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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.

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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).

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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

China & America trade conflict

Not your dad's cold war

Source: [Omar Zafarullah](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-02

A world order descended upon us after WW2. This order was called the cold war. The world was neatly divided in two by an iron curtain. Our dictators found themselves on the side nearest to democracy. India's democrats fell into the camp opposing democracy. And there we lived, and prospered, immune to any irony. We were the good guys in movies and our sports teams were winning world cups. A..... [more >>](#)

Facts Veto Uyghur Narrative

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-05

The US and the West are eventually losing fifth-generation warfare against China as their fallacy about "Uyghur forced labor" in Xinjiang is completely exposed in the world of realities and tangible facts. Following the misguided narrative building, the US also weaponised the enactment of "The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" on December 23, 2021, later supported by E..... [more >>](#)

Dialogue and de-escalation

Source: [Maleeha Lodhi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-06

INCREASED diplomatic engagement between the US and China has helped to bring down the temperature in their fraught relationship. But it has not yielded any agreement on the key issues that divide them and drive tensions in their intense strategic competition — Taiwan, war in Ukraine, trade, technology curbs and military postures, especially in the South China Sea. The visit of the US secr..... [more >>](#)

Trade war hurting Americans and fuelling geopolitical tensions

Source: [Azhar Azam](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-08

When US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken visited China last year to "stabilize" the relationship between the two superpowers, strengthen high-level channels of communication, explore areas of cooperation and align China on shared transnational challenges — he gained the Chinese support on "all of that". Blinken's efforts soon panned out into a historic in-per..... [more >>](#)

The Fault Lines of the US Foreign Aid

Source: [Zhao Shiren - Chinese Consul General Lahore](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-10

On 24 April, U.S. President Joe Biden signed the legislation providing \$87 billion in aid for Ukraine and Israel, in which Ukraine takes a lion's share of \$61 billion while Israel gets \$26 billion when the latter is engaging in a ruthless battle against the Palestinians in Gaza. The legislation disguised in foreign aid package is an irony in itself. Once implemented, it will for sure give a [more >>](#)

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The Asian Century

Source: [Sher Ali Bukhari](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-02

Predicting the future is an early handicraft of the human mind. But in the present era, where we are witnessing rapid geopolitical, economic, and technological changes, looking too far ahead can be difficult. However, if the current trends stay the same, we can try to extrapolate what the distant 2050 might look like. First of all, let's talk about geopolitics. At the present moment, the [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Free Zone Agri Industrial Park inaugurated in Gwadar

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-05

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Marine Affairs Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh on Saturday inaugurated Free Zone Agriculture Industrial Park in Gwadar. The opening ceremony was held at the China Business Center. Chairman Gwadar Port Authority Pansad Khan Bilidi and Chairman China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPAC) also participated in the opening ceremony, said a press release issued here. Address..... [more >>](#)

Governance / Trade & Services

Fly on Great Wall

Source: [Shahzad Sharjeel](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-08

AS our great neighbour becomes greater by the day, we are moving from being 'another brick in the wall' to nothing more than a fly on the wall — the Great Wall, that is. Geographical proximity and the mostly congenial nature of ties notwithstanding, do we really know China? Folklore in the Gilgit-Baltistan region would have you believe that before the ancient mountain passes fell..... [more >>](#)

Enhancing China-Pakistan Cooperation With New Quality Productive Forces

Source: [Jiang Jianjian](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-14

In recent months, the term "new quality productive forces" has sparked intense discussions both in China and globally. The concept was first put forward by President Xi Jinping during his inspection tour in China's northeast Heilongjiang Province in September 2023, emphasizing the integration of scientific and technological innovation resources to lead the development of strategi..... [more >>](#)

Chinese grand strategy in South China Sea

Source: [Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-05

South China Sea connects the maritime world of Persian Gulf, Middle East, commercial water body of Indian Ocean and the subcontinent with North East Asia. Energy-rich South China Sea in geopolitical terms is arguably the most important and critical geographic space in the world today. There is no doubt that it has become the principal node of the great power politics in the world. This is due to t..... [more >>](#)

