

CALL FOR PAPERS / ABSTRACT

The editorial team of Pakistan Journal of Urban Affairs will encourage high quality papers based on empirical research contributed by a range of experts working in different fields, e.g. technical professionals (urban planners/architects/engineers and environmental scientists), policy makers, social scientists, private sector specialists, development practitioners, urban economists/economists, and academia from Pakistan and abroad. A concerted effort of researchers and experts belonging to different sectors will ensure that public and private sectors in Pakistan move toward sustainable urban development goals, in conjunction with economic and social development, 'without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs' World Commission on Environment and Development, *Our Common Future*, 1987.

It is important to mention here that the premise of this research and development initiative is - to emphasize the multitude of urban development challenges; and to generate scientific discourse leading to sustainable strategic and policy options leading toward improved decision making and a better urban future. Moreover, the Pakistan Journal of Urban Affairs is being published by the Government of Punjab, yet the focus is national; because the current urban development issues faced by Pakistan call for an integrated and sustainable strategy for development.

Pakistan Journal of Urban Affairs welcomes submission of papers/poster from a broad spectrum of scholars, practitioners, researchers and public-sector professionals. Research papers are expected to be – policy based; solution oriented; a sound critique/analysis of existing projects; and a platform to propose new strategies for tackling issues related to urbanization. Coverage of topics includes, but is not limited to:

- Urban Governance: urban planning, public service delivery (urban transport, urban water and sanitation, urban solid waste management) privatization of urban service delivery, urban security.
- Urban Growth and Development: political economy of urbanization, urban sprawl and suburbanization.
- Urban Economy: urban employment generation and issues, rural-urban migration, food security, poverty and urbanization.
- Urban Environment: Urban environment and impact assessment, urban pollution, urbanization and climate change, urban environment policy, sustainable urban ecology.
- Urban Living: urban housing, urban spatial management, preservation, conservation, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction of cultural heritage.
- Research and Development: Critical role of academic research and scholarship for R&D in urban issues, urbanization and education, social sustainability and urbanization.