



SURE Chapter report 2017/2018 – South Asia

1) APGC, 2018 conference: The Department of Geography, University of Karachi has a tradition of organizing Geographic conferences on National and International scales. The Department had the honor of organizing IGU Conference during 1980s, 13th All Pakistan Geographical Conference in 2008 and first SURE conference for the region of South Asia in January 2017. Keeping this tradition alive, the Department is organizing 15th All Pakistan Geographical Conference on the Future of Geography in Pakistan. Putting together this event will provide opportunities for scholars working in the field of Geography as well as environmental sciences, urban and city planning, IT professionals, GIS and Remote Sensing specialists working at key positions in numerous governmental and Non-Governmental organizations of Pakistan. This conference had broadened the horizon of research in the fields related to Geo-Sciences, Urban Ecology, Climate change, Water and Environmental Management.

The very basic purpose of the APGC, 2018 conference was:

- To provide all national level geographers to gather, and share innovative ideas on Future issues of Geography in Pakistan
- To create general awareness among the masses regarding the importance of Spatial Issues related with planning, Climate change, Urban Ecology, Water resources, Environment and Disaster Management

2) REED plus initiative: Dr. Safdar Shirazi became the member Provincial REED +Management Committee, Govt. of the Punjab and attended its meeting in which he emphasized the need of Urban Ecology in REED plus initiative in Punjab-Pakistan. As Member REDD + Working Group, Govt. of Pakistan, Dr. Shirazi attended its meeting in Islamabad and participated vigorously in its deliberations.