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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Mission

To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

About Newsletter

To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for

“China Study Centre - SDPI”

It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.

Newspapers Covered:

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

With a large network of universities, government bodies, business and civil society organizations, the Centre aims to promote collaborations, capacity building and technology transfer based on lessons learnt and experiences of China, attributed to their scientific knowledge and policy instruments. This requires a deep insight into Chinese history, culture, and socio-economic contexts. Such an approach is essential to catalyze the active engagement with China to address the economic and development challenges towards achieving sustainable development.

Subjects Covered

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China's Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI s events, visits, publications

China Study Centre

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

PR explores 'Gateway of Prosperity' under CPEC

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-26

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China & America trade conflict

Xi, Putin look to challenge US-led order

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-17

SAMARKAND, (Uzbe-kistan): Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping looked to rally Asian leaders behind a new "international order" as they met Friday for a summit aimed at challenging Western influence. But cracks in summit solidarity quickly appeared, with India's prime minister telling Putin it was "not the time" for the conflict in Ukrai..... [more >>](#)

US, China asked to set aside differences to help climate

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-28

WASHINGTON: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari urged the United States and China on Tuesday to set aside their differences and work together for improving global climate, a day after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken asked Pakistan to engage with China for restructuring its debt. In a joint media briefing with his Pakistani counterpart a day earlier, Secretary Blinken said: "We talked [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China: putting people first

Source: [Li Bijian](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-18

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has prioritized people's health and assigned it a strategic position. "Putting people and their lives first" has been the CPC's governance philosophy. China has made guidelines for healthcare-related work in the new era, made building a health..... [more >>](#)

China: modernisation of education

Source: [Li Bijian](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-25

Education is crucial for China. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), General Secretary Xi Jinping has put forward a series of new concepts, new ideas and new strategies around the fundamental issues of what kind of citizens we should be cultivating, and how and for whom we are cultivating citizens. These important instructions on education, made by General Secret..... [more >>](#)

China, Pakistan, other nations vow to build stable global industrial and supply chains

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-28

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Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Short videos portray strong bond between Pakistan, China: envoy

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-19

ISLAMABAD: The iron-clad friendship between Pakistan and China could be witnessed through visuals in videos created by students in a bid to mark the 71st anniversary of diplomatic relations between both countries. This was highlighted by Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong at an event held in Islamabad. To celebrate 71 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries, a special..... [more >>](#)

Sino-Pak military cooperation hailed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-20

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe on Monday termed the Sino-Pak military cooperation an important pillar of bilateral ties. The army chief arrived in the Chinese capital on Monday on a two-day official visit. In a meeting with army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa in Beijing the Chinese minister said his country greatly valued the time-tested relations with Pakistan and its army, [more >>](#)

China thanks COAS for CPEC security

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Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe on Monday expressed his country's willingness to provide technical assistance for supporting flood relief efforts in Pakistan. General Wei Fenghe made the offer during a meeting with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who is on a two-day official visit to China, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. The Chi..... [more >>](#)

COAS meets Chinese defence minister

Source: [Muhammad Anis & News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-20

RAWALPINDI: Chinese Minister for Defence General Wei Fenghe expressed satisfaction over progress on CPEC and hoped for timely completion of the mega project. He expressed these views while talking to Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa who is on an official two-day visit to China. General Bajwa called on Chinese Minister for Defence General Wei Fenghe, the Inter-Services Public R..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm donates Rs4.5 million for rehabilitation of flood victims

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-25

ISLAMABAD: A delegation from a Chinese construction company called on Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari and presented a donation cheque for Rs4.5 million to him for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood-affected families. According to a statement, company Director Li-Ping and Deputy Director Chen Zhihang of Yunnan Sunny Road and Bridge Company handed o..... [more >>](#)

China develops strategies to use floodwater for agriculture

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-25

ISLAMABAD: China has developed technologies and strategies to transform floodwater to generate economic benefits. The project could be replicated in Pakistan after studying its various aspects. A senior officer of the Federal Ministry of Climate Chang has submitted a report to the effect. It has suggested that Chinese experience could turn floods into a resource to benefit the society. In China [more >>](#)

Chinese national day celebrated

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-26

LAHORE: An impressive ceremony was held by Understanding China Forum to celebrate the Chinese Moon Cake Festival and National Day of China at a local club here on Sunday. Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shiren was the guest of honour on this occasion. The mid-autumn festival, also known as the Moon Cake Festival, is a traditional event in the Chinese culture. The history of the festival da..... [more >>](#)

C-5 delay by PTI govt caused 'Rs1.2tr opportunity loss'

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-09-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has suffered an opportunity loss amounting to almost Rs1.2 trillion as then PTI government did not allow China National Nuclear Corporation to start work on Chashma Nuclear Power Plant (ChNuPP-5) also known as C-5. A senior power division officer told The News that the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) had signed an agreemen..... [more >>](#)

