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## About SDPI

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)

#### **BRI and its flagship project CPEC**

Source: [Amna Ejaz Rafi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-09

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) envisions building of infrastructure, reshaping of production chains and trading links. So far, 150 countries and 30 international organisations have joined BRI, signaling the project's global outreach. With BRI's growth, one thing is apparent that economic cooperation is the new trend and future alliances will be governed by economic interests. BRI&r..... [more >>](#)

#### **Why is 'authoritarian' BRI gaining traction against hybrid initiatives?**

Source: [Azhar Azam](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

Through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China has smartly picked up key sectors where it could invest its resources and expertise in infrastructure development and power generation to meet the critical requirements of the host countries while expanding its influence across the Global South. Russia, per AidData, is by far the largest recipient of China's investments (\$125 billion), four-..... [more >>](#)

### Governance / Trade & Services

#### **China's governance a role model for us: CM**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

LAHORE - The police chief of Jiangsu province in China Tan Yongsheng met with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, here on Friday. During the meeting, both agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation between Punjab police and Jiangsu police. The CM expressed gratitude for the Chinese assistance in establishing an effective policing system and assured that the provi..... [more >>](#)

#### **Gohar, Wu Qingwen explore avenues for enhances economic, trade ties**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-14

ISLAMABAD - Commerce Minister Dr Gohar Ejaz and the esteemed Mayor of Suzhou Municipal Government, Wu Qingwen explored avenues for enhanced economic and trade ties, underlining their commitment to building stronger bilateral relations. In a significant stride towards fostering international cooperation, the Commerce Minister engaged in a highly productive meeting with the ..... [more >>](#)

### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

#### **Iron brothers**

Source: [Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-03

THE Chinese like to call Pakistan an 'iron brother'. This is a glowing tribute to a neighbour that has stood with them through thick and thin. Pakistanis also hold China in high esteem, as a neighbour that has respected their core concerns and interests. Even when Pakistan was closely aligned with the West, China enjoyed a special place in its foreign policy. No doubt, the two count..... [more >>](#)

#### **China gifts 25 lightning detectors to Pakistan**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-03

ISLAMABAD - China has supplied Pakistan with 25 weather detectors valued at \$1 million to establish a very low frequency (VLF/VF) lightning network. The primary aim is to enhance the lightning warning capabilities of the Pakistan

Meteorological Department (PMD) and mitigate the impact of lightning-related disasters on both lives and properties. Zahid Rafi, Director of the Seismology Division..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

### Pakistan attracted \$31.7m FDI from China in October

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-03

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan received a net foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$31.7 million from China in October, bringing the total FDI from the friendly neighboring country to \$158 million in the first four months of FY 2023-24. According to statistics released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the total inflow from China in October was \$33 million. Considering an outflow of \$1.3 million, net FDI f..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's exports to China surge by 40.36pc in 4 months

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan's export of goods and services to China witnessed an increase of 40.36 per cent during the first four months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. The overall exports to China were recorded at \$952.216 million during July-October (2023-24) against exports of \$678.38..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's sesamum seed exports reach all-time high of \$113m

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-06

BEIJING -Pakistan has witnessed an unprecedented surge in its sesamum seed exports, reaching an all-time high of USD 113.66 million just in October 2023. The surge not only underscores the nation's prowess in the agricultural sector but also highlights its ability to capitalize on global market demands, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor Pakistan Embassy, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's exports to South China surge by 65pc from July 2022 to Oct 2023

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-09

BEIJING-Pakistan has witnessed an extraordinary 65% increase in its exports to South China from July 2022 to October 2023, showcasing the nation's growing influence in the region, said Muhammad Irfan, Trade & Investment Counsellor at Pakistan Consulate in Guangzhou. The surge in trade is particularly notable in key provinces, including Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, and Hunan, whi..... [more >>](#)

### Govt seeks to cure Sino-Pak trade imbalance

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-10

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Minister for Commerce and Industries and Production, Gohar Ijaz is reaching China on Sunday (today) to find new buyers, explore prospects of relocation of Chinese textile industry to Pakistan as Beijing has earned \$100 billion from Pakistan through its exports whereas it imported Pakistani goods of only \$10 billion during this period. A high-profile business delegatio..... [more >>](#)

