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Press Release

Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry DG Met presented Pakistan's vulnerability to Climate Change in Copenhagen Conference

Copenhagen, 13th December: Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, Director General Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), presented Pakistan's vulnerability to Climate Change in Fifteenth Conference of the Parties (COP-15) to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) continued in Copenhagen, A senior level delegation from Pakistan, including Federal Minister of Environment, Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, Advisor S & T, Planning Commission and Minister of State, Secretary Environment, is also participating in the Conference. While Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister of Foreign Affairs is likely to join this delegation.

Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, Director General Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) made a presentation on 13th December and highlighted Pakistan's vulnerability to Climate Change. He especially shed light on the impact of rising temperatures and global warming on the glaciers of Pakistan and its subsequent affect on the Indus water system as well as threat to food security in Pakistan. He mentioned that the rise of temperatures in the Northern Areas of Pakistan, which is house to a number of glaciers in Himalaya-Karakoram-Hindukash (HKH) region, is mainly due to the global warming and more importantly due to the direct carbon deposits on the glaciers. The black carbon is resulting from the transboundary pollutants coming from neighboring country which is having coal-based industries. Dr. Qamar also highlighted that owing to financial constraints Pakistan alone cannot afford the needed finance for adaptation to Climate Change, as such, international community should help Pakistan from proposed Climate Change Fund.

Saturday and Sunday (12th and 13th December) saw huge demonstrations in Copenhagen against slow progress on reductions of greenhouse gases and adaptation to Climate Change.

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