

Project Lead Participation in World Environment Day 2023 at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi

The project lead Dr Jabir Hussain Syed along with his team visited Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Rawalpindi to present his project to the academia, environmental/development professionals and university students at the event on June 05, 2023. The theme of World Environment Day 2023 was introduced by the presenter which was the Plastic Pollution. Students from different departments of the FJWU, Rawalpindi presented plays and skits highlighting the issue of Plastic Pollution, how it is affecting the earth's biodiversity and what roles humans can play in combating this issue. Dr Prof. Dr Syed Habib Bokhari; Vice Chancellor Kohsar University, Murree presented the case of diseases and pandemics due to environmental factors, i.e., poor sanitation and waste management that leads to chronic health issues. Dr Jabir Hussain Syed, Assistant Professor, Comsats University, Islamabad presented a comprehensive overview of his ongoing project named *Value chain mapping and capacity building of Pakistani government stakeholders to implement Basel Convention's amendments to enhance control of the transboundary movements of plastic waste*. Dr Jabir emphasised that data generation is crucial in identifying the plastic waste issue and resolving it through policy implementation. On ending note, Dr Saima Hamid, Vice Chancellor FJWU, Rawalpindi appreciated the insightful vision and presentations demonstrated at the event. She stressed the need to beat plastic pollution and environmental issues right at our doorsteps. She added that along with the scientific research for data generation, general public should contribute by working towards a cleaner environment such as reusing household items, avoiding to throw garbage in the parks and public places and being aware of our civic responsibilities. In the end, the presenter called on all the guests to collect their shields by the FJWU, VC and a photo session of the group was taken.



