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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Venue:

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Monday, December 21, 2009		Day One
Opening Plenary		9:00 am – 11:00 am
<p>Welcome Address and Introduction to the Conference Abid Qaiyum Suleri Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Remarks by the Chief Guest Syed Naveed Qamar Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources</p> <p>Introduction to the SDC Anthology and Book Launch Title of the Book: <i>Peace and Sustainable Development in South Asia: Issues and Challenges of Globalization</i></p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Saba Gul Khattak, Member Social Sector, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad, and, former Executive Director, SDPI</p> <p>Plenary Title: Violence and Accountability</p> <p>Discussion</p>		
Tea / Coffee		11:00 am – 11:30 am

Monday, December 21, 2009		Day One
Concurrent Panel A-1		11:30 am – 1:30 pm
<p>South Asia in 2060 Chair: Adil Najam, The Frederick S. Pardee Professor for Global Public Policy, Boston University, USA</p>		
Speakers	Title	
Nihal Rodrigo, Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to China; and, Former Secretary General, SAARC, Colombo, Sri Lanka	The future of South Asian integration	
Dipak Gyawali, Director of the Nepal Water Conservation Foundation and Pragma of the Royal Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, Kathmandu, Nepal	Trans-boundary water issues	
A. K. Enamul Haque, Executive Director Economic Research Group and Professor and Head of Economics United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh	South Asian economy	
Ishrat Hussain, Former Governor State Bank of Pakistan and Director, Institute of	South Asian economy	

of Pakistan and Director, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan	
Amitabh Mattoo, Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament Jawaharlal Nehru University, India	Conflict in South Asia
Discussion	
Lunch	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Concurrent Panel A-2	11:30 am – 1:30 pm
The Politics of Policy Research in Developing Countries Chair and Discussant: Afiya Zia, Independent Civic & Social Organization Professional, Karachi, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title
Saba Gul Khattak, Member Social Sector, Planning Commission of Pakistan; and, Visiting Research Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Research in difficult settings: Reflections on Pakistan
Lubna Chaudhry, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University, State University of New York, USA	On the value of the "unruly": Researching Pakistani women differently
Nazish Brohi, Independent Researcher, Lahore, Pakistan	The reification of culture and neo-archaeology of the indigenous
Raza Ahmad, Development Practitioner and Researcher, Lahore, Pakistan	Discourse, donors and development: the conundrum of policy research in Pakistan
Discussion	
Lunch	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Concurrent Panel A-3	11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Household Water Treatment Systems and Safe Water Storage for Sustainable Access to Safe Drinking Water in South Asia Session I Chair: Muhammad Yasin, Advisor, Centre for Capacity Building, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussant: Engineer Mumtaz Hussain, Editor "The Environ Monitor", Lahore, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title
Mahmood A. Khwaja, Senior Advisor Chemicals & Sustainable Industrial Development and Visiting Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Household treatment systems and safe storage for sustainable access to safe drinking water in remote rural areas: Use of Nadi Water Filters – A case study
F. H. Mughal, Controller, Karachi Building Control Authority, Department of Local Government, Government of Sindh, Karachi, Pakistan	Assessing the sustainable access to safe drinking water in Sindh
Muhammad Luqman and Abdullah Yasar, Sustainable Development Study Center, G.C.	Sustainable techniques for arsenic removal from drinking water in rural areas of the

Sustainable Development Study Center, G.C. University, Lahore, Pakistan	from drinking water in rural areas of the Indo-Pak Subcontinent
Discussion	

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Concurrent Panel A-4		2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
The Prospects of Normalization of Kashmir Chair: Talat Masood, Retired General, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Amitabh Mattoo, Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament Jawaharlal Nehru University, India	Resolving the Kashmir conflict	
Shah Ghulam Qadir, Speaker, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Assembly	The way forward on Kashmir	
Zulfiqar Abbasi, Former President Azad Jammu Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Trading our way to peace	
Paolo Cotta, Pugwash, Secretary General, Pugwash Conferences, USA	Normalizing Kashmir: The Importance of Cross-LoC dialogue	
Discussion		
Concurrent Panel A-5		2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Global Financial Crisis: Response of South Asia Chair: Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Regional Policy Coordinator, ActionAid, Asia Discussant: Shafqat Munir, ActionAid, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Karin Astrid Siegmann, Lecturer, Labour and Gender Economics, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands	The financial crisis in South Asia: From jobless growth to jobless slump?	
Sakuntala Narasimhan, Columnist and Author, Bangalore, India	Gender dimensions of global financial crisis: Case study of India	
Vaqar Ahmad, Macroeconomics Section, Planning Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan	Impact of the financial crisis on the socio-economy of Pakistan	
Discussion		