History, Language & Culture

Five Chinese scholars awarded PhD degrees at PU Convocation

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-15

LAHORE: For the first time in the history of Punjab University (PU), five Chinese scholars were awarded PhD degrees in the university's 133rd Convocation held here on Tuesday. PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood presided over the convocation in which as many as 343 PhD degrees, 120 MPhil, 12 Master's and 116 BS gold medals were distributed among the students. Addressing the convocation, PU VC s..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Gwadar to play key role in Pakistan's economic development, says maritime minister

Source: [Behram Baloch](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-05

GWADAR: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh has said that Gwadar will play a key role in the economic development not only of Balochistan but also Pakistan in the near future, improving the standard of living of the people of coastal areas of Makran. Mr Sheikh, who arrived in Gwadar on a three-day visit, expressed these views while attending an important [more >>](#)

Iron Brothers

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-06

Regimes come and go, but geopolitical realities are a constant that changes at a glacial pace. Pakistan's newfound diplomatic nous is welcome; however, we must remember that international friends can be fickle. As Pakistan and China reiterated their commitment on Sunday to strengthen cooperation and aim for further enhancement and development of projects within the China-Pakistan Economic Co..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

ML-I, KKH realignment figure in Sino-Pak talks Deputy PM highlights economic reform agenda

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-15

BEIJING: Pakistan and China on Tuesday expressed joint determination to accelerate progress on all projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), including upgradation of ML-I, Gwadar Port and realignment of the Karakorum Highway. The bilateral ties and cooperation were discussed in a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar and Minister of the Inter..... [more >>](#)

The Rail Road

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-10

Mega infrastructural connectivity projects are initially hard to envision and execute. But the rapid progress China has made in this one field convinces the rest of the world that it is possible to materialise grand roads spanning over hundreds of kilometers, to ease trade. For a country like Pakistan, the potential of such projects is huge but resource mobilisation, efficient management, and fluc..... [more >>](#)

Douyin Pak Pavilion launches in Shanghai

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-12

BEIJING: With the strong support of the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce, Douyin Pakistan Merchandise Official Pavillon held a grand opening ceremony in Shanghai, China. The event marks the beginning of a new cooperation journey between Douyin and its partners, such as the Shanghai Live Stream E-commerce Alliance, Shanghai Silk Road Selection Alliance, and Shanghai Waigaoqiao Global Hub,..... [more >>](#)

Chinese investors seek offshore funds

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-07

ISLAMABAD: In order to avoid any possibility of default, Chinese investors have demanded that Pakistan place funds in offshore bank accounts to service debts incurred for setting up energy plants under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Pakistani authorities have not yet accepted the investors' demand, citing the country's history of never defaulting on Chinese energy d..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan extends anti-dumping duty on Chinese steel products

Source: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-11

LAHORE: Pakistan will continue to impose anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel products, the National Tariff Commission said in a notification on Friday, in a move aimed at protecting the local industry. As per notice issued by NTC regarding conclusion of sunset review of anti-dumping duty imposed on dumped imports of deformed concrete reinforcing steel bars into Pakistan originating in and/ or [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China set for high-level engagements

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China will have a series of high-level engagements in the next three weeks as part of efforts to deepen their economic, political and strategic relationship, said people familiar with the development. The first leg of the series of engagements includes the Pakistan-China strategic dialogue to be co-chaired by the foreign ministers of the two countries. Deputy Prime Mi..... [more >>](#)

Strategic dialogue with Chin; Deputy PM Dar to lead team

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-05

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar is to lead Pakistan's delegation in fifth round of Pakistan-China strategic dialogue, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The fifth round of strategic dialogue between the two countries is scheduled to be held on May 14-15, 2024 in Beijing. The dialogue would be co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Mini..... [more >>](#)

Dar arrives in Beijing to co-chair China-Pak strategic dialogue

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-13

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar arrived on Monday in Beijing, China to hold the fifth round of the China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue. Dar was invited by his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi. This will be Dar's first visit to China as foreign minister and comes against the backdrop of a recent terrorist incident in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Besham [more >>](#)

Innovation at the helm

Source: [Ambassador Jiang Zaidong](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-14

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Pakistan resolved to advance cooperation with SCO on security, development: Deputy PM Dar