### Caretaker commerce minister, business delegation leaves for China

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-10

ISLAMABAD-Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industries Dr Gohar Ejaz has left for China with a high-profile trade delegation. Dr Gohar Ejaz, Minister of Commerce, will visit China along with a high-profile business delegation. The visit is a follow-up to the visit of the Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar in October this year. The sectors covered in the delegation's visit include ag..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt takes significant steps to attract Chinese investment in e-commerce**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-10

BEIJING-Pakistan's government has taken significant steps to facilitate cross-border e-commerce and attract foreign investment, especially from the Chinese investors, said Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Vice President of National Bank of Pakistan and Chief representative in China. The introduction of favorable policies, such as the removal of regulatory barriers and the simplification of import and..... [more >>](#)

### **China agrees to review Free Trade Agreement, boost yuan-based trade**

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-12

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese government has agreed to consider a request to amend the existing Free Trade Agreement (FTA), supply trade finance in yuans and provide loans to assist industry relocation to Pakistan. The requests were made during Pakistan's Interim Commerce Minister Gohar Ejaz's visit to China, where he is leading a 20-member group. Pakistan and China have come to a mutual u..... [more >>](#)

### **Financial Synergy**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-13

The recent advancements in Pakistan-China economic relations mark a significant stride in fortifying bilateral ties. Pakistan's request to consider amending the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the provision of substantial financial aid by China demonstrate a collaborative effort towards enhancing economic partnerships. The decision to revise the FTA to extend favourable terms to Pakistani p..... [more >>](#)

### **Scale of FDI in China remains at high level: MoC**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-15

BEIJING - The scale of foreign direct investment (FDI) in China remains at a high level while the structure of investment continues to optimise as high-tech industries attract rising investment, the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) said on Thursday. Noting foreign businesses' ever-growing willingness to invest in China, the MOC spokesperson Shu Jueting said that in the first 10 months of this year..... [more >>](#)

### **Businessman explores auto opportunities in Shanghai**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-03

BEIJING: China has transformed itself to a global leader in advanced automotive technologies over the past few decades, Fahad Iqbal Butt, Director of New Genuine Auto Parts said. While attending the ongoing Automechanika Shanghai 2023, being held from November 29 to December 2nd, he said that Pakistan can benefit from these trends by collaborating with Chinese companies and staying updated on ..... [more >>](#)

### **China-based company acquires renewable energy firm**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-04

ISLAMABAD: China-based M/s CNNP Rich Energy Co. Ltd strategically invests in Pakistan's renewable energy sector through its wholly-owned subsidiary, M/s. CRE International Co., Limited. The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved the acquisition of M/s. Super Success Investments Limited (SSIL) by M/s. CRE International Co., Ltd. CRE is the wholly owned subsidiary of CNNP R..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm to buy 30% stake in PRL**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-07

ISLAMABAD: State-run oil marketing company Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has agreed to sell its over 30% shareholding in Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) to a Chinese firm in a bid to attract an investment of \$1.5 billion to double the refining capacity. PRL, in which PSO is a major shareholder with a 63.6% stake, has inked an agreement with the United Energy Group (UEG) of China to embark on a tran..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&amp;R +CPEC

**Chinese CG visits EPZA, highlights CPEC's 'promising' future**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-01

KARACHI: The Chinese Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong highlighted the promising future of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He emphasised that the CPEC's focused on high quality development, will elevate the China-Pakistan strategic partnership to greater heights, contributing to regional peace and prosperity. The Chinese CG said this while visiting Export Processing Zo..... [more >>](#)

**Govt reaffirms its commitment to protect CPEC projects, workers**

Source: [Ali Hussain](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, on Friday, reaffirmed its strong commitment to the protection of workers and projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and vowed to defeat designs of any terrorist entity against investment projects in the country. Speaking at her weekly media briefing in response to journalists' questions, Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch stated in c..... [more >>](#)

**Economic revival, CPEC and Agenda 2024 – I**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is desperately looking for options to overcome economic and financial challenges. These are not new challenges. The economic and financial difficulties have been frustrating Pakistan for quite some time. The successive governments failed to present any viable solution to overcome these challenges. Instead, the successive governments contributed to worsening the economic and fi..... [more >>](#)

**SIFC: Concept to Reality**

Source: [Farhan Bokhari](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-03

Almost six months after the creation of the SIFC (Special Investment Facilitation Council) to shepherd large new inflows to Pakistan's investment starved horizon, the lessons of the past offer a valuable insight for the future. Just this week, Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar's visits to countries of the Persian Gulf region, have been followed by news of fresh promises of billions of..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC detractors will be irrelevant soon: PM**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-05

