



Balochistan Policy Innovation Challenge (BPIC) 2025 Organized by: Center for Research Policy Development Peace & Strategic Studies (CRPPSS) In Collaboration with: DHA Quetta & Mountain View Technologies Park Event | Quetta, Balochistan

BPIC 2025

1. Introduction

The Balochistan Policy Innovation Challenge (BPIC) 2025 marked a milestone in youth-centered policy development in the province. Organized by CRPPSS, in strategic collaboration with DHA Quetta and Mountain View Technologies Park, the three-day event brought together young innovators, policymakers, academics, and civil society actors under one roof.

Anchored in the theme “Empowering Youth Voices for Sustainable Policy Solutions,” the challenge aimed to cultivate a new generation of policy thinkers by equipping university students with the knowledge, mentorship, and platform to design practical and future-focused public policies for Balochistan.

The event gathered 24 shortlisted teams from leading universities across Quetta, selected through a rigorous process comprising Google form assessments and interviews. BPIC 2025 stood out as one of the first youth-led policy innovation competitions in the province, emphasizing applied learning, collaborative solution-building, and evidence-based policy design.



2. Background and Rationale

Balochistan, with its vast geography, resource-rich landscape, and unique cultural diversity, remains one of Pakistan's most strategically critical yet developmentally challenged provinces. Issues such as water scarcity, weak educational infrastructure, unemployment, climate vulnerability, and governance limitations demand innovative and sustainable policy responses.

However, the youth Balochistan's largest demographic remains underrepresented in formal policymaking processes. Their ideas, creativity, and lived experiences rarely translate into actionable policy inputs.

BPIC 2025 was designed to:

- Bridge the gap between youth and policymaking institutions
- Cultivate policy literacy, critical thinking, and civic engagement
- Connect students with experts, practitioners, and researchers
- Provide a practical platform where students move beyond theory and engage in real-world policy problem-solving

The challenge focused on three high-impact modules reflective of Balochistan's pressing needs:

1. **AI in Education & Human Capital Development**
2. **Environment & Climate Resilience**
3. **Sustainable Development & Resource Management**



3. Modules and Sub-Themes

Module 1: AI in Education & Human Capital Development

Participants explored how digital innovation can strengthen Balochistan's educational ecosystem and workforce readiness.

Sub-Themes:

- Personalized learning using AI tools
- AI-enabled digital education and e-learning ecosystems
- Future skills development and alignment with labor market demands

Module 2: Environment & Climate Resilience

Teams navigated the province's environmental fragility, developing solutions to enhance resilience.

Sub-Themes:

- Water scarcity and drought mitigation
- Climate-smart agriculture and livelihood protection
- Urban environmental management and green initiatives

Module 3: Sustainable Development & Resource Management

This module linked economic development with sustainability and regional connectivity.

Sub-Themes:

- Renewable energy and clean technology
- Energy security solutions for remote regions
- Infrastructure and CPEC-related development strategies

Ensuring Transparency and Fair Evaluation

At BPIC 2025, we wanted every participant to feel respected, valued, and confident in the fairness of the competition. To make this possible, we invited judges from both the public and private sectors, bringing a healthy balance of perspectives and expertise to the evaluation process. The competition unfolded in two rounds, an initial internal screening followed by a final round led by external experts, so that each team's work was reviewed thoughtfully and from multiple angles. Most importantly, we shared all marksheets and scoring details with participants, ensuring that everyone clearly understood how decisions were made. This open and honest approach helped build trust, encouraged learning, and reflected our commitment to creating a transparent and supportive environment for all young innovators.

4. Event Structure and Detailed Proceedings

DAY 1 – ORIENTATION, TRAINING & FOUNDATIONS

29 October 2025 | 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

The first day began with an energetic atmosphere as students arrived for registration at 9:30 AM. The venue buzzed with excitement, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

Opening Ceremony (10:00 AM)

- **Welcome to CRPPSS**
Delivered by Ms. Fatima Dehgan, providing insight into the think tank’s mission and youth-focused engagements.
- **Challenge Overview & Expectations**
Presented by Mr. Dawood Khan Nasir, highlighting the structure, objectives, evaluation criteria, and the spirit of BPIC 2025.



Session 1: Introduction to Public Policy

Speaker: *Mr. Dawood Nangyal*

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

A foundational session covering:

- What is public policy?
- Stages of policy formulation
- Why youth involvement is critical

Participants gained clarity on conceptual frameworks that would guide their policy development during the challenge.