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-14

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday expressed Pakistan's resolve to advance cooperation with the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on security and development, the Foreign Office (FO) said. The development comes as the foreign minister met with SCO Secretary General Ambassador Zhang Ming in Beijing, where he arrived earlier today. According to Radio Pakistan, Dar reaffirmed..... [more >>](#)

Deputy PM Dar, Chinese counterpart discuss border crossing, easy visa regime

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-15

Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang has expressed his country's full support to Pakistan in all areas of cooperation including economy, trade and investment. He was talking to Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in Beijing today. The Chinese Vice Premier reaffirmed the importance of fast-track implementation of CPEC projects for mutual prosperity and development. The..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm brings 200MW Solar Energy to Pakistan, cutting thermal power dependence

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-13

A leading foreign firm has announced plans to inject 200 megawatts (MW) of solar energy into the country's grid. The initiative, set to be realized through the supply of cutting-edge Vertex N modules, marks a significant step forward in Pakistan's quest for sustainable energy solutions. In this regard, the leading Chinese company is collaborating with the key Pakistani companies and signe..... [more >>](#)

Govt striving to clear \$2bn Chinese IPPs dues

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-01

ISLAMABAD: With payables touching almost Rs550 billion (\$1.98bn), the government is contemplating finalising a schedule of payments to Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs) before convening the 13th Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. This will be followed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing, expected in the first week of June. [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Govt hints at 27pc hike in PSDP

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-03

ISLAMABAD: Hinting at calling the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of the CPEC to meet on May 22-23, the government is expected to increase by over a quarter the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the next fiscal year, notwithstanding struggling development spending this year amid IMF-backed fiscal consolidation and stabilisation outlook. Informed sources told Dawn that the Minist..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China vow to complete CPEC projects

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China Zheng Jianbang on Sunday expressed their determination to complete all China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects and further upgrade this cooperation to achieve shared objectives. During a meeting on the sidelines of the 1..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan-China strategic dialogue next week

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China will hold a strategic dialogue next week, an annual occurrence where both countries discuss and review the whole gamut of their bilateral ties besides regional and international issues of mutual concern, according to a foreign office statement. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar will visit Beijing from 13-16 May for this purpose, according..... [more >>](#)

ML-I, KKH realignment figure in Sino-Pak talks Deputy PM highlights economic reform agenda

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'Chinese investment crucial for Balochistan'

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-08

QUETTA: Balochistan Economic Forum President Sardar Shoukat Aziz Popalzai has said that the province has a wider scope of socioeconomic development under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Talking to the

media on Tuesday, he said terrorism incidents against the Chinese commercial interests are condemnable. He said the future scenario in Balochistan will be conducive to economic pr..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China agree to accelerate progress on CPEC projects

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-15

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China yesterday agreed to accelerate progress on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. In this regard, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar met with Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), Liu Jianchao in Beijing. They discussed the longstanding cooperation and exchanges between the political parties..... [more >>](#)

NHA approves Rs4.133bn PC-1 for KKH-II

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Highways Authority (NHA) Executive Board recommended the PC-I (Land Acquisition) of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) KKH Phase-II (Thakot to Raikot) at a cost of Rs4.133 billion for approval of Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC). Official documents revealed that Arshad Majeed Mohmand, chairman NHA presided over the meeting which delib..... [more >>](#)

IPP payments, Gwadar power plant; MoFA asks PD to address Chinese concerns

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-03

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has asked Power Division to develop concrete measures to address Chinese concerns, especially those related to the delayed IPP payments, Gwadar power plant and return on investment to the stakeholders in CPEC projects, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The overdue amount of CPEC power projects has reached Rs 526 billion, mainly due..... [more >>](#)

Ministry directed to clear CPEC IPPs' dues

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-01

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has instructed the concerned ministry to clear the dues of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Independent Power Producers (IPPs). Iqbal presided over the first Cabinet Committee on Chinese Investment Projects (CCoCIP). The meeting deliberated on the overdue issues concerning the CPEC IPPs, whic..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

China, Pakistan to enhance disaster preparedness in mountain regions

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-10

Islamabad: In a latest move to bolster disaster resilience in Pakistan's northern mountainous areas, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan (NDMA) signed a cooperation agreement here at the NDMA headquarters. The agreement, formalised between the China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre for Earth Sciences (CPJRC) and National Disaster Man..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan embarks on first lunar mission

