

## **Updated OGP's Milestone achieved by EAD**

- EAD, in order to formulate the National Action Plan, conducted a series of awareness workshops/ seminars and held consultative meetings with the representatives of Federal Ministries/Divisions, Provincial Departments and Civil Society Organizations. EAD also organized a National Workshop on OGP on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at Islamabad, wherein a four-member delegation from OGP Secretariat USA, diplomats and International Development Partners, representatives from Civil Society Organizations, Academia and Private Sector also participated. The Finance Minister, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar inaugurated the day long workshop.
- As a result of EAD's intensive interaction with all major stakeholders, the relevant Lead Ministries/ Divisions and Provincial governments prepared commitments in their respective thematic areas as per requirement of the OGP Secretariat after consultation with attached organizations as well as concerned Civil Society Organizations and academia. It is important to mention that besides the Federal government, the Provincial governments of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir have also furnished their commitments for the NAP.
- According to the OGP requirements, the NAP containing commitments in all thematic areas would be uploaded on EAD's website for public comments and also a Multi-Stakeholders Forum (MSF) comprising representatives from both Government and Civil Society Organization would approve it before final submission to the OGP Secretariat. In this regard, due to shortage of time, EAD, after consultation with OGP Secretariat, established an interim MSF with the sole purpose of analyzing and finalizing the NAP and the same would be replaced with a permanent MSF after submission of the NAP to OGP Secretariat.
- The first meeting of the MSF was held in EAD on October 12, 2017 with the Additional Secretary-I in chair. The Forum critically analyzed the draft NAP and after an exhaustive discussion, approved the same.
- Since the NAP is a strategic level international commitment, approval of the Cabinet may be solicited before submission of the same to the OGP Secretariat