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CHAIRMAN BISP ADDRESS AT INTER-MINISTERIAL SESSION AT SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING FORUM

Chairman BISP addresses Inter-Ministerial Session at South-South Learning Forum
Chairman BISP, Enver Baig said that the cash transfers have to be complimented with graduation programs which provide these poor access to income generating opportunities, BISP has recently started exploring avenues for training and entrepreneurship development of the poorest to help them find job opportunities in the local and overseas market. He was addressing the inter-ministerial session of South-South Learning Forum, being held in Rio de Janeiro.



BRAZIL: Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Enver Baig at Inter-Ministerial Session of South-South Learning Forum held in Rio de Janeiro. (Dated: March 22, 2014)

Chairman BISP added that BISP is linking up with various initiatives to deliver these services to ensure that we do not tax our capacity to deviate from our core mandate of working as the custodian of social protection system in the country.

Mr. Enver Baig expressed his gratitude for the World Bank and the Government of Brazil for providing an opportunity to learn from this forum. He said that he was delighted to be

at the forum with his colleagues from Pakistan to learn from the world that how social protection systems can contribute to alleviate poverty and believed that the four days had been exceptional from learning perspective.

During his speech, Chairman BISP apprised the people attending the conference about BISP, the short-term and long-term objectives of the programme and how it has evolved into one of the largest social safety net programmes in South Asia. He said that the Government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif decided to continue further development and consolidation of this system by doubling its allocation in the current financial year budget and closely working with the provinces. He added that he has been entrusted with the task to expand the coverage of Programme and expedite investment in human capital starting with promotion of education amongst the poorest beneficiaries of the Programme.

In his speech, Chairman BISP also shared the ideas learnt through sharing of experiences by participants from different parts of the world. He commended Bolsa Familia and its presence at grass roots level. He also admired the efforts of Peru, Philippines, India, Kenya, Romania, Malaysia and Egypt. Enver Baig reiterated his commitment to support the poor boys and girls in Pakistan to get access to education and develop their prosperous future. He said that the government of Mr. Nawaz Sharif is committed to give them a hope of a better life especially in the current challenges being faced by the country.