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DAWN

Experts discuss uncertainties of new global order, climate challenges at IBA conference

By Our Staff Reporter

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Chair of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee and former foreign minister Hina Rabbani Khar warned that selective sanctions and fractured global blocs are pushing the world towards a 2.6-3.6°C climate overshoot.

She highlighted China's rise in global manufacturing and US imports, and underscored Pakistan's climate vulnerability, strategic non-alignment, and the need for a foreign policy aligned with national interest and a stronger Global South voice.

Prominent attendees included World Bank Country Director for Pakistan Boloramaa Amgaabazar, IMF Resident Representative Mahir Binici, Lead Economist Asian Development Bank Farzana Noshab and former Chief Economist at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Qadir Khan.

The conference featured panel discussions on Pakistan's poverty, equity and resilience, trade and stability and the implications of a shifting multipolar world order.

Sessions on climate change and social protection, moderated by Dr Lubna Naz, explored strategies to protect vulnerable households from escalating climate risks.

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THE EXPRESS TRIBUNE

Experts urge climate-welfare integration

Speakers call out fragmented, reactive policies; urge youth participation, climate literacy, localised finance

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KARACHI

Pakistan must undertake an overhaul and integration of its climate governance and social protection systems to withstand the rising frequency and severity of climate shocks, experts said at the Fifth Annual International Conference — A New Global Order, Yet Again — organised by the IBA.

Speaking during a panel discussion titled "Climate Change and Social Protection," leading climate specialists, researchers and development practitioners stressed that the country's fragmented and reactive policies are no longer sufficient in an era of intensifying heatwaves, floods, droughts, water scarcity and socioeconomic vulnerability. They argued that climate change and social protection can no longer operate as separate agendas, calling

for deeper integration to shield communities from mounting risks.

Climate policy expert Ali Tauqeer Sheikh opened the session by tracing the evolution of the global "Loss and Damage" agenda—from early negotiations in the 1990s to major milestones such as the Bali Action Plan, the Cancun Adaptation Framework, and the recent operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund at COP28. He pointed out that while Pakistan champions the issue internationally and frequently cites its climate vulnerability, it has been absent from many critical negotiations that shape global financing frameworks. With COP30 in Brazil expected to finalise key access modalities, Sheikh warned that Pakistan's inconsistent diplomatic engagement could undermine its ability to secure its share of climate financing.

"We champion global climate justice, but we often don't show up at the tables where it is being shaped," he said. "If we want results, we must be present, prepared and aligned with global developments."

However, he argued that Pakistan's

challenges extend far beyond international negotiations. At home, outdated local governance systems, many stemming from colonial-era legislation, lack the capacity, authority and resources to respond effectively to climate emergencies. Local governments, he said, are the weakest link in Pakistan's climate response, undermined by political interference, poor coordination and minimal fiscal decentralisation. Karachi's shelved Climate Action Plan was cited as a prime example of how bureaucratic inertia and weak local decision-making impede climate resilience.

"If local governments remain disempowered, climate adaptation will remain stuck on paper," Sheikh warned. Panelists noted that Pakistan's academic and policy institutions have also struggled to keep pace with evolving global climate frameworks. Universities and think tanks, they said, must play a more active role in climate literacy, policy research and evidence-based advocacy to support national decision-making.

Another major theme was the urgent need to involve Pakistan's youth,

who make up two-thirds of the population. In meaningful climate action, Dr Saima Bashir of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) highlighted that only 12% of young people currently participate in policy or climate planning processes. She described youth participation as largely symbolic, pointing to the absence of structured training, climate-focused educational curricula and dedicated budgetary allocations for youth-led climate initiatives.

"If we treat youth as photo opportunities rather than policy partners, we will miss the greatest opportunity for long-term resilience," she said.

Yasir Hussain, Director of the Climate Action Centre, added that youth engagement is further hindered by deep urban-rural divides. Urban youth typically enjoy better access to information, digital platforms and environmental awareness, whereas rural youth face limited access to education and climate literacy tools. He called for targeted training programmes that integrate climate awareness with workforce development, arguing that

Pakistan's emerging green economy could be a major source of employment if youth are properly prepared.

"Our young people are already living through the consequences of climate change," he said. "The frustration you see among them comes from a lack of meaningful avenues to participate in solutions."

Gender vulnerability was another critical focus of the discussion. Panelists noted that women, who make up 24% of Pakistan's workforce and are concentrated in informal and climate-exposed sectors, suffer disproportionately during climate disasters. Social protection programmes, such as cash transfers and emergency support systems, often assume male heads of households, overlooking intra-family inequalities that leave women and children more vulnerable.

Dr Bashir recalled presenting a gender analysis of the PSDP in the National Assembly, only to face resistance when revealing that just 1.4% of PSDP projects were gender-segregated. "If gender isn't recognised in budgeting, it won't be recognised in climate response," she said.