Concurrent Panel A-6		2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Household Water Treatment Systems and Safe Water Storage for Sustainable Access to Safe Drinking Water in South Asia Session II Chair: Manzoor H. Soomro, Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussant: Mustafa Talpur, Advisor, WaterAid-South Asia, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Padmaja Shreshtha, Senior Programme Manager, Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO), New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal	“Partnership for Safe Water” initiative for the promotion of Household Water Treatment (HWT) options in Nepal	
Linda Smith and Sushil Tuladhar, Filters for Families (FFF) ‘Arsenic Mitigation and Research in Nepal’ (Presented in absentia by Mahmood A. Khwaja, Visiting Research Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad)	SONO Filter: Household technology for arsenic reduction from ground water in Nepal	
Discussion		

Tuesday, December 22, 2009		Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-1		9:00am – 11:00 am
Women and ICTs in South Asia: Exclusion or Empowerment? Chair: Muhammad Ali, Director General (GE), Ministry of Women Development, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussant: Marvi Memon, Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Karin Astrid Siegmann, Lecturer, Labour and Gender Economics, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands	The gender digital divide in rural Pakistan: How wide is it and how to bridge it?	
Nazima Shaheen, Project Coordinator, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	ICTs for women empowerment: Learning from best practices	
Anupama Saxena, Associate Professor and In-charge-Director of Women’s Studies and Development Center, Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	Exploring gender gaps in rural E-Governance in India: A case study of e-gram Suraj (E-Rural Good Governance Scheme) scheme of Chhattisgarh state of India	
Discussion		
Tea	11.00am-11.30am	
Concurrent Panel B-2		9:00am - 11:00 am

Alternative Textbooks for Social and Political Harmony Chair and Discussant: Tariq Rehman, Director, Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title

Shahid Siddiqi, Professor & Director Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences Lahore School of Economics, Lahore, Pakistan	Diversity for harmony: A case for alternative textbooks
Sarfraz Khan, Director, Area Study Centre University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan	Role of alternative textbooks in promoting political and social harmony
Shahjahan Baloch, IDSP, Quetta, Pakistan	The importance of alternative textbooks for social and political harmony
Tea	11.00am-11.30am

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Concurrent Panel B-3 9:00am – 11:00 am		
Discussion		
National Sustainable Development Strategy		
Chair: Imtinan E. Qureshi, Executive Director, COMSATS, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Discussants: Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan; Aurangzeb Khan, Chief Environment, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad; Shoaib Aziz, ActionAid-Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Safdar Sohail, DG, Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speaker	Title	
Irfan Tariq, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad, Pakistan	National Sustainable Development Strategy	
Discussion		
Tea	11:00 am – 11:30 am	
Concurrent Panel B-4		11:30am – 1:30 pm
Pakistan's Military Offensive, the IDP Crisis, and Prospects for Taming Militancy		
Chair and Discussant: Talimand Khan, Survey Coordinator, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Ziauddin Yousafzai, Spokesperson, Loya Jirga (Grand Council), Swat, Pakistan	Swat's IDP challenge from a civil society perspective	
Shaukat Sharar, Shaukat Associates, Architect and Surveyors and Development Specialist, Swat, Pakistan	Reconstruction and rehabilitation in Swat	
Noor Saleem, Lecturer, Islamabad Model College, Ministry of Education, Islamabad, Pakistan	Waziristan's IDP challenge	
Omar Hayat, Chief of Staff, Special Support Group	Government's strategy to cope with the IDP challenge and lessons learnt	
Shakeel Qadar, Director General, PARSAs, Peshawar, Pakistan	IDPs coping strategy in South Waziristan and Swat	
Discussion		

Lunch	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
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Concurrent Panel B-5	11:30am – 1:30 pm
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TEEB Plenary Session:**The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity**

Chair: Pushpam Kumar, Scientific Coordinator, TEEB, University of Liverpool, England
(Introduction and its relevance for South Asia)

