

**Batool Welfare Trust**

***Celebrating***

**2010 International Year**

**of**

**BIODIVERSITY**

**Batool Welfare Trust** has celebrated the 2010 international year of Biodiversity here in District Rawalpindi Pakistan to mark the 2010 International year of Biodiversity. Hundreds of students, teachers, civil society representatives, environmental officials, and people from all walks of life participated in the event enthusiastically.

On the occasion environmental experts high lights the importance of biodiversity and get promise form the participants to ensure their role to save the biodiversity and biological diversity. The speakers also threw light on the eco-system and degradation of environment and urged them to be more ambitious and dedicated to save the biodiversity for sustainable growth of environment.

General Secretary Batool Welfare Trust® (BWT) Muhammad Kabir also highlighted the significance of biodiversity and showed full commitment to save the biological diversity. He said that biodiversity is being lost at a pace which has been not seen before in the past decades. He said that this is true time to save biodiversity, and undermining the capacity of ecosystem to provide essential and significant services and goods that underpin the livelihood of billions of people and the global economy. Kabir said more that it is dire need of the hour to address the phenomenon more adequately to preserve the biological biodiversity across the globe.

He said further that continuously alarming rate of biodiversity loss as a consequence of a failure to address the underlying causes. He said more that currently the sustainability of life on the earth is being adversely undermined due to inadequate planning and strategies, particularly in Pakistan. He further added that BWT is committed to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of sustainability of environment by 2015, and BWT will achieve the set target of MDGs within the framework of United Nations by the end of 2015.

On the occasion District officer Environment Rawalpindi Shaukat Hayat Malik said that presently global biodiversity outlook warned the whole World, and without comprehensive, swift, radical and creative action, we will fast track destruction of life on planet earth>He said that we have to show full commitment and determination to protect biological diversity across the globe to make the earth more living and sustainable.

He said more that the role of NGOs and civil society is remarkable; their countless work on the environment and biological biodiversity is appreciable. NGOs and civil society rapidly urge to Environmental Protection Department, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Forest and other government departments to save the biodiversity.

Shokat Hayat also stated that reformulation of the targets to ensure that government recognizes the value and benefits of biodiversity for relevant sectors of the economy, environmental growth. He said more that mobilizations of current available resources should be utilized to combat the issues, and it should be urged at national and international level to address the biological biodiversity crisis Shaukat maintained.

Nazima Khan a representative and environmental expert said, while speaking on the occasion that World is facing severe challenges and crisis of biodiversity. She said that “we are seeing degradation of nature right before our eyes, but the responses to conserve it are inadequate so far.

She said more that it is dire need of the hour to bring under protection more of the important areas for environment conservation, from species to the whole systems they form, if we want to have abundant drinking water and fresh air for generations to come. She further added that we as nation not only put our full efforts to

conserve the biological diversity, but also provide our full support at national and international level to preserve the biodiversity across the World.

Nazia Batool President Batool Welfare Trust® has also add her remarks according to the event, and said that, we could achieve our targets and goals of biological biodiversity by utilizing the community at gross root level, particularly the mobilization of youth,students,farmers,women,civil society, government departments and other stakeholders are very important to save the biodiversity.

She also added that the role of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and other departments of UN are pivotal, their support and motivations on regular basis could make it easy to achieve the goals and set targets of biodiversity by UNEP.

She also showed full commitment and enthusiasm to achieve the set targets and goals of biodiversity under the charter of UNEP.She ensure full support and dedication of NGOs and civil society to bring back the worsening situation of biodiversity by planning adequate and comprehensive strategies to achieve the targets.

At the end of the event the organizers of the event have also arranged a visit to the Morgah Biodiversity Park to the participants, while students enjoyed a lot during their visit to the Biodiversity Park.

The vent was jointly organized by Batool Welfare Trust® Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) government of the Punjab, NGO's Computer Literacy, Shelter Welfare, Moon Welfare Organization, Aman Development Foundation,Attock Sahara Foundation, Attock Refinery Limited, National Cleaner Production Center Foundation(NCPC)MBP,etc,while dozens of schools were also participated warmly in the event.

On the other hand Batool Welfare Trust® has also initiated a “**COUNTDOWN**” Save the Biodiversity campaign, across the country. Along with it a Signature Campaign has also been initiated to provide awareness to the masses regarding Biodiversity. During this signature Campaign more than 2.5 million people will be targeted to make their signature on the Biodiversity campaign cards.

In the signature campaign, Batool Welfare Trust have ensured the signature of 0.1 million on the Biodiversity Cards. At the end of the signature campaign we will address a crowded press conference in National Press Club (NPC) Islamabad to conclude the campaign for the year 2010.

In the signature campaign more than 25,000(Twenty Five Thousands) Volunteers and members from all walks of life were enlisted for the campaign form across the country, while we target the 0.2 million people as our campaign partners. Great score of male/female students from educational institutions are being enlisted and this processes the increasing rapidly.

Its is pertinent to mention here that Batool Welfare Trust® has also aimed to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals of **Sustainability of Environment** by the end of 2015.In this regard BWT has already start signature campaign for the improvement of environment at national level..

BWT has completed “**Social & Environment Impact Assessment Survey**” in 2010 in connection with MDGs of Environment with the funding of local business community. During this project we were responsible for conducting Environmental Impact Assessment Survey of twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. We have conducted qualitative and quantitative survey.

Batool Welfare Trust® has already started its campaign to ensure the sustainability of environment, and provide fully support to the cause of UN MDGs sustainability of environment. BWT® also set its target to achieve the goals of MDGs of on environment by the end of 2015.

To achieve the targets of MDGs of environment Batool Welfare Trust® has expedited its work and campaigns to get the target within the time frame of 2015. In this regards BWT will also gain knowledge, experience, and information regarding sustainability of environment across the country.

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