

Expert call for inclusive and participatory urban management

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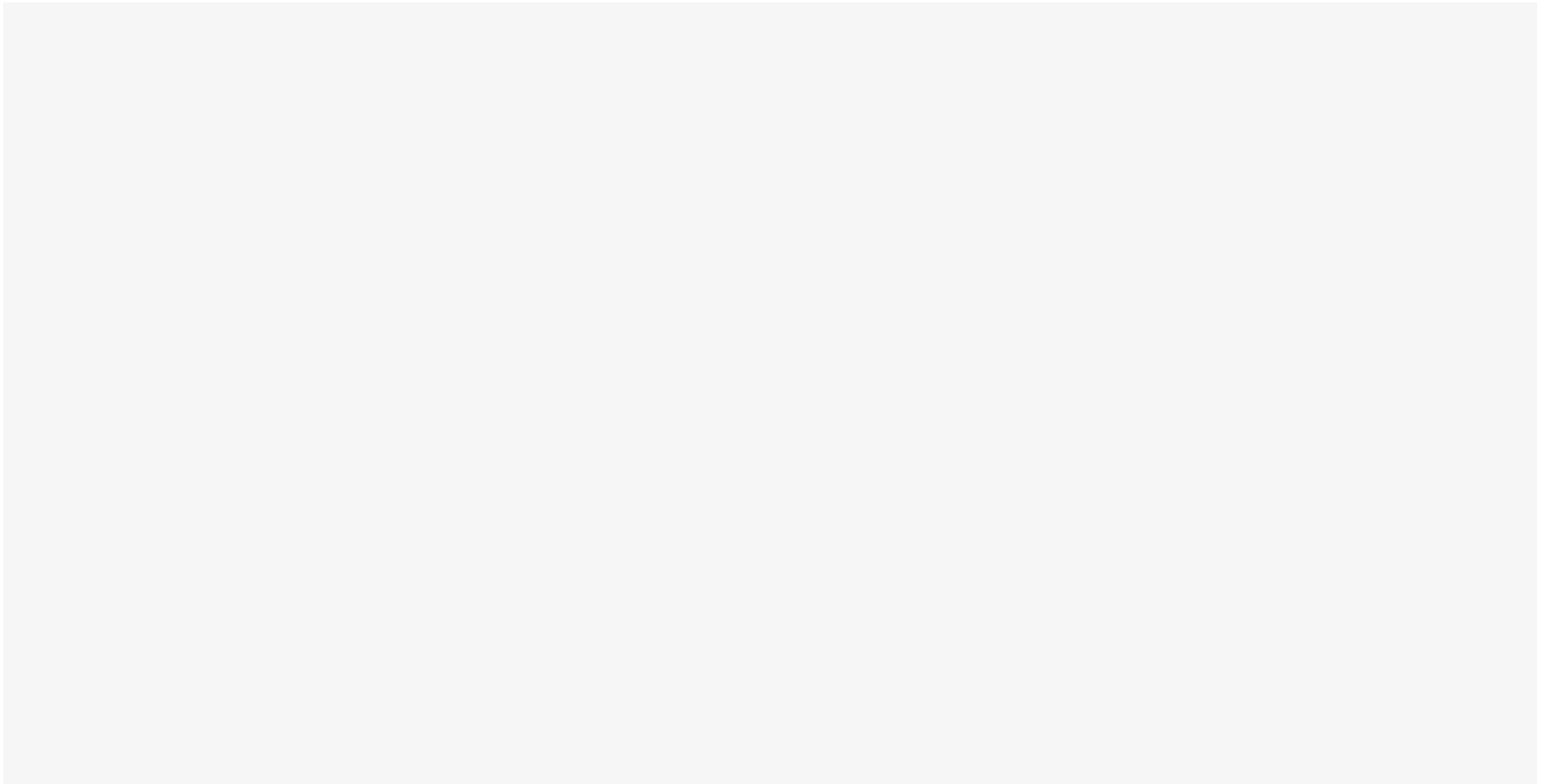
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اے * اجلاس میں وزیر اطلاعات سینیٹر شبلی فراز، وزیر مواصلات مراد سعید، وزیر برائے آبی وسائل محمد فیصل واؤڈا، چیئرمین این ڈی ایم میٹروپولیٹن کونسل ڈی پارٹمنٹ و چیئرمین این ایچ اے، چیئرمین فلڈ کمیشن، ڈی جی لیفٹننٹ جنرل محمد افضل، ڈی جی گریڈ سینیٹراف سران شریک، صوبائی چیف سیکرٹری صاحبان کی ویڈیو لنک کے ذریعے اجلاس میں شرکت * چیئرمین این ڈی ایم نے وزیر اعظم کو ملک میں مون سون، مختلف حصوں میں حال یہ بارشوں کی صورت حال، و مالی نقصانات اور این ڈی ایم اے کی جانب سے ریلیف سرگرمیوں کے حوالے سے بریفنگ دی جانی * میٹروپولیٹن ڈیپارٹمنٹ اور فلڈ کمیشن حکام نے وزیر اعظم کو بتایا کہ حالیہ مون سون کے نتیجے میں اس سال ملک کے اکثر حصوں اور یں ہوئی ہیں۔ دریاؤں کی صورت حال کے حوالے خصوصاً سندھ اور بلوچستان میں ماضی کی نسبت زیادہ بارش سے بتایا گیا کہ اس وقت تمام دریاؤں میں درمیانے درجے کا بہاؤ ہے۔

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