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-05-04

Pakistan's space programme achieved a historic milestone on Friday as the country's first-ever lunar orbiter lifted off from China's Henan Space Launch Site. The launch of satellite ICUBE-Qamar was telecast live from the Institute of Space Technology's (IST) website. The quest to send a lunar orbiter started in 2022 when the China National Space Agency (CNSA), through the..... [more >>](#)

To Space

Source: EDITORIAL, [Daily Times](#), 2024-05-05

Pakistan's historic lunar payload – regardless of how small it may be when compared to the larger China's Chang'e-6 mission – deserves a special celebration because it marks the country's "first step in space." Of course, as is the case with all good things, the official announcement unleashed a brigade of trolls, with some pointing out how the actua..... [more >>](#)

Govt seeks Chinese support for hydropower projects

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is engaging the Chinese leadership for the revival of more than 1800-megawatt of hydropower projects (HPPs) and investment from fresh Chinese companies in the country's transmission and distribution network as part of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The authorities are trying their best to convene a meeting of the Joint Cooperation Commit..... [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

Pak-China joint lab for AI, smart agriculture established

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-09

Islamabad:With the aim of promoting the latest trends in agriculture to enhance productivity, the Pakistan China Joint Lab for Artificial Intelligence and Smart Agriculture (AI&SA) has been established at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF). UAF Vice-Chancellor Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan and CEO CAS Cognizer Dr Wu Jun jointly inaugurated the lab, while guests including Project Director Na..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Book Launch

Barrister Naseem Bajwa's Book "Europe Ki Diary" rekindles passion for national building

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-07

ISLAMABAD, May 6 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday organized the third edition of Renowned Columnist and Lawyer, Barrister Naseem Bajwa's book "Europe Ki Diary" based on his columns published in various newspapers here in the presence of renowned historians and members of the civil society and lawyers' fraternity. In his opening remarks,..... [more >>](#)

'Europe ki Diary' reignites flame for nation-building

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-07

ISLAMABAD: The third edition of a book covering themes of Pakistani history, politics and nation-building was launched and discussed at a session participated by policy enthusiasts, historians and members of civil society. The book titled "Europe Ki Diary" (Diary of Europe) is the work of renowned columnist and lawyer, Barrister Naseem Bajwa. It is based on his columns published in v..... [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

Experts call for Pak-China joint council on agri development under CPEC

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-11

ISLAMABAD, May 10 (APP): The experts at a policy dialogue have demanded Pakistan-China council on agriculture development led by the private sector of both the countries to focus technology transfer and capacity building of Pakistani farmers on modern technologies under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The experts were addressing at the policy dialogue of Sustainable Development Policy Ins..... [more >>](#)

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Govt urged to seek Chinese help in uplifting agri sector

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a seminar have urged the government to seek China's cooperation in uplifting the agricultural sector under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which can help increase per-acre yields, disease-free crops, and capacity building. Speaking at a policy dialogue organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), here on Friday, they said that under CPEC [more >>](#)

Call for Pak-China joint council on agri development under CPEC

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-05-11

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Experts propose Pak-China agri-council

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-11

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capacity building of Pakistani farmers in modern technologies under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The policy dialogue was arranged by the Sustainable Development Policy..... [more >>](#)

China's sci-tech innovations to revolutionize Pakistan's agricultural sector -- experts

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-05-11

ISLAMABAD, May 11 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani experts said on Thursday that the use of China's scientific and technological advancements and innovations would play a key role in revolutionizing Pakistan's agricultural sector, enhancing productivity and food security. China has not only modernized its agricultural sector, but also helped other countries including Pakistan by sharing advanced f..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI Articles

Pakistan's carbon trade test

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-01

The European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is poised to reshape its international trade dynamics by introducing a carbon price on imports of specific goods. This measure is designed to ensure that foreign producers and EU producers face the same carbon costs, thereby preventing 'carbon leakage'. This term refers to a scenario where production might relocate..... [more >>](#)

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The urgency of raising tobacco taxes

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi & Waseem Janjua](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-05

