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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Academic Qualifications	Masters (Urban & Regional Planning), N.E.D University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, 2005 B.E. Civil Engineering, N.E.D University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, 1992 Completed with Distinction, Columbia University, NYC's Online Course – The Age of Sustainable Development, 2014 Completed with Distinction, SDG Academy/SDSN Online Course – Sustainable Cities, 2018 Completed Course on Introduction to Human Centered Design – Acumen Academy, 2020
Academia	Assistant Professor of Practice, Department of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Social Development & Policy Program, Habib University, Karachi (2022-ongoing)

Work Experience

As an **urban sustainability planning practitioner**, have provided research, advisory and consulting services to a number of academic, donor, private consulting and not for profit organizations. Details as follows:

[World Bank Group \(WBG\)](#)

Urban Planning Consultant – Advisory services on the design, planning, implementation and monitoring of municipal services projects being executed by the District Municipal Authorities (DMCs) and Town Municipal Corporations (TMCs) in Karachi - **Competitive & Livable City Karachi (CLICK) project/component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2024 - ongoing)**

Consultant Urban Planning – Local Consultant for the work of GIS Mapping of informal settlements (katchi abadis) in Karachi and preparation of Climate Disaster Risk Assessment of informal settlements - ***Competitive & Livable City Karachi (CLICK) project/component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2023 - 24)***

Project Lead – Vision Karachi 2050 project – leading a team of experts for preparing a ***Vision Document*** for Karachi that looks for envisioning an inclusive, financially empowered and environmentally sensitive, climate friendly city. ***Component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2022 – 23)***

Consultant – Urban Planning – Work responsibilities include looking into aspects of institutional reforms in municipal agencies and in reviewing infrastructure rehabilitation and development interventions – ***Competitive & Livable City Karachi (CLICK) project/component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2022)***

Lead Consultant – Institutional Reforms –Work responsibilities include guidance in restructuring the governance framework of KW&SB (public water utility in Karachi) and support in implementing pilot projects in selected Katchi Abadis (informal settlements) and implementing the Gender Action Plan – ***Karachi Water & Sewerage Services Improvement Project (KWSSIP)/component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2020 – ongoing)***

Consultant – Urban Specialist – Guidance in planning and design inputs in community engagement processes in the project that aims at introducing innovative practices in urban public space design in Karachi city - ***Karachi Neighborhood Improvement Project (KNIP)/component of the Karachi Transformation Strategy project (2017 – 2023)***

Consultant – Urban Specialist – Prepared a ***Reforms Roadmap*** aimed at improving water and sewerage services in Katchi Abadis (informal settlements) for KW&SB – ***(2017)***

Independent Research – Prepared an ***Institutional Reforms Strategy for the Municipal Training Research Institute (MTRI)***, Karachi – ***(2012)***

Project Team Lead & Lead Author – Preparation of ***Sanitation Strategy*** for the province of Sindh (led and coordinated the work of a consulting team comprising both local and international consultants) – ***(2011)***

Principal Consultant – Design, implementation and monitoring, evaluation input in the ***Performance Benchmarking*** process in the KW&SB and five (5) Water & Sanitation Agencies (WASAs) in the Punjab province – ***(2006-12)***

Principal Consultant – Conceptualization, design and coordination input in the preparation of a ***Citizen Report Card (CRC)*** documenting citizen perceptions on KW&SB services. Conducted in nine (9) towns of Karachi (4,500 households) – ***(2010)***

Independent Research – Prepared a ***Learning Toolkit*** – documenting knowledge, experiences drawn from the ***Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP)*** in Southern Punjab – ***(2008)***

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Project Consultant - In the *North Sindh Urban Services Corporation – NSUSC* – based in Sukkur City, Sindh province, Pakistan under the – Work included preparation and analysis of supporting and reference documents on policies and governance frameworks and management policies and practices, detailing reform options and profiling of global best practices - ***Sindh Cities Improvement Project – SCIP (2008)***

Project Consultant - the *Karachi Mega City Project*. Part of the ADB team in the dialogue between ADB and KW&SB in the preparation of the ‘Water Sector Investment Plan’ **(2007)**

Project Consultant - Preparation of an ***Initial Environmental Examination Report (IEE)*** for the *Sindh Road Sector Development Program – Rural Access Roads*. Work involved field visits and survey of proposed rural access roads in five districts of Sindh – Nawabshah, Nawshero Feroz, Dadu, Larkana and Sanghar - detailed consultations with relevant stakeholders for assessment of environmental impacts and recommendation of mitigation strategies – **(2006)**

The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

Independent Consultancy – Preparation of the ***Pakistan National Strategy and Action Plan (Pakistan NSAP) - Mangroves for the Future Program (MFF)*** as a viable framework for implementing sustainable development along the coast of Pakistan – **(2013)**

