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awareness among farmers about adaptive agricultural practices and weak enforcement of pollution controls continue to hinder resilience efforts. They emphasized that climate adaptation must be coupled with education, behavioral change, and stronger local participation in decision making processes. Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Associate Professor and Registrar PIDE, stressed that policy design itself influences climate outcomes and called for evidence based policymaking that integrates environmental and economic objectives. He also pointed to the absence of climate insurance mechanisms to protect vulnerable households from floods, droughts, and crop failures. Other contributors, including Dr. Zulfiqar, Dr. Usman, and Dr. Faisal, discussed the social and psychological dimensions of climate stress, such as forced migration, loss of community identity, and post disaster vulnerabilities.



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