Speakers	Title
Madhu Verma, Professor, Faculty of Environment & Developmental Economics, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Nehru Nagar, Bhopal, India	Emerging messages for national planners
Rehana Siddiqui, Chief of Research, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Quaid-e-University, Islamabad, Pakistan	Valuation of natural / environmental capital for policy makers
John Gowdy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, USA; and, President, International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE)	Discounting in projects impacting ecosystem services and climate

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-6	11:30am – 1:30 pm
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Social Dimensions of Food Security (Food Insecurity: Militancy Nexus)

Chair: Haji Muhammad Adeel, Senator, ANP, Pakistan

Discussants: Avanish Kumar, Associate Professor & Area Chair, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India; and, Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Research Associate, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Social dimensions of food insecurity in Pakistan
Bishnu Raj Upreti, South Asia Regional Coordinator, NCCR North-South, Kathmandu, Nepal	Relationship between food insecurity, social tension and political conflict in Nepal
Roshan Malik, Research Assistant and Ph.D Student, Rural Sociology, Iowa State University, USA	Food security and governance nexus

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-7 2:30pm – 4:30 pm	
Civil-Military Relations and the Political Economy of Military Intervention Chair and Discussant: Ejaz Haider, News Editor, The Friday Times; and, Consultant, SAMAA TV, Lahore, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title
Asha Gupta, Lecturer, University of Delhi, India	Civil-military relations in India: Emerging trends
Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Political Science, Boston University, USA	A comparative study of the civil-military relations in Turkey and Pakistan: Differences and future trajectories
Bishnu Raj Upreti, South Asia Regional Coordinator, NCCR North-South, Kathmandu, Nepal	Civil-military relations and the political transition in Nepal
Talat Mahmood, Senior Fellow Social Science Research Center, Berlin, Germany	Comparing military rule with democratic periods in Pakistan: An evaluation of democratic progress
Ceren Ergenc, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Political Science, Boston University, USA	China's civil-military relations
Discussion	

Concurrent Panel B-8 2:30pm – 4:30 pm
State of Food Security in Pakistan Chair: M. Ashfaq, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan
Discussants: Pius Rohner, Country Director, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Roshan Malik, Research Assistant and Ph.D Student, Rural Sociology, Iowa State University, USA
Speakers:
Sahib Haq, Senior Programme Officer, World Food Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan
Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan

Concurrent Panel B-9 2:30pm – 4:30 pm	
Climate Change and Chemicals' Use: Adaptation and Mitigation Measures for Minimizing the Emerging Environmental and Health Impacts	
Chair: Shafqat Kakakhel, Former Acting Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and SDPI Senior Advisor on Climate Change, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussant: Nazima Shaheen, Project Coordinator, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title

Mahmood A. Khwaja, Senior Advisor Chemicals & Sustainable Industrial Development and Visiting Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Impacts of climate change on some selected polluted sites: The emerging environmental/health issues and measures for control
Thuppil Venkatesh, LEAD Man and Director, National Referral Center for Lead Poisoning, Delhi, India	Lead toxicity and climate change
Jahangir Mirza, Senior Scientist, Research Institute of Hydro-Québec, Montreal, Canada (Presented in absentia by Mahmood A. Khwaja, Visiting Research Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad)	Adaptation measures to minimize climate change impacts: Construction materials A case study

Wednesday, December 23, 2009		Day Three
Concurrent Panel C-1		9:00am – 11:00 am
Climate Change Impacts and Actions in South Asia Session I Chair: Nuzrat Yar Khan, HEC Professor on Sustainability Science, Sustainable Development Study Center, Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan Discussant: Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Regional Policy Coordinator, Asia, ActionAid International, Dhaka, Bangladesh		
Speakers	Title	
Aneel Salman, Fullbright Scholar, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, USA	Sustainable well-being and climate change in Pakistan: Case of Shigar Valley mountain ecosystem	
Avanish Kumar, Associate Professor & Area Chair, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India	Challenges of social and spatial inequity and opportunities for CSOs in South Asia	
Shakeel Ramay, Research Associate, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Climate change and food security	
Tea		11.00am-11.30am
Concurrent Panel C-2		9:00am – 11:00 am
Role of Women Parliamentarians in Social and Political Change Chair: Nafisa Shah, Chairperson, National Commission on Human Development, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussant: Marvi Memon, Member National Assembly, Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Farzana Bari, Gender Studies Department, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	Women challenging the political frontiers in Pakistan	
Naeem Mirza, Programme Director, Aurat Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan	Role of women parliamentarians and need for internal party quotas	

