

**Government of Pakistan**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**Youth Affairs Wing**

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**Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Shaza Fatima Khawaja held a consultative session on Youth employment policy with regard to overseas employment. Representative of concerned ministries and organizations attended the meeting.**

Shaza Fatima Khawaja highlighted that biggest challenge is to absorb people in 20 million jobs that will be created under youth employment policy. She said that effective solutions are required to counter these challenges. Technological advancements are an opportunity as well as a hurdle for a developing country like Pakistan to compete at world stage because most of our young population lack modern tech gadgets and facilities. She narrated that this is one of the core reasons that most of our bright students leave Pakistan and settle abroad.

Sapm urged participants to share data of our overseas young population so that they can be incorporated as a stakeholder in upcoming youth policy. Shaza Fatima Khawaja stated that corresponding ministries can play effective role to channelize and utilize our overseas young population.

Participants appreciated the role and vision of Prime Minister's Youth Programme to facilitate the overseas young population and said that this will be a productive measure as overseas Pakistanis possess huge potential and will to serve and play role in the development of Pakistan.

Special Assistant, Shaza Fatima Khawaja stressed upon formation of a data base specifically for our overseas community. So that government can connect with Pakistani talent living in different parts of the globe in an effective manner.