

## **Abstract**

*“Pakistan’s Ministry of Climate Change and autonomous localized responses to CLimate Catastrophe”*

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The Makran Coast along the Arabian Sea faces critical ecological degradation, exacerbated by climate change, as outlined by the UN’s IPCC 2022 report. Afro-Baloch communities inhabiting the region confront this crisis amidst putative state abandonment and resource scarcity. Responding to the destruction of their habitats, they have innovated Oceanic Nomadism, a practice blending traditional Afro-Baloch maritime culture with emergent climate challenges. This study explores how Pakistan’s federal bureaucracies in Islamabad engage with localized responses to climate crises, focusing on their recognition of, and coordination with, Afro-Baloch initiatives. Through fieldwork at key bureaucratic sites, namely the Global Climate-Change Impact Studies Center (GCCISC) at the Ministry of Climate Change and the headquarters of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and incorporating semi-structured interviews and archival research, this project will measure bureaucratic perceptions and considerations of autonomous local interventions and how they bear onto policy outcomes and projections. Specifically, the research aims to understand how state actors integrate non-state, informal efforts like Oceanic Nomadism into broader climate policy frameworks and disaster management strategies, contributing insights crucial for effective climate governance and community resilience.