Discussion	
Tea	11.00am-11.30am

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Concurrent Panel C-3 9:00am – 11:00 am	
The State of Brick Kilns in Pakistan Chair: Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussants: Tahir Pervaiz Dar, National Project Director, EEBP, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	Title
Saba Gul Khattak, Member Social Sector, Planning Commission of Pakistan; and, Visiting Research Fellow, SDPI, Islamabad	Social analysis of the brick production units in Pakistan
Zulfiqar Ali Shah Bukhari, Freelance Consultant, Legal Services for Engineering and Energy Projects, Islamabad, Pakistan (Presented in absentia by Mian Suleman Gul, Coordinator, Energy Efficient Brick Production (EEBP) Programme, Pakistan)	Legal review of the brick production sector In Pakistan
Abrar Ahmad, Freelance Consultant, Energy Projects, Islamabad, Pakistan	Contemporary brick manufacturing technologies in Pakistan
Ayesha Rehman, Researcher, Islamabad; Pakistan	Non-Fired Bricks Using Industrial Wastes: An Environment-Friendly Option
Discussion	
Tea	11.00am-11.30am

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Concurrent Panel C-4		11:30am – 1:30 pm
Climate Change Negotiations: Debriefing of Copenhagen COP-15 Session II Chair: Shafqat Kakakhel, Former Acting Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and SDPI Senior Advisor on Climate Change, Islamabad, Pakistan Discussant: Adil Najam, The Frederick S. Pardee Professor for Global Public Policy Director, The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future Professor, Department of International Relations, Professor, Department of Geography and Environment		
Speakers	Title	
Sanjay Vashist, Adviser, Climate Change Programme Heinrich Boll Foundation; and, Director, Climate Action Network in South	Politics of climate change negotiations	

Asia, Delhi, India	
Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Research Associate, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Climate change negotiations: Civil society perspective
Palash Kanti Das, International Policy Advisor, OXFAM, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Shared vision for South Asia
Pervaiz Amir, Senior Economist, Consultant, Asianics, Islamabad, Pakistan	The International Politics of Adaptation
Discussion	
Lunch	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23, 2009		Day Three
Concurrent Panel C-5		11:30am – 1:30 pm
Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development in South Asia		
Chair: Arif Alauddin, CEO, Alternative Energy Development Board, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Discussants: Irfan Yousuf, Deputy Director, AEDB, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Mohammad Khurshid, Deputy Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs & Statistics, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Tajammul Hussain, Director General (International Affairs), COMSATS, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Title	
Arif Alauddin, CEO, Alternative Energy Development Board AEDB, Islamabad, Pakistan	Renewable Energy Options for Pakistan	
Pervaiz Akhter, Former D. G., Pakistan Council for Renewable Energy Technologies, Islamabad, Pakistan	Energy sustainability and role of renewable energy in the energy mix of Pakistan	
Zafar Iqbal Zaidi, D. G., Pakistan Council for Renewable Energy Technologies, Islamabad, Pakistan	Development of Renewable Energy Technologies in Pakistan	
Irfan Mehmood, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan	Critical analyses of Pakistan Energy Policy (Power Sector) and suggestions for integration of renewables	
Discussion		
Lunch	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
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Concurrent Panel C-6		
		11:30am – 1:30 pm
Gender Justice		
Chair and Discussant: Lubna Chaudhry, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University, State University of New York, USA		

Speakers	Title
Mome Saleem, Research Associate, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Uncommon man identified
Mehmood Khan, Fiazganj district, Khairpur Sindh, Pakistan	Tables turned: "Power to the powerless"
Azim Khan, Kaggawalla, Peshawar, Pakistan	Breaking the norms of patriarchal cultural: "Sawara practice undermined"
Discussion	

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H U Beg Memorial Lecture	
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	
<p>Keynote Speaker: Adil Najam The Frederick S. Pardee Professor for Global Public Policy Director, The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future Professor, Department of International Relations Professor, Department of Geography and Environment Boston University, USA</p> <p>Plenary Title: Future of South Asia</p> <p>Remarks by the Guest of Honor: Fauzia Wahab, Information Secretary, Pakistan People's Party, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Remarks by the Chief Guest: Farzana Raja, Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Vote of Thanks	
Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
High Tea / Coffee	