Tobacco taxation is a critical tool in the hands of policymakers aimed at safeguarding public health, generating revenue and reducing tobacco consumption. In a revenue-starved country like Pakistan, the urgency to raise taxes on tobacco products is evident. Article 6 of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control calls for raising taxes on tobacco pr..... [more >>](#)

Climate Change Ravages Pakistan

Source: [Syed Sohail Abbass](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-05-07

As the world grapples with the relentless impacts of climate change, Pakistan finds itself facing a myriad of environmental challenges in 2024. From extreme weather events to dwindling water resources, the effects of climate change are becoming increasingly evident across the nation. Pakistan has experienced a surge in extreme weather events, including devastating floods, intense heatwaves, and e..... [more >>](#)

Grid vs rooftop: the energy debate

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2024-05-08

The recent hype and chaos around net-metering and the roof-top solar taxation fiasco has brought the power sector of Pakistan to the brink of another planning conundrum. Pakistan's total electricity consumption, as measured in terms of sales, has decreased to 112.9 TWh in FY2023 from 124.6 TWh in FY2022. This 10 per cent decrease in electricity consumption is causing screens to flash red wa..... [more >>](#)

Grid vs rooftop: the energy debate

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, Geo News](#), 2024-05-08

The recent hype and chaos around net-metering and the roof-top solar taxation fiasco has brought the power sector of Pakistan to the brink of another planning conundrum. Pakistan's total electricity consumption, as measured in terms of sales, has decreased to 112.9 TWh in FY2023 from 124.6 TWh in FY2022. This 10 per cent decrease in electricity consumption is causing screens to flash red wa..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's path to trade normalization with India

Source: [Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Arab News](#), 2024-05-09

As Pakistan cautiously considers the prospect of normalizing trade with India, motivated by the recommendations of its business community, Foreign Minister Dar's recent statements highlight the critical need for consensus building among stakeholders. These deliberations explain the government's recognition of regional trade as a key tool for addressing the country's ongoing econo..... [more >>](#)

Rethinking policy

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2024-05-12

It is often said that while natural calamities cannot be prevented, they can be stopped from turning into human disasters through the implementation of appropriate policies. In the case of Pakistan, the success of its climate resilience agenda extends beyond climate change policy. It also depends on various other policies, including those related to energy, water, agriculture, food security, health..... [more >>](#)

A compromised planet

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According to the authors of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, global temperatures are expected to rise at least 2.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100, blasting past internationally agreed targets and causing catastrophic consequences for humanity and the planet. It is already impacting lives and livelihoods and will disp..... [more >>](#)

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High inflation, import curbs impede efforts to reduce poverty: Wealth PK

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Pakistan's economy is confronted with significant challenges, including lower-than-potential growth and persistent inflationary pressures, hitting the vulnerable households the hardest, and pushing more people below the poverty line. Talking to WealthPK, Majid Shabbir, General Secretary of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), said that Pakistan's ongoing socioeconomic si..... [more >>](#)

Dysfunctional WTO to harm Pak exports

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-05-11

ISLAMABAD: From October 2018 onward, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has been practically dysfunctional as America has blocked the appointments in the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the organisation, apparently to

avoid the decision on the cases filed against the USA by other economies. The US has established that the might-is-right rule would continue to prevail which is against the spirit [more >>](#)

Turning Islamabad's trash into treasure

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The unmanaged solid waste generation of the rapidly populated federal capital has sought the attention of the authorities concerned to turn the trash into treasure through scientific management systems and recycling endeavours. The capital inhabiting around 2.6 million people generates some 1,535 tonnes of solid waste per day whereas the civic agency is only able to manage 60-70% of it..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

An article by Maryam Shabbir Abbasi titled "A compromised planet"

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-12

ISLAMABAD, May 11 (APP): Azerbaijan, Minister for Ecology and Natural Resources, President-Designate COP-29, Mukhtar Babayev on Saturday said the COP-29 meeting to be held in Baku would unveil an all-inclusive forum for all the countries to debate on pressing climate issues including adaptation plans and biennial transparency report (BTR) for concerted mitigation efforts. He was addressing the Su..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD - Azerbaijan's Minister for Ecology and Natural Resources and President-Designate of COP-29, Mukhtar Babayev, emphasized the importance of the upcoming COP-29 meeting in Baku as a platform for global dialogue on pressing climate issues. Speaking at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) seminar titled "Seminar on Building Climate Consensus for COP29: The Road to [more >>](#)

