

## ALL PARTY CONFERENCE ON ENERGY

Centre for peace and Development Initiative (CPDI), is a non-partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization with focus on peace, democratic governance, and sustainable development in Pakistan. We draw your attention to the importance of high-level political commitment for urgent, synchronized, and decisive steps towards **Just Energy Transition** from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy.

We are sure that you are already aware that Pakistan dependence on fossil fuels for energy is not only a major cause of our growing import bill and the consequent balance of payment crisis but also of environmental degradation and climate change resulting in higher temperatures, more intense smog in winters and increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters like floods. This situation calls for top level political commitment for urgent measures to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and substantially increase the share of renewable sources of energy like solar, wind, small hydro in our overall energy generation and consumption.

Given the above context, CPDI is hosting an **All-Parties Conference on Energy (APC) on 1<sup>st</sup> of December in Islamabad**. The prime objective of the APC is to bring together key political leadership, national media, energy sector stakeholders like government players, academia, civil society actors and climate expert under one roof so that political parties must publicly commit through their election manifesto and high-level assertions to:

- **Increase the share of green and clean renewable energy in the overall energy generation installed capacity to at least 35% by 2030.**
- **Devolve the power generation, transmission, and distribution in accordance with articles 157 of the constitution.**
- **2/3 electricity generation shifted on local energy resources.**

We have keenly analyzed the 2018 election manifestos of various political parties to assess their energy related commitments. We noted that most political parties have been putting substantial emphasis on energy sector in the past, but we are of the view that new fresh pledges will further demonstrate the political solidarity with the state and people of Pakistan in view of the recently emerged challenges i.e. climate change, floods, high import bill, new **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)**, growing cost for consumers, opportunities to reduced cost of energy, improve grid and transmission system, and more efficient battery solutions etc.

Its other key objective is to grant a renewed commitment to the youth, common citizens' and local businesses for a thriving and stable Pakistan, more employment and affordable & sustainable energy for households and for new industrial and commercial activities.