

June 6th 2024 - The Population Research Centre at IBA, in collaboration with the UNFPA Karachi office, hosted an enlightening session on **Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** featuring **Dr. Luay Shabaneh**. Moderated by **Dr. Khadija Bari**, director of the Population Research Centre, the event attracted a diverse audience, including academics, researchers, students, and journalists.



Dr. Shabaneh's discussion focused on the policy and implementation gaps in Pakistan, emphasizing the urgent need for strategic actions to address these challenges. A critical theme that emerged from the session was the importance of building human capital through investments in education and skills development.

Another key takeaway was the emphasis on investing in women and youth to address population and high fertility issues and to make use of the demographic dividend. Empowering women through education, healthcare, and economic opportunities was highlighted as essential for sustainable development. Similarly, investing in the youth to harness their potential and drive economic growth is crucial. Addressing these demographic challenges is vital for achieving better progress towards the SDGs and improving the overall well-being of all citizens.

This insightful session underscored the significance of demographic diversity and strategic investment in human capital, particularly in women and youth, to drive sustainable development