GWADAR: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar on Monday urged the people of Balochistan, particularly, the youth, to avail the historic opportunity of development in the province as the detractors of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were about to lose their relevance very soon. Addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Pak-China Friendship Hospital and the Gwadar Seawater Desa..... [more >>](#)

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### **CPEC 10th anniversary: there exists strong commitment to accelerate pace of ongoing projects**

Source: [Ali Hussain](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-07

ISLAMABAD: The year marked the 10th anniversary of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of President Xi Jinping amid a strong commitment at the highest leadership level to further deepen cooperation between the two countries and accelerate work on the ongoing projects following completion of a number of energy, infrastructure, ind..... [more >>](#)

### **Economic revival, CPEC and Agenda 2047 – II**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-11

ISLAMABAD: The ruling elite will have to realise that without overhauling its governance system and business environment, it can neither revive the economy nor achieve the goals of Agenda 2047. Thus, whether they like it or not, things will have to undergo drastic changes. After analysing the ground realities and setting targets, we have identified a few areas for immediate reforms and overhaul..... [more >>](#)

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### **Govt asked to slow down work on ML-I financing deal**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-06

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Affairs Division (EAD) has advised the government to go slow in finalising a financing agreement for nearly \$6 billion in Chinese loan for the Mainline-I (ML-I) project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) aimed at avoiding complications in the implementation of the mega scheme. The advice came amid serious objections raised by the deputy chairman of the Plannin..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **Pak engineers from CPEC transmission project receive training in China**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

BEIJING-Muhammad Talha is one of 11 Pakistani engineers who have recently attended a technical training program in China's State Grid technical college of Tai'an city in east China's Shandong province. Talha is serving as a supervisor of a converter station at  $\pm 660\text{kV}$  Matiari-Lahore high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission project under the China-Pakistan Economic ..... [more >>](#)

## Technology &amp; Innovation

**China to support Pakistan in developing high-quality hybrid seeds for boosting crop production**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-04

ISLAMABAD-Liu Jianming, Deputy Party Secretary and Deputy Political Commissar of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, said that China will provide support to Pakistan in best-quality disease-resistant, high-yield hybrid seeds for cotton, canola, and wheat crops. This aims to achieve bumper crop production while also meeting the ever-increasing needs of the textile industry to earn desperately..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

## Event News

**BISP for expanding digitalization process to ensure transparency**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-05

ISLAMABAD, Dec 05 (APP): The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) on Tuesday discussed expansion of the digitalization process to ensure transparency in service delivery with the delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) In a meeting held at BISP office, the visiting team from ADB and SDPI explored the digital transformation in the social ..... [more >>](#)

**BISP cash disbursement reaches out to 9.3m households: official**

Source: [Sardar Sikandar Shaheen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-06

ISLAMABAD: The cash disbursement that aims to provide financial assistance to the deserving segments of the society under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) currently reaches out to 9.3 million households across the country and is being expanded further, Secretary BISP Amer Ali Ahmed has said. The BISP's cash distribution system has transcended and transformed from money orders to an e..... [more >>](#)

**BISP hosts productive meeting**

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-06

Islamabad: A meeting between Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) delegation was held today at Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) HQs. The visiting team was exploring digital transformation in social safety sector. Secretary BISP Amer Ali Ahmed (R) during a meeting with a delegation led by Nasruminallah Senior Programme Officer along with Dr Jord..... [more >>](#)

**BISP For Expanding Digitalization Process To Ensure Transparency**

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-12-05

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 5th Dec, 2023) The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) on Tuesday discussed expansion of the digitalization process to ensure transparency in service delivery with the delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) In a meeting held at BISP office, the visiting team from ADB and SDPI explored ..... [more >>](#)

**BISP hosts productive meeting with ADB and SDPI on digital transformation in social safety sector**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-12-05

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## Panel Discussion

### **Experts for urgency of climate action amid embracing 3P Approach for Climate Resilience**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-08

ISLAMABAD, Dec 8 (APP): The experts at a panel discussion on private sector's role in climate resilience while embracing the 3P Approach on Private Sector's Role in Balancing People, Planet and Profits for Climate Resilience have agreed on the urgency of climate action. They called for continued collaboration and innovation to meet sustainable development challenges, both in Pakistan a..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts For Urgency Of Climate Action Amid Embracing 3P Approach For Climate Resilience**

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-12-09

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## Remembering Ahmad Salim

### **Renowned Punjabi, Urdu poet & dramatist Ahmed Saleem passes away**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-11

