

# **Cross-Party Group on Pakistan**

8 November 2022, 6:00pm, CR4 and on TEAMS

## **Minute**

### **Present**

Kaukab Stewart MSP (Convener)  
Sarah Boyack MSP (Vice Convener)  
Willie Rennie MSP  
James Dornan MSP

### **Invited Guests**

Pakistan Consul General Raza

### **Non-MSP Group Members**

Faisal Syed, PA to the Consul General  
Dr Azra Meadows, University of Glasgow  
Sabah Aslam  
Faria Ali  
Farah Farzana  
Syed Waqar Nabi, Chair, Scottish Pakistani Association  
Dr Saeeda Bhatti, Lecturer, University of Glasgow  
Naveed Syed, Public Health England  
Shazia Babar  
Hilary Brown (MSP Staff)  
Bryony Lovett (MSP Staff)

### **Apologies**

Foysol Choudhury MSP  
Murdo Fraser MSP  
Nadia Aslam (Secretariat)  
Sandy Sneddon (Church of Scotland)

## **Agenda item 1 – Presentation from Consul General Raza on the current situation in Pakistan following the monsoon flooding this summer**

The Consul General presented video footage of the floods and their aftermath, and shared a presentation. He thanked the Pakistani diaspora and others in Scotland, as well as the Scottish Government for financial support. He asked the CPG members to approach the Scottish parliament and ask if they will offer further cooperation, including renewable energy expertise.

Naveed Syed raised the subject of 1) qualitative research on internally displaced persons and 2) structural research on the effect of climate change on healthcare provision. What are the key Provincial short and longer term requirements?

## Agenda item 2 – Work Programme

The Convener introduced the idea of two subgroups on Education and Climate Emergency Response. Each subgroup should meet ahead of the next full meeting of the CPG to discuss areas for learning and action, and report back to the CPG.

- Education Subgroup will be convened by Kaukab Stewart MSP.
- Climate Emergency Response Subgroup will be convened by Sarah Boyack MSP.

Members to notify the Convener of which subgroup they wish to join. Email [Kaukab.Stewart.MSP@parliament.scot](mailto:Kaukab.Stewart.MSP@parliament.scot).

## Agenda item 3 - Closing Remarks and Date & Time of Next Meeting

The Convener thanked the Consul General for his presentation and members for attending. The proposed date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday 7 February at 2023. The meeting will hybrid.