

Assalam-o-Alaikum, hello and welcome everyone! I am Farwa Hussain and It's nice to see you all gather here today.

I am extremely happy to see that this room is filled with bright smiles and young individuals like yourself.

Well, my introduction to Hisaar Foundation was through their annual water conference held in 2017 where I was one of the youngest speakers to share a group project on mapping water supply system of Karachi. Since then I have been involved with their work and I have learned a lot about these issues throughout this journey.

However, one of the reasons I am standing in front of you today is to introduce an initiative by Hisaar Foundation which is Youth Jamboree. The Jamboree was an open event held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at NED University. The main aim of the event was to spread awareness amongst youth regarding the complex relationship between food, water and energy and the gaps that exist in the system.

The reason for holding the youth jamboree was that during my involvement with Hisaar Foundation I realized that not a lot of youth participation is seen, and I wondered why that is. Today, with this wave of youngsters coming forward globally to have a dialogue revolving around climate change and sustainable development goals, it is very important for us to keep pace with the ongoing global conversations as well.

Because of this reason, we invited young speakers to share the work they are doing along with their perspectives on not just the nexus itself but to also talk about the global climate emergency.

For example, we had Ms. Asra Rizwan who is the founder of OpenMic who talked about the importance of youth activism and how the spirit of volunteerism should be the guiding star for our youth.

We also had Safee Ul Haque from V-Cast who talked about asking the right questions and creating avenues for dialogues within our own communities.

And we also had even younger participants like Emaan Danish, who is the youngest eco-preneur in Pakistan.

I would like to end with something that my dear friend, Tofiq Pasha, here keeps reinforcing that, we would have to become the torch bearers and snatch control from older generations to take the cause of food security, equitable energy supply and equal access to clean water.

I leave this stage for you to take to carry the cause forward.