

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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Special Assistant to Prime Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja held meetings at Karachi Chamber of Commerce, Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Association of Builders and Developers during her visit to Karachi. Matters related to National Youth Employment Policy were discussed during the meetings.

During the meeting at the Karachi Chamber of Commerce, Sapm urged members to play role in shaping the bright future of our youth. Shaza Fatima Khawaja suggested that the Chamber of Commerce should provide internships and mentorships to university students. Participants agreed upon the establishment of the Special Technology Zone (STZ) in Karachi for the promotion of the Tech Industry. Members of the chamber also gave their suggestions to broaden the horizon of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme for the betterment of Youth. To generate employment through freelance work a portal should be formulated in collaboration with government agencies, members suggested.

Members of the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry appreciated the role of the Prime Minister's youth programme in empowering the young population of Pakistan. Sapm asked the Overseas investors Chamber to give feedback on the methods to enhance IT exports. Panel mutually stated that Youth should be trained in future skills such as design thinking approach, NFTs, Metaverse, and cloud. So that they can compete with the modern world. Shaza Fatima Khawaja said that the chamber should play role in the promotion of innovative ideas of youth by connecting them with different Multinational companies.

During her visit to the Association of Builders and Developers, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs held a consultative session and discussed the potential avenues for the generation of employment. Sapm appreciated ABAD for partnering with PEC and providing On-the-Job

training to the graduate engineers on 50% cost sharing. Representatives of ABAD assured that they will play role in promoting the initiatives of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme.