UNESCO reiterates and urges commitment to invest on Youth and Skills

EFA Global Monitoring Report Launched in Karachi

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UNESCO in collaboration with Idaara-e Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) and Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, launched the EFA Global Monitoring Report 2012, amidst the presence of representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Government officials, United Nations, Private Sector and Media.

Senior Minister for Education and Literacy Department, Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, formally launched the GMR.


While reading Director UNESCO Islamabad’s message on the occasion, Kazi Ayaz Mahessar, Provincial Coordinator, UNESCO highlighted the main features and indicators of the report and told the participants, that “Pakistan needs to tackle unemployment of the youth by reviving and revamping the technical and vocational institutes, together with re-introducing skills development courses in secondary schools. This would contribute in skills enhancement and in producing productive and industrious labor force in the country.”

Ms. Bella Jameel of ITA, highlighted the importance of developing the youth with skills and urged the Government of Sindh for further investment in this sector.

The event was presided by the Senior Minister for Education and Literacy, Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, who, on the occasion, highlighted the importance of Education in the Nation’s overall economic, social and human development. He said that Sindh government is committed towards education and is investing in youth and skills through various interventions. Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Programme (BBSYDP) was particularly highlighted as contributing towards the skill enhancement of the youth in the province. In addition, he highlighted the progress of Education Department in reviving and revitalizing Technical Education Wing in the secondary schools of Sindh.