China responds to Blinken's call for Pakistan debt relief

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2022-09-28

Hours after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken called on Pakistan to seek debt relief from China so that it can more quickly recover from the floods devastations, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin said that his country was doing all it can to help its 'genuine friend and brother in times of need'. At least 1,600 people have lost their lives while the estimated cost of..... [more >>](#)

China stands with Pakistan in fighting floods

Source: [Nong Rong, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-30

Pakistan has been hit by historic floods, displacing more than 33 million people and causing huge loss of life, property and infrastructure. We share the plight of our brothers in Pakistan. The Chinese government and people are very concerned about the flood-relief work in Pakistan. Among the first ones to lend a helping hand, China has committed the biggest amount of assistance among all countrie..... [more >>](#)

Beijing lauds Bilawal's appreciation of China's help during floods

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-30

BEIJING: The Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Friday that Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's comments on China's assistance to Pakistan for flood relief efforts attested to mutual trust and friendship between the two countries. The statement came days after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken called Islamabad to seek debt relief from its close partner, Beijing. [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Chinese engineers and staff have abandoned repair of the 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project.

Source: [Iftikhar A. Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday rejected as baseless an Indian propaganda that Chinese engineers and staff have abandoned repair of the 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project. Foreign Office spokesperson Asim Iftikhar told a weekly press briefing that India was once again churning out false and baseless reports about the hydropower project. He said a fault was detected in the project and is [more >>](#)

End to Chinese funding of fossil fuels sought

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-23

LAHORE: The Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee held a protest demonstration at Charing Cross on The Mall to demand an end to the Chinese funding of fossil fuels in Pakistan. The protest marked the first anniversary of Beijing's pledge to stop fossil funding in the world. The climate campaigners held a rally outside the Punjab Assembly building here to remind Chinese leader Xi Jinping's..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China JWG agrees to establish embryos laboratory for animals

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-21

China-Pakistan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Agriculture here Tuesday agreed for establishing a laboratory to develop embryos of elite animals, besides setting up chilies farm to under first batch of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects to boost agricultural sector. Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R), and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of the Pe..... [more >>](#)

Exporters must follow rules set by Chinese authorities for imports: TDAP

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-23

Pakistan's exports to China in 2021 remained at \$3.589 billion and in 2022 the export volume can reach \$4 billion and with the increase in food products; however, Pakistani exporters must follow the rules and regulations set by the Chinese authorities for imports. In this regard, according to Gwadar Pro, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) in collaboration with China Certific..... [more >>](#)

Chinese expos can boost Pak foreign exchange: Diplomat

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-27

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Pakistan seeks Chinese investment in SEZs

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-29

SHANGHAI: Pakistan has one of the most attractive free trade and investment regimes in the world and is likely to be the most open economy in South Asia, remarked Pakistan's Consul General in Shanghai Hussain Haider. Speaking at the Punjab (Pakistan)-YRD Region (China) webinar on "Investment opportunities in targeted SEZs of Punjab" on Tuesday, the consul general highlighted th..... [more >>](#)

\$10bn may be sought from China during PM's visit

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is likely to seek \$ 10 billion financial support from China as additional Balance of Payment (BoP) support, draw China's unutilized IMF SDRs and refinancing/rollover of commercial loans, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) has constituted a 21-member high level Working Group to coordinat..... [more >>](#)

COPHC set to bring 50 more Chinese firms to Gwadar Free Zone: official

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-29

The China Overseas Ports Holding Co. (COPHC) is all set to bring 50 more Chinese companies to Gwadar Free Zone in a year or two, an official told Gwadar Pro. The official said that the 60-acre Phase I of the Gwadar Free Zone (GFZ) had already attracted 38 Chinese and 12 Pakistani firms. The North Free Zone (Phase II of the GFZ) has also been fully developed and two Chinese firms have already star..... [more >>](#)

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China's exhibition platforms help increase Pakistan's foreign exchange: Trade Counselor

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China Customs approves import of buffalo embryos from Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-30

China Customs has approved import of buffalo embryos from Pakistan China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday Recently, China's General Administration of Customs issued a notice on the quarantine requirements for buffalo embryos imported from Pakistan, stating that China will allow the import of embryos produced by in vitro fertilization (IVF) using oocytes collected from live buffalo ov..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Pakistan shares underlying vision of CPEC with diplomats

Source: [Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-17

ISLAMABAD - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday hosted a briefing on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for resident diplomatic missions of several countries from East and Central Asia and the Middle East. Chaired by the Additional Secretary (Asia-Pacific) Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, two rounds of briefings were convened on September 15 and 16. The panel of [more >>](#)

