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6th Meeting of SACAM Network starts in Islamabad on Dec. 3

ISLAMABAD : 6th Meeting of the South and Central Asia MAB Network (SACAM), hosted by Ministry of Science and Technology, Pakistan Science Foundation and Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH), will be held in Islamabad on December 3-5, at Margallah Hotel.



The topic to discuss in front of meeting would be “Impact of Climate Change on Natural Ecosystems”, said a press release. Kamran Ali Qureshi, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, who is also Chairman of the National Man and Biosphere (MAB) Committee, will be the Chief Guest.

About 15 countries of the region are expected to participate in the meeting while about 40 participants from Pakistan, who are climate change experts, will present their findings on the impact of climate change, said Dr, Muhammad Rafique, Country Focal Person for MAB-Pakistan. The Climate Change issue has affected almost all the physical and biological components of the Planet Earth. Apart from the changes brought in different seasons and rainfall patterns, the biodiversity loss and wetland degradation are important areas on which the impact of climate change are clearly visible. There is a serious and urgent need to address these issues.

This platform will provide an opportunity to forge collaboration among scientists and government officials to form better strategies for addressing the issue of climate change, said Dr. Rafique. He said the important themes to be discussed in the meeting include sharing knowledge from the individual countries for understanding the severity of the issues related to climate change, understanding the present and projected impacts of climate change on weathers, economies, agriculture, wetlands, biodiversity, natural resources and ecosystems for sensitizing the policy makers, researchers and planners for an increased future attention on

these issues in the region. Encouraging and inspiring SACAM countries to focus on climate change issues at policy level while planning conservation and management practices of the protected areas and biosphere reserves, as well as analysis of ongoing climate change mitigation efforts and discussion on future line of action to minimize the impact of climate change on natural resources and livelihoods will also be agenda of the meeting, said the Country Focal Person for MAB-Pakistan.

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