ISLAMABAD, Dec 11 (APP): The renowned Punjabi and Urdu poet, dramatist, researcher and author of over 175 books, Mr Ahmed Saleem passed away peacefully on Sunday in the federal capital after protracted illness. The late dramatist and poet was the student of Faiz Ahmed Faiz and Ustad Daman who breathed his last at the age of 77. He remained associated with the Sustainable Development Policy Insti..... [more >>](#)

### **Poet, activist Ahmed Saleem laid to rest**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-12

LAHORE: A poet, novelist, author of dozens of books, historian, chronicler and dedicated political activist Ahmed Saleem, who died on Sunday at Islamabad, was laid to rest here on Monday at Miani Sahib Graveyard by a large number of friends and admirers. Muhammad Saleem Khwaja, as his parents named him, in 1945 when born in Mandi Bahaiddin, he became better known by his pen name Ahmed Saleem as h..... [more >>](#)

**Poet, playwright Ahmed Saleem passes away**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-12

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**Punjabi, Urdu poet Ahmed Saleem passes away**

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**Renowned Punjabi, Urdu Poet & Dramatist Ahmed Saleem Passes Away**

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**Remembering Ahmad Saleem**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-13

Ahmad Saleem, a luminary in the realm of Urdu and Punjabi literature and poetry, left an indelible mark on Pakistan's social and political landscape. He was a mentor to many of us. I have not read all of his 175-plus publications, but whatever I could read is worth many degrees. His extensive body of work reflects great depth of insight that transcends mere academic pursuits. His influence ..... [more >>](#)

## SDC 23

**Pakistan: leadership crisis**

Source: Huzaima Bukhari, Dr Ikramul Haq and Abdul Rauf Shakoori, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-01

The primary constituents of economic growth encompass physical capital, infrastructure, human capital, and technology. Pakistan stands among those nations where growth rates have not aligned with its developmental profile for several years. Neglecting investments in the core elements of growth, we divert attention to less productive pursuits, exacerbating our debt burden. This misallocation of res..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan needs efficient policy framework to exploit carbon market potential: Experts**

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-02

ISLAMABAD, Dec 1 (APP):Stressing the need to exploit the potential of the carbon market in Pakistan to strengthen the ongoing efforts for environmental protection, experts sought an efficient policy framework to harness the potential. These were the key takeaways of a session titled: 'Effective Implementation of Carbon Markets in Pakistan' at the 26th Sustainable Development Confere..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan will require \$101b for energy sector transition by 2030**

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan will require \$101 billion for energy sector transition to achieve the target of overall 50 percent reduction of its projected Green House Gases (GHG) emissions by 2030. To achieve the target of overall 50 percent reduction, agreed under Paris agreement, of its projected emissions by 2030, with 15 percent from the country's own resources and 35 percent subject to provisio..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Needs Efficient Policy Framework To Exploit Carbon Market Potential: Experts**

Source: APP, [UrduPoint](#), 2023-12-01

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**Call for exploiting carbon market potential**

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-02

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a session on Friday underscored the need to exploit the potential of carbon market in Pakistan to strengthen the ongoing efforts for environmental protection. The session titled 'Effective Implementation of Carbon Markets in Pakistan' was held at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference organised by the Sustainable Policy Development Institute (SDPI). Nation..... [more >>](#)

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Source: TCL, [The CatchLine](#), 2023-12-03

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## SDPI Articles

**Wounded ecosystem**

Source: Ali Rehmat Shimshali & Ramsha Mehboob Khan, [The News, International](#), 2023-12-04

We have devastated the ecosystem and threatened our survival and are now chanting the slogan 'Save the planet, the earth is dying, save the ecosystem' – which seems merely deceptive. The earth has undergone many climatic and environmental changes, evolved with time, and survived more successfully. We need to understand that this planet is known as the 'land of the lost&r..... [more >>](#)

**Youth, a buzzword?**

Source: Arooj Waheed Dar, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-07

DECADES of consistently failing the youth of this country has led us to one conclusion: 'youth' needs to be more than a buzzword. As we approach the election date, almost every statement by political parties these days pertains to the youth. Yet, conspicuous by their absence in these narratives are the policy actions these parties intend to implement to elevate the status of the youth..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's undocumented economy**

Source: Muhammad Umar Ayaz, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-09