Pakistan invites investors to benefit from SEZs opportunities

Source: [Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan welcomes development partners and enterprises from around the globe to strengthen their investment in the country as well as trade linkages and consider opportunities offered under the Special Economic Zones (SEZs). During a briefing hosted on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the additional secretary (Asia-Pacific) said the underlying..... [more >>](#)

Shehbaz, Xi discuss CPEC, regional situation

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-17

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday met Chinese President Xi Jinping wherein he appreciated the transformational impact of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on Pakistan's socio-economic development. During the bilateral meeting took place on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Council of Heads of State of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the prime minis..... [more >>](#)

Resident diplomatic missions; Ministry hosts briefing on CPEC

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CPEC's dividends

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-18

In times of economic distress and turmoil, there is some news of consolation. Pakistan's economic lifeline, CPEC, is gathering momentum, and a report says 27 projects worth \$19 billion have been completed. This is a tribute to geo-economics, and one hopes the 'Marshal Plan' of South Asia will bring in dividends to not only Pakistan but the region at large. China's vision to..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar varsity VC stresses need for subjects on CPEC

Source: [Behram Baloch, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-19

GWADAR: Gwadar University's vice chancellor has said efforts were being made to utilise the available resources to promote academic excellence, noting that in view of the city's geographical and international importance, subjects related to marine affairs, CPEC, economic development and modern scientific sciences should also be taught at the university. In his briefing to the second m..... [more >>](#)

China thanks COAS for providing 'safe, secure environment' to CPEC

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-19

Chinese Defence Minister Wei Fenghe thanked Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa for special measures taken to provide 'a safe and secure environment' to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (COEC) projects,

reported the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Monday. The Chinese defence minister made the remarks during his meeting with the COAS in Xi'an, who is on a two-day visit to China. [more >>](#)

Xi Jinping stresses smooth operation of CPEC projects

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-17

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CPEC and development

Source: [Arooj Saghir](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-09-20

With geo-economics precedence in world politics, the importance of seaports and corridors has been enhanced manifold. In the evolving geopolitical milieu, the significance of CPEC is in the regional context. The corridor will connect East Asia with South Asia. CPEC is an opportunity for Pakistan to link with the economies of South, East and Central Asia. The joint ventures with Chinese companies will... [more >>](#)

COAS, China's defence minister discuss CPEC

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-09-20

ISLAMABAD: China's defence minister General Wei Fenghe on Monday had a meeting with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa where both sides agreed that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is aimed at bringing more benefits and prosperity to the people of both countries. The army chief is on an official two-day visit to China during which he called on Defence... [more >>](#)

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Experts term CPEC as true reflection of China-Pakistan friendship

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-25

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is the crystallization of the all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between China and Pakistan. This was stated by an eminent Chinese scholar Professor Dr Wang Yiwei at the "International media dialogue on the role of BRI in China Pakistan relation development in the past decade". [more >>](#)

Railways exploring 'Gateway of Prosperity' under CPEC: official paper

Source: APP, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-26

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Chinese entrepreneurs keen to invest Pakistan's SEZs

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-30

Pakistan has one of the most free trade and investment regimes in the world and is likely the most free one in South Asia. The establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is a flagship initiative of the Pakistani government to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Pakistan attaches high importance to its trade and investment relations with China, which is the largest source of foreign direc..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan-China agree on early launch of ML-1 project

Source: app, [The News, International](#), 2022-09-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China Thursday agreed on early launch of much awaited Mainline-1 (ML1) project, aimed at revamping and modernising the country's age-old railway infrastructure. The agreement was reached between the two countries during a dinner hosted by the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong for Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq here. Railways chairman, additional secr..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration Under China's B & R**Govt defers construction of breakwater at Gwadar Port**

Source: Mehtab Haider, [The News, International](#), 2022-09-16

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China's Indo-Pacific aspirations

Source: Akhtar Khan, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-25

Asia's development, economic and political attention, and balance are shifting towards the Indo-Pacific region. The Indo-Pacific area is increasingly shaping geopolitics of the international system, with regional and foreign powers actively battling and working with one another to oppose and extend their own and others' effects. The region is important because it is home to 60% of the..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

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Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is not Nato

Source: Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, [The News, International](#), 2022-09-19

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is celebrating 20 years of its success and diversity. It has graduated from a small organisation to one of most important organisations of the world. Owing to its success and influence, it has started attracting attention of global community. As the progress of SCO is being watched keenly, the global community is trying to compare it with different organiz..... [more >>](#)

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Technology & Innovation

PSF invites entries for ‘Descriptive Letter Writing Competition to Chinese Astronauts’

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-19

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) in collaboration with the Embassy of China in Pakistan was organizing a competition titled “Descriptive Letter Writing Competition to Chinese Astronauts” for students interested in space and breeding of crops in space. According to an official, PSF being the premier organization for the promotion and popularization of science in the country conducts s..... [more >>](#)