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BUSINESS RECORDER

'A New Global Order, Yet Again' IBA Karachi organises fifth annual international conference

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KARACHI: Participants in a group photo at the end of Fifth Annual International Conference on "A New Global Order, Yet Again" organized by IBA.

The Financial Daily

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KARACHI: Group photo of the participants at the 5th International Conference held at IBA main campus in Karachi.

Experts warned Pakistan risks sliding back into a poverty trap

Imran zakir

KARACHI: Pakistan's hard-won progress in reducing poverty has stalled after nearly two decades of consistent improvement, economists and development experts cautioned at the IBA's SESS Conference, held on November 13-14, 2025, at the Institute of Business Administration's main campus in Karachi. The two-day conference, hosted by the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), brought together leading policymakers, researchers, and international development specialists to discuss Pakistan's deepening economic vulnerabilities. Hina Rabbani Khar, Chair of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, delivered the keynote address, warning that Pakistan could "slip back into a poverty trap" unless decisive reforms are undertaken. Speakers drew extensively from the World Bank's new Poverty Assessment Report, which provides a sobering picture of Pakistan's socioeconomic trajectory. The report highlights that while poverty in Pakistan declined sharply between 2001 and 2015—driven primarily by non-agricultural labor income, urban growth, and rising household earnings—progress has flattened since

2018-19, underscored by a series of compounding crises. Conference panelists outlined the major factors behind the stagnation: Severe economic instability, including high inflation, currency depreciation, and slow GDP growth. Political disruptions and policy inconsistency, which have undermined investment and private-sector expansion. Climate shocks, particularly floods and extreme weather, which disproportionately affect low-income households and rural workers. Weak labor market performance, with job creation largely limited to low-wage, informal sectors. Experts noted that the earlier poverty decline was supported by rising non-farm labor income, but this source of growth has now "reached its limit." The labor market remains overwhelmingly informal, with 85 percent of workers lacking formal contracts or social protection, leaving millions vulnerable to economic shocks. Moreover, the flow of remittances—previously a stabilizing force for household incomes—is weakening, further tightening economic pressure on families. Panelists stressed that without deep structural reforms, Pakistan's stagnant

economic growth, low productivity, and widening inequality could push more households into poverty. They called for a comprehensive strategy focused on: Fiscal reforms to broaden the tax base and reduce distortions. Creation of high-quality jobs, particularly in manufacturing and services. Gender-inclusive growth policies, ensuring women's participation in the workforce and entrepreneurship. Increased investments in education, skills, and technology to boost productivity. Climate resilience and sustainable development planning to mitigate future shocks. Several international economists emphasized that Pakistan must prioritize "productive investment over consumption-driven growth," warning that the current trajectory is unsustainable. The conference concluded with a consensus that Pakistan stands at a critical turning point. Without urgent reforms and a shift toward long-term, sustainable economic planning, the gains achieved over two decades could be reversed, pushing millions back into poverty.

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نوائے وقت



آئی بی اے کراچی میں "انٹرنیشنل کانفرنس" سے نیوگلوبل آرڈر ریٹ آگین" کا ایک منظر

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ڈاکٹر اکبر زیدی نے مستقبل کی ترقی میں مضبوط اداروں اور انہیں مقبول بنانے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا اور کہا کہ

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آئی بی اے جی ڈائریکٹر طرفان اہرنڈز عالمی نظام جی غیر یقینی صورتحال تی روشنی

کانفرنس و آئی بی اے ایف، ایشین ڈولپمنٹ بینک، اوپبی ایف پر لمز جا ماہرین شریک

کراچی (پ ر) آئی بی اے اور پنجنین سالیانی انٹرنیشنل کانفرنس "نئون گلوبل آرڈر جی میزبانی کٹی، جیک آئی بی اے جی اسکول آف اکنامکس ۽ سوشل سائنسز ۽ آئی بی اے جی سینٹر فار بزنس اینڈ اکنامک ریسرچ جی تعاون سان منعقد کٹی وئی، پنہنجی افتتاحی تقریر و ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر آئی بی اے ڈاکٹر اکبر زیدی، کانفرنس و شرکت کنندگان کی خوش آمدید جیو ہن اہرنڈز عالمی نظام جی غیر یقینی صورتحال تی روشنی وڈی ۽ مستقبل جی ترقی لاء مضبوط ادارن، موسمیاتی لچک ۽ تاریخی پس منظر جی اہمیت تی زور ڈنو حنا ربانی کر چیئر تیشل اسیمبلی جی فارن افسئرز کمیٹی، 1945 کان پوء زاہیل عالمی نظام جی تین تی روشنی وڈی ۽ ان گالہ

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Experts call for integration of climate governance, social protection systems

Speakers at IBA conference reject reactive policies; urge youth participation, climate literacy, localised finance

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There are several departments, including women's development, social welfare, labour, health, and others that are not playing their due role in empowering agricultural working women. Photo: File

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Fiscal, labour, social reforms can stop Pakistan sliding back into poverty trap after 20 years of progress, say expert

Usman Hanif | November 14, 2025



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