

# NEWSLETTER

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## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

If you are a student or professional interested in going into a water-related career field there are numerous scholarships and conferences available to support you. Below you will find roundup of some of scholarships and conferences available for the year 2017:

### **Conferences:**

1. <http://www.watermeetsmoney.com/>
2. <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2017/water-and-society-2017>
3. <http://www.hydroevent.com/index.html>
4. <https://www.elsevier.com/events/conferences/water-research-conference>

### **Water Events:**

1. <https://www.environmental-expert.com/water-wastewater/events/location-usa/event-type-conference-seminar>
2. <http://www.iwa-network.org/all-events/>



## Featured Events

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – *NDU*

*Editor PWP*



A highly interactive and professionally rewarding discourse titled “Hydro Politics in South Asia and water management within the country” was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 in Islamabad at the National Defence University (NDU).

Dr. Pervaiz Amir, Director PWP and Dr. Shaheen Akhtar, Director and Steering Committee Member PWP, were invited to participate on this National Level

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### Scholarships:

1. <http://www.scholars4dev.com/2191/weidenfeld-scholarships-at-university-of-oxford/>
2. <https://www.unesco-ihp.org/rotary-scholarships-water-and-sanitation-professionals>
3. <http://water.muett.edu.pk/degree-programs/integrated-water-resources-management/>
4. <https://www.unesco-ihp.org/fellowships>
5. <http://www.scholars4dev.com/category/field-of-study/environment-scholarships/water-management-scholarships/>

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Round Table discussion by the water experts. Dr. Pervaiz Amir presented his scholarly paper on *“Hydro-diplomacy in South Asia: An Issue of Human Security”* whereas Dr. Shaheen Akhtar delivered her expert talk on *“Hydro politics in South Asia: Regionalization of water issues”*.

The discourse invited many water experts and consultants to have an open ended discussion on the options available within Pakistan to tackle water and climate issues. This deliberative exercise was a follow up of the seminar *“Hydro politics around Pakistan: Reassessing the efficacy of Indus Waters Treaty”*.

## BARQAAB BOD MEETING - LAHORE



The BOD meeting of BARQAAB was held in Lahore on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017. BOD unanimously confirmed minutes of the last meeting held in BARQAAB Lahore Office.

Sardar Muhammad Tariq, Chairman BARQAAB, started the proceedings with a welcome note and the board was apprised of the current challenges faced by BARQAAB.

## PAKISTAN TURNING INTO A WATER-SCARCE COUNTRY, says expert



Former chairman of the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Shamsul Mulk (Patron in Chief/Company Member PWP) highlighted water security issues discussed in a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report, 'Development Advocate Pakistan'.

Pakistan's water policy does not exist and key policy-makers act like 'absentee landlords' of water in Pakistan, he said. "Because of this absentee landlordism, water has become the property of the landlords and the poor are deprived of their share".

A draft report on water resources was framed at the expressed request of the ministry of water and power. Mr Mulk said it was unfortunate that the federal cabinet never allocated the time for its review and approval.

Read full story at: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1313054/pakistan-turning-into-a-water-scarce-country-say-experts>

### ***Events to watch:***

1. Dr. Pervaiz Amir will be presenting his paper on "Environmental Consciousness in Pakistani Society" in a conference to be held in LUMS, Lahore on 7-9 April 2017.
2. WORLD WATER DAY is held annually on 22nd March. This international UN day is an opportunity to discuss, learn and take action regarding water conservation in order to facilitate change.

# NATIONAL WATER NEWS

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## **UNDP sees Pakistan's neglect behind lingering of water disputes with India**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) says that Pakistan's negligence in conducting a sound analysis of trans-boundary water issues and delays in presenting the cases of dispute with India to the Indus Water Commission or the World Bank on the issues related to the Indus Waters Treaty have caused the issues to linger on and remain unaddressed.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1312231>

## **'High time Pakistan sincerely works on water management plans'**

Pakistan desperately needs more water reservoirs and better planning on the government level to correct its water distribution system. To ensure these efforts are more than just cosmetic measures, it is imperative that Pakistan make sure they are not tainted by the curse of corrupt practices.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/191058-High-time-Pakistan-sincerely-works-on-water-management-plans>

## **'84pc of population lacks access to safe drinking water'**

Quoting a study, Provision of Safe Drinking Water, conducted by the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Minister for Science and Technology Rana Tanvir Hussain said only 72pc of water supply schemes were found to be functional, and 84pc of those had supplied water that was not fit for consumption.

Source: <http://reliefweb.int/report/pakistan/84pc-population-lacks-access-safe-drinking-water>

# INTERNATIONAL WATER NEWS

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## **1. 143 million gallons of sewage spill into Tijuana River**

Source: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/environment/sd-me-sewage-spill-20170224-story.html>