China’s leading firm offers training on solar energy

Source: Agencies, [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-26

China’s leading solar solutions provider LONGi and ETRC have arranged training sessions on solar energy in Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday. In this connection, a training session on solar energy is ongoing at the Energy Training and Research Centre (ETRC) in Lahore. The two-month event, which started last week, admitted 20 Pakistani students with a diploma of associate engineer (DEA)..... [more >>](#)

Technology , Trade & Innovation

Locally built trains to save PR Rs13.5b

Source: Bilal Ghauri, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-21

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways (PR) and Chinese mechanical engineers are in the process of manufacturing 34 locomotive engines worth Rs1.5 billion at the Mughalpura railway workshop in Lahore. Instead of importing the engines, which would have come at a cost of Rs15 billion, around three locomotives are being manufactured each month until all of them are set to be rolled out by next year, sources sai..... [more >>](#)

SDPI s Events

A Report launch

'Lessons from COVID-19 should be replicated to recover from floods'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-26

Islamabad: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, has said that lessons on the recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from the unprecedented challenge of COVID-19 should be replicated and modified to strengthen response and recovery from large-scale loss incurred during current floods. Dr. Vaqar was addressing the launch of a study [more >>](#)

Study on 'MSMEs amid Disaster' launched; LOSSES FROM FLOODS CAN BE COMPENSATED THROUGH LEARNING FROM COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2022-09-26

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'Lessons from Covid-19 need to be replicated to recover from flood losses'

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'WELL-RESEARCHED DATA AND POLICY A MUST TO DEVELOP RESILIENCE TO COVID-19'

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Islamabad : Recent floods in the country are a manifestation of climate change which call for 'Local Adaptation Plan of Action' (LAPA) for every district to analyse the impacts of climate change on the socio-economic condition of local communities, infrastructure, governance of managing risks and to develop mitigation strategies. This was the crux of the panel discussion followed by l..... [more >>](#)

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President of Bank of Punjab (BoP) Zafar Masud has sought policy reforms for fostering investors' confidence in the blue economy and the development of special maritime industrial zones. He was speaking at the launch of a report titled: "Pathways to a Sustainable Blue Economy: Role of Financial Institutions" organized jointly by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad: There is a need to strengthen the implementation of laws along with behavioral changes in order to reinstate respect for the law, social responsibility, and social norms in society. In this way, inclusive development will be ensured. The initiative will provide an opportunity to reach out to underdeveloped and underprivileged communities, said Romina Khurshid Alam, SAPM and convener of [more >>](#)

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Islamabad:Romina Khurshid Alam, Special Assistants to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener Parliamentary Task force on SDGs, has said that developed countries which are major contributors of global carbon emissions must be called out and held responsible for their actions that developing countries are paying for. Romina was speaking at a roundtable discussion on 'Inclusive e..... [more >>](#)

Rule of law, behavioral changes must for inclusive development: SAPM

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Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener Parliamentary Task force on SDGs Romina Khurshid Alam on Monday said effective implementation of law and its respect through behavioral changes was crucial to the inclusive development in the country. "Implementation of laws and behavioral changes, which are imperative to reinstate respect for law, social responsibility and social [more >>](#)

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In many societies around the world, women have been treated in manners contradicting the stature of humanity, stripped of their basic human rights, and humiliated seclusion of women. This not only propagating human values and social value culture that is at par with international human right norms, but also, creating such platforms where women of depressed societies are given a chance to explore t..... [more >>](#)

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Climate change is an inescapable process that will have a long-term impact on human survival. Despite Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change, the government has given other highly pressing domestic crises a higher priority. Extreme weather events, such as heavy downpours, erratic floods, droughts, sea-level rise, glacier melting, etc., have been brought on by the changing climate in Paki..... [more >>](#)

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The world seems to have travelled back in time to the decade of 1970s. It is again plagued by oil crises, currency turmoil and rising unemployment. The deadly combination of high inflation and low growth in 1970 gave birth to a new term, stagflation. A strong recovery from Covid-19 amid the disrupted supply chains triggered a rise in commodity prices..... [more >>](#)

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With almost three out of ten people in Pakistan in the 15-29 years age bracket (youth), Pakistan is one of the youngest countries in the world. For at least the next three decades, Pakistan will continue to be a 'young' country. Pakistan's youth bulge is considered both a dividend and a challenge. Investing in youth and placing them [more >>](#)

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Minister Ahsan Iqbal urges key stakeholders to chalk out strategy bespoke for rehabilitation of flood victims

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Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has said that the government is committed to protect the affected people despite the fact that the scale of the disaster is huge. He was addressing a roundtable conference in Islamabad on Monday. The minister said that the recent flood has not only claimed lives , but also affected infrastructure and livelihood at a [more >>](#)

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