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Symposium

Symposium to discuss energy transition in textiles sector

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The Pak-German Climate & Energy Partnership (PCCEP) in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) is organising a symposium on "energy transition in the textiles sector-way forward through electricity market reforms and green financing". The objective of the symposium to be held on May 7, 2024 will be: (i) to identify the key challenges and opport..... [more >>](#)

Policy reforms, series of sector specific consultations in offing for CBAM awareness: Romina

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-07

ISLAMABAD, May 07 (APP): Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam on Tuesday said policy reforms, sector specific interventions, series of interactions with public and private stakeholders are in the offing to increase sensitisation on Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) impacts on the country's export industry. She was addressing the Sustainable Devel..... [more >>](#)

Collaborations, all-inclusive policy interventions pertinent to reliable energy access in Pakistan: Experts

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-08

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Pakistan's commitment to gender inclusivity in national mainstream and climate action is unwavering, Romina

Source: News Desk, [The Public Purview](#), 2024-05-08

ISLAMABAD – Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam, said that Pakistan is committed to gender inclusiveness in mainstreaming national and climate action. He said gender is a priority area for action in our national climate policy and adaptation plan. He was speaking at the Pakistan Gender Climate Award 2024, organized by the..... [more >>](#)

There is a need to expedite the coordination b/w public & private sector to drive energy transition in the Industrial Sector: Experts

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Workshop News

Experts demand moderation in tax system

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-01

ISLAMABAD, April 30 (APP): The experts at the pre-budget stakeholder consultation on Tuesday demanded the government to ensure moderation in tax system and cumbersome regulatory steps for macroeconomic stability in Pakistan. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) with the support of the Revenue Mobilisation, Investment and Trade (REMIT) programme funded by Foreign, Commonwealth and De..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for tax reform to boost macroeconomic stability

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-05-01

KARACHI Experts at a pre-budget stakeholder consultation urged the government to moderate the country's inconsistent tax regime and cumbersome regulatory steps to achieve macroeconomic stability. The consultation, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Revenue Mobilisation, Investment and Trade (REMIT) Programme, brought together stakeholders to provide recom..... [more >>](#)

Pre-budget consultation highlights urgent need for tax system reform in Pakistan

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Carbon markets new opportunity for Pakistan to improve economic situation, reduce carbon emissions: Linulf

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-05-02

ISLAMABAD, May 02 (APP): Ambassador of Denmark, Jakob Linulf on Thursday said carbon markets are a new opportunity for Pakistan to improve its economic situation and reduce carbon emissions for a green development through sustainable and environment friendly practices. He was addressing to the one-day capacity building workshop for journalists on Climate-Smart Reporting: Carbon Market and Equitabl..... [more >>](#)

Danish envoy highlights carbon markets as key to Pakistan's green development

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-03

ISLAMABAD - Ambassador of Denmark, Jakob Linulf has said that carbon markets are a new opportunity for Pakistan to improve its economic situation and reduce carbon emissions for a green development through sustainable and environment friendly practices. Climate change was casting adverse impacts on the globe and it was equally important for Pakistan and Denmark to develop strategies for avertin..... [more >>](#)

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Denmark Ambassador Emphasizes Carbon Markets as Key to Pakistan's Economic Growth and Climate Resilience

Source: [Parliament Times](#), [Daily Parliament Times](#), 2024-05-02

Islamabad, (Parliament Times): Ambassador Jakob Linulf of Denmark underscored the significance of carbon markets as a pivotal opportunity for Pakistan to bolster its economic landscape while curbing carbon emissions, fostering sustainable development, and embracing environmentally friendly practices. His remarks came during a one-day capacity-building workshop for journalists on "Climate-Sma..... [more >>](#)

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Call for strategies to avert risks of climate change

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Denmark to Pakistan, Jakob Linulf, said climate change is casting adverse impacts on the globe and it is equally important for Pakistan and Denmark to develop strategies for averting its risks to humanity and biodiversity. He was speaking at a workshop organised for journalists on Climate-Smart Reporting: Carbon Market and Equitable Development organised by the Sustainab..... [more >>](#)

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