

**PCE Pakistan**  
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**National Consultation on Post-2015 Education Agenda in the Context of Pakistan**

2015 is the year that the current global commitments on Education - which include the EFA Framework and the Millennium Development Goals (Goal 2 and 3, in particular) - expire, and global development practitioners are debating on the development and formulation of a new framework.



PCE National Coordinator, Zehra Arshad, at the 'National Consultation on the Post-2015 Education Agenda in the Context of Pakistan', organised by PCE in Islamabad.

In this context, Pakistan Coalition for Education (PCE) conducted a national level consultation on Post-2015 Education Consultation to discuss and debate the need for a global education policy benchmark, considering how Pakistan has a 0% chance to meet any indicators on education. The consultation highlighted the key issues that are faced by the education sector in Pakistan such as the need to provide basic education for all, the importance of quality education, and education as a tool for sustainable development.

The consultation was held in Islamabad and featured civil society experts representing various NGOs, INGOs, community-based organisations, government functionaries, partner organisations, and the media personnel. Participants collectively debated on the Post-2015 Education Agenda and how to ameliorate the current educational crisis plaguing the nation.

The event featured presentations from civil society experts, which included presentations on the Muscat Statement by Rene Raya (Lead Policy Analyst, ASPBAE), the Bangkok Statement by Thusita Siriwardena (Support and Advocacy Adviser, ASPBAE), and a discussion led by Nadeem Ahmed, Director Training, Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). Other civil society education experts at the consultation included Dr. Baela Raza Jamil (Director Programmes, ITA) who discussed education for global citizenship while recognising the need for fulfilling international commitment, and Dr. Haroona Jatoi (Educationist and Lecturer at Quaid-i-Azam International University) who discussed educational challenges related to teachers in the context of Pakistan.



ASPBAE's Rene Raya participates in the National Consultation on the Post-2015 Agenda organised by PCE in Islamabad on 23 October 2014.

Participants were divided into groups and brainstormed on strategies towards amending the education policy in Pakistan in the context of the Post-2015 Education Agenda. The group work highlighted important issues such as the need for accountability and transparency in the education system, and the need to implement Article-25 A (Right to Education).

### Commemorating ASPBAE's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To commemorate ASPBAE's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a celebration was arranged by PCE in Islamabad on 24 October 2014. The celebration was attended by ASPBAE representatives Rene Raya, Lead Policy Analyst, and Thusitha Siriwardana, Support and Advocacy Adviser.

The occasion included a cake cutting ceremony initiated by PCE National Coordinator, Zehra Arshad. A banner with the logo of PCE and ASPBAE was signed by participants of the celebrations and PCE staff, with wishes for ASPBAE's success.