Urban Collaborative

In the capacity of **Founder & CEO, Urban Collaborative**, acts as the *Karachi Bureau Chief of Borderless*. Borderless (<https://thisisborderless.com/>) is an initiative that aims to foster a tolerant, inclusive society by capturing cultural and social expressions of community change makers and building a community of peace using both virtual and physical spaces for engagement through content capture, content creation and dissemination - **(2020-ongoing)**

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment

Project Manager - Project – ***Empowering Youth for Engaged Citizenship*** - aimed at raising awareness on civic activism and promoting pro-active citizenship amongst the youth in Karachi. Responsibilities include conceptualization and design (working modules) of consultative and training events, supervision of consultative and training events, preparation of task briefs for knowledge products and preparation of Course Curriculum project deliverable and final project report. Project funded by the National Endowment of Democracy – **(2024- ongoing)**

Project Manager – Project – ***Forging a Community for Green Living*** - the project looked at engaging relevant stakeholders in Karachi and developing knowledge products to help chart collaborative pathways for promoting climate friendly green lifestyles. Funded by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation - **(2023)**

Project Manager – Preparation of *Local Government Handbook (Focus Karachi City)*, (in collaboration with USAID) setting up a Web Portal on urban governance for Karachi city and a Karachi City Eco Map, sourcing the crowd mapping technique for facilitating citizen mobilization

on civic issues. Design and conduct of a Civic Hackathon participated by university students for developing mobile applications for civic issues facilitation in Karachi city – **(2016-7)**

Project Manager – Conceptualization and supervision of a three (3) year project (in collaboration with FNSt) – ***Climate Efficient Urban Mobility and Smart City Growth*** – working with all relevant stakeholders in Karachi city to develop policy, program and project-based interventions for promoting sustainable urban mobility practices in Karachi – **(2018 – 2020)**

Project Manager – Preparation, in collaboration with FNSt of a strategic roadmap for a comprehensive ***Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for Karachi City*** – **(2012)**

Project Manager – Preparation, in collaboration with the World Bank Group, of a ***Political Economy Analysis*** for the rural hinterland in Karachi for sustaining the Agro-Urban Sector and associated livelihoods– **(2011-2012)**

Project Team Lead – Conceptualization, design and supervision for developing a ***GIS based map*** for the sensitive coastal eco-system along the Karachi coast, in collaboration with the WWF for use as a planning tool for improved habitat management of the green turtle nesting sites. *Awarded the 'Indus Conservation award, on the year 2012, for best performance among all funded projects by the Technical Committee of the Fund Program* – **(2009-2010)**

Project Team Lead – Preparation of a ***Habitat Management Plan***, in collaboration with UNDP, for the green turtle nesting sites on the Karachi coast. Work involved training and capacity building of local communities to act as environmental stewards – **(2004-2005)**

Teaching Experience

Habib University, Karachi

Associate Professor of Practice, Department of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Social Development & Policy Program, Habib University, Karachi, since 2022 - Courses on **Public Policy & Urban Sustainability**

Visiting Faculty - (January 2019 December 2020)				
Course	Department	Academic Year		Time Period
Urban Planning – Past, Present & Future	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Spring 2019 Spring 2020
Sustainable Urban Mobility	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Fall 2019 Spring 2024
Public Policy I and II	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Spring 2024 Spring/Fall 2023
Urban Sustainability	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Spring 2025 Fall 2024 Spring/Fall 2023
Social Development & Change (SDP 101)	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Fall 2024
SRS – Urban Inequity in Karachi	Social Development & Policy (SDP)	Junior, Seniors	Sophomore,	Spring 2025

Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture (IVSAA), Karachi

Visiting Faculty - (January 2013 December 2021)			
Course	Department	Academic Year	Time Period
Urban Theories/Urban Open Space Design	Architecture	Fourth	January 2013 – December 2021
Sustainable Living	Liberal Arts	Fourth	January 2013 – December 2021
Research Methodologies	Liberal Arts	Fourth	August 2014 – December 2016

Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi

Visiting Faculty - (August 2016 to December 2021)			
Course	Department	Academic Year	Time Period
Sustainable Cities & Communities	Social Sciences & Liberal Arts	Fourth	August 2016 – December 2021
Community Development	Social Sciences & Liberal Arts	Fourth	August 2017 (Fall Semester)

NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi

Visiting Faculty - (January 2010 to December 2018)			
Course	Department	Academic Year	Time Period
Urban Sustainability Planning	Urban & Regional Planning	Masters	January 2010 – December 2015
Human Development	Development Studies	Bachelors (3 rd Semester)	January 2010 – June 2016
Participatory Development	Development Studies	Bachelors (4 th Semester)	August 2016 – December 2018
Urban Planning Workshop	Development Studies	Bachelors (8 th Semester)	November 2017 – March 2018

PUBLICATIONS

_Printed research publications of Farhan Anwar can be accessed on the following site-
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1R7qDI2pc9hJGc4x7tEOmRPxK4rQWZHU->