Tea Break & Icebreaker (12:00 PM – 12:30 PM)

An engaging activity led by *Mir Mehrab* helped participants break barriers and interact freely.



Session 2: Policy Implementation Challenges in Balochistan

Speaker: *Dr. Hidayatullah Khan*

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM,

This session explored:

- Ground-level governance challenges
- Resource constraints
- Administrative bottlenecks
- Real-life case studies from Balochistan



Lunch & Networking (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Participants interacted with one another, forming cross-disciplinary networks and friendships.

Session 3: Introduction to Modules, Rules & Templates

Speaker: *Mr. Dawood Khan Nasir*

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This detailed session gave participants clarity on:

- Module expectations
- Policy templates
- Rubric for evaluation
- Research requirements
- Time management strategies



Icebreaker 2 – Bingo Activity

A lively and fun-filled game led by the CRPPSS team, allowing participants to relax and bond.

Day 1 concluded at 4:30 PM.



DAY 2 – WORKSHOPS, MENTORSHIP & INTENSIVE TRAINING

30 October 2025 | 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Day 2 focused on equipping participants with advanced knowledge and practical skills.

Morning Energizer (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

An interactive confidence-building session set the tone for the day.

Parallel Workshops Begin (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

AI in Education & Human Capital Development

Trainer: *Dr. Waheed Noor*

- AI tools for classrooms
- Digital transformation in higher education
- Future workforce trends



Environment & Climate Resilience

Sustainable Development & Resource Management

Trainer: *Mr. Wali Khilji*

- Climate adaptation strategies
- Sustainability frameworks
- Regional development challenges



Lunch Break (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Advanced Session: AI & Future Skills

Speaker: *Dr. Muhammad Aadil Siddique*

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Participants were then provided sample policy drafts, template guidelines, and structured feedback for improving their work.

Day 2 concluded at 4:30 PM.



DAY 3 – COMPETITION, JUDGING & AWARDS CEREMONY

31 October 2025 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The final day carried a competitive spirit filled with anticipation and preparation.

Round 1: Policy Presentations (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Judges evaluated each team module-wise:

- **AI in Education & HCD:** *Dr. Muhammad Aadil Siddique*
- **Environment & Climate Resilience:** *Dr. Sanaullah Panezai*
- **Sustainable Development:** *Dr. Aziz Ahmed*

Top three teams per module qualified for Round 2.



Lunch & Guest Reception (1:00 PM – 2:30 PM)

Chief Guest: *Dr. Dost Muhammad Barech*

His presence added prestige to the event, and his words inspired the participants.

Round 2: Final Policy Pitch (2:30 PM – 4:00 PM)

Judges for the final round included:

- **AI in Education:** *Mr. Dawood Nangyal*
- **Climate Resilience:** *Dr. Anila Ali*
- **Sustainable Development:** *Dr. Hidayatullah Khan*

Each team showcased their refined proposals, demonstrating research, innovation, and practical feasibility.



Winners of BPIC 2025

Module Winners

AI in Education: *Team Digital Defenders* (Haseebullah & Abdul Rehman)



Sustainable Development: *Team G2* (Muhammad Rizwan & Hassam Ud Din)



Environment & Climate Resilience: *Team The Earth Healers* (Hashir Ali & Sabeen Raza) & **Best Policy Award (Overall Winner)**



Closing Ceremony

Guest of Honor: *CEO Raheel Javed*

Shields were awarded to:

- Judges
- Speakers
- Module Winners
- Best Policy Award Winner

Cash prizes included:

- **Rs. 30,000** for each module winner
- **Rs. 10,000** for the Best Policy Award



5. Closing Remarks & Acknowledgment to Sponsors

BPIC 2025 stands as a testament to the transformative potential of youth-driven policy innovation. This event would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our valued collaborators and sponsors.

CRPPSS extends heartfelt gratitude to:

DHA Quetta

For their generous facilitation, commitment to youth development, and institutional support throughout the planning and execution of BPIC 2025. Their belief in empowering future leaders greatly strengthened the impact of this event.

Mountain View Technologies Park

For hosting us with world-class facilities, technical support, and a nurturing environment that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and intellectual exploration.

We also deeply appreciate:

- Our esteemed speakers and judges who shared their knowledge and time
- Volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes
- University faculty who supported and encouraged student participation
- And most importantly, the **24 incredible teams** whose passion, hard work, and dedication made BPIC 2025 a truly inspiring experience

Together, we hope to continue building platforms where the youth of Balochistan can dream boldly, think critically, and shape policies that pave the way for a sustainable and prosperous future for the province.



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