Undocumented economy, also known as informal or shadow economy, poses enduring challenges for economies across the globe. Pakistan, marked by a significant informal sector, grapples with its own unique set of obstacles stemming from this parallel economic system. The undocumented economy entails economic activities that escape official records and taxation by government authorities. This encompass..... [more >>](#)

**The economics of CBAM**

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In an era defined by rapid industrialisation and resource overuse, the urgent need for sustainability eventually becomes clear. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, championed by leading economies, aims to integrate environmental responsibility into global trade. By targeting carbon-heavy imports, the CBAM seeks to ensure that all industries acco..... [more >>](#)

**Saving climate**

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2023-12-10

The Covid-19 pandemic, a phenomenon that eluded previous infectious threats like Ebola, SARS, MERS and swine flu, was declared a pandemic not only due to its contagious nature but also because it posed a threat to humanity, transcending wealth, nationality and religion. Similarly, climate change, with its devastating impacts like rising sea levels, i..... [more >>](#)

**The Olympics of climate change**

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [Geo News](#), 2023-12-09

Like the Olympics which represents a harmonious blend of cultural diversity, sportsmanship, and global unity — drawing participants from every continent — the Conference of the Parties (COP28) in the United Arab Emirates embodies this spirit in the crucial field of climate action. Mirroring the Olympic gathering of athletes from across the globe, COP28 brings together a diverse array ..... [more >>](#)

**Food insecurity on the rise**

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The global acute malnutrition rate of Pakistan is 17.7 percent, which exceeds the emergency threshold. The major reasons for malnutrition include excessive rains and floods in all the provinces, a higher percentage of people facing

food insecurity, lack of access to basic services, such as health and nutrition. The Global Hunger Index 2022 ranks Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

### Not a level playing field

Source: Qasim Shah, [The News, International](#), 2023-12-10

World leaders are meeting in Dubai to discuss the pathways to keep global warming below 1.5°C. Various lobbies are active. A never-ending blame game has reached its peak. Industrialists accuse the agriculture sector (dairy and meat specifically) of being the biggest emitter; therefore reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture sector..... [more >>](#)

### Hope in Times of Despair

Source: Zainab Baba, [Daily Times](#), 2023-12-12

In times of despair and multifaceted global crisis, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) stands tall as a beacon of hope; illuminating pathways towards collaboration and development, fostering connectivity, economic growth and shared prosperity. BRI's vision of shared prosperity across nations is a glimmer of optimism in the face of multifaceted global challenges, constructing a landscape of o..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's climate plan

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World leaders are currently attending the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (an event which will run till December 12). This summit holds immense significance as nations grapple with the accelerating impacts of climate change. For Pakistan, a country ranked as the eighth most vulnerable to climate change impacts, the stakes are par..... [more >>](#)

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**Developing states seek increase in Adaptation Fund**

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Beijing, Nov 29, (China Economic Net) - The Al-Dhafra Solar Power Plant, built by Chinese contractors, has reached its full completion in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This achievement holds significant importance as it coincides with the upcoming 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), scheduled to take place in Dubai from November 30..... [more >>](#)

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The annual climate change summit, held in the Gulf state of United Arab Emirates (UAE), revolved around the issue of phasing out the world's dependence on fossil fuels while seeking finance for building climate resilience in countries most impacted by climate change but who contribute the least to it. This was suggested by Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the Executive Director of the Sustainable Devel..... [more >>](#)

**COP28 enhances international collaboration, seeks green development**

Source: [Guan Kejiang](#), [Zhang Zhiwen](#), [Ren Haoyu](#), [People's Daily Online](#), 2023-12-15

The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP28, concluded in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. During the session, the Chinese delegation set up China's pavilion, and hosted over 100 side events focusing on China's policies and actions in response to climate change, international cooperation on climate change, green and low-carb..... [more >>](#)

### **New measures introduced to boost tax revenue on IMF 'pressure'**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmed](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2023-12-04

The caretaker government on Monday announced a comprehensive plan, targeting an expansion of the tax net and increased filings as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) applies pressure for economic reforms. How many registered taxpayers are in Pakistan? Only 10.18 million individuals out of a population exceeding 240 million are registered taxpayers, with a mere 3.3 actively filing returns. The..... [more >>](#)

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CHANGSHA — In October, in the Thatta district of southern Pakistan's Sindh province, more than 100 wind turbines were constantly delivering green power to households in rural areas. "This is an important part of our wind power project portfolio, and at present, all 12 wind power projects, with a total installed capacity of 610 megawatts, have been connected to the grid," said ..... [more >>](#)



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