to align* its policy, strategic and operational interventions, with the *objectives* of Global Coalition for Social Justice, to address poverty, inequalities and injustices.
12. We are committed to promoting tripartite social dialogue, as it provides the *most appropriate* platform for strategizing the ways and means to *realise* the goal of shared prosperity.
13. I thank you all.
