

# Media Update

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## UNITED NATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE

### THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF POLICE COOPERATION *“Women in policing”*

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On this inaugural International Day of Police Cooperation, I wish to commend law enforcement from around the world for their dedication to peace, security and justice.

By sharing best practices, intelligence, and resources, police forces enhance our collective ability to confront crime, ensure safety and prevent conflict.

The principles that underpin police cooperation – accountability, transparency, and respect for diversity – are essential to renewing a social contract anchored in human rights. Community-oriented policing that emphasizes outreach and local solutions helps to build trust and improve safety.

Today, we also highlight the invaluable impacts of women in policing.

Women’s participation promotes access to justice for all, including for victims of gender-based violence, who may be more likely to seek help from women officers.

Police must reflect the diverse societies they serve. The United Nations supports Member States in ensuring that women are equally represented in all functions, including as leaders, of the police workforce.

Together, let us promote cooperation, foster gender equality and build a safer future for everyone.

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PRESS RELEASE

## **Breaking Boundaries: Women Empowerment in Leather Sector of Korangi Karachi**

Karachi (31 August 2023): The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in partnership with Bahria University Karachi Campus, the Pakistan Tanners Association, Southern Zone-Environmental Society (PTA(SZ)-ES), and backed by funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), marked a significant milestone in Karachi. This momentous occasion was the certification distribution ceremony for participants of the "Women Empowerment in Leather Sector" program. The event celebrated the accomplishments of women in the leather industry and underscored UNIDO's unwavering dedication to fostering gender equality and empowerment in this vital sector.

The program, aimed at fostering gender equality and women's empowerment in the leather industry, offered practical training in key areas such as leather processing, cleaner production techniques, and solid waste management. The successful participants were awarded certificates of completion during the ceremony.

The event was a testament to the strong partnership between academia and industry, with Bahria University appreciating the efforts made to bridge this crucial gap. The university management expressed their intention to further explore avenues for collaboration to provide meaningful learning experiences for students that align with industry demands.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, President of PTA(SZ)-ES, highlighted the significance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between PTA(SZ)-ES and Bahria University. He mentioned that this program was the second in a series,

focusing on empowering women in the leather sector. He also announced that the industry is committed to offering employment opportunities to qualified women in their units, thereby solidifying their dedication to gender inclusivity.

Mr. Ivan Kral, representing UNIDO, expressed his appreciation for the collaboration between PTA(SZ)-ES and Bahria University. He highlighted UNIDO's commitment to offering various learning options, both on-site and online, to promote a cleaner environment and sustainable development.

The certification distribution ceremony was a celebration of the successful completion of the "Women Empowerment in Leather Sector" program, symbolizing a promising step towards gender equality and sustainable development in the industry.

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