

## MAHMOOD AKHTAR CHEEMA Country Representative, IUCN Pakistan

## **Professional experience:**

Mahmood Akhtar Cheema has over 32 years of experience in Natural Resource Management and Programme Development, Climate Change, and Integrated Water Resource Management.

With more than 24 years of experience with IUCN Pakistan he made significant contributions to IUCN Pakistan programme development as a whole while establishing and maintaining linkages with the Government, NGOs and IUCN members and partners in different capacities. At present, he is the Country Representative, IUCN Pakistan since November 2012-todate. Before joining IUCN, Mr. Cheema worked with Government as an officer; and as consultant with UNDP, FAO, NRSP and AKRSP.

Mr. Cheema holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad Pakistan; and a Master of Science degree in Agriculture Extension from University of Reading, U.K.; and Overseas Technical Trainer's Award, organized by Center for Rural Development and Training, University of Wolverhampton, U.K. 1993. (Training Methodology: Planning Training Programmes; Teaching Theory, Teaching Practical; Use of Training Resources; Training Methods and Evaluation of Training etc.).

Among numerous affiliations, he is a Founder Member of Human Resource Development Network (HRDN); Member BoD Energy Conservation Fund Pakistan; Member BoD of Mountain Areas Conservancy Fund (MACF); Member of Green Task Force Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Member BoD Green Climate Fund; Member Advisory Group on Climate Change, Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Government Pakistan; Member of the Punjab Environmental Protection Council (PEPC); Member of the Committee of the Sindh Forest and Wildlife Department on Status of Notified Protected Areas; Member of the Environmental Protection Council of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir; and Member of the Board of Directors of Punjab Sustainable Fund.