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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).

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

Economic Growth & Governance

From replicas to global dominator

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

KARACHI: The Chinese automobile industry has been surpassing global market leaders in terms of cost, features, durability, and comfort. According to well-placed sources, Japanese and European companies, which set up plants in China four decades ago, are now wrapping up their businesses as Chinese companies take their place. Japan, the EU, and US technology were once the benchmarks, and their veh..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Value of CPC 3rd Plenum, its impact on China-Pakistan relations

Source: [Zhao Shiren](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-25

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Nishan-i-Imtiaz (military) conferred upon General Li of PLA

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has conferred Nishan-i-Imtiaz (Military) upon Commander General Li Qiaoming of People's Liberation Army Ground Forces of China. The president conferred the award upon General Li Qiaoming at a special investiture ceremony in Aiwan-e-Sadr on Tuesday. The Chinese commander thanked the president for the conferment of the Nishan-i-Imtiaz (Military)..... [more >>](#)

Terrorists are trying to drive a wedge between Pakistan and China: PM

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday categorically announced that the government would neither hold any talks nor show any leniency to the terrorists who were poised to disrupt the country's journey towards progress. "The time has come to eliminate terrorism. The sacrifices being rendered for the cause will never be squandered. We need to move forward with firm resol..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Chinese company shows interest in projects in Islamabad

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-17

Islamabad: A delegation of the Chinese State Construction Engineering Corporation at a meeting with Chairman of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa showed keen interest in various projects in Islamabad. The CDA chairman met with a delegation of Chinese State Construction Engineering Corporation at the CDA Headquarters. The delegation was briefed about various development..... [more >>](#)

Leading Chinese platform celebrates Pakistan's achievements in e-commerce

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

ISLAMABAD - Alibaba.com, a leading Chinese platform for global business-to-business (B2B) e-commerce, hosted the finale of its Key E-commerce Leader Awards (KEL Awards) Pakistan round, marking a significant milestone in

recognizing and celebrating the exceptional achievements of Pakistani e-commerce sellers. The event, held in collaboration with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)..... [more >>](#)

China exports first batch of broiler eggs

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

BEIJING: The inaugural shipment of Chinese homegrown white broiler eggs has been successfully exported to Pakistan via a flight from Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, marking a significant development in the agricultural trade relations between the two countries. In the cargo hold of the plane were special "guests" – 172,800 "Guangming No 2" White Feathered Broiler eggs [more >>](#)

Pakistani agricultural, food enterprises sign landmark agreement with Chinese company

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

BEIJING - A delegation of 16 prominent Pakistani agricultural and food enterprises including rice, sesame and corn producer and exporters, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Suzhou Chef Ma Intelligent Technology Co Ltd taking a significant step in enhancing agricultural cooperation with China. The MoU was signed by the delegation's head, Hafiz Saad Bin Mustafa, and Huang Zhij..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China explore ways to boost defence cooperation

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China held high-level military talks on Monday, delving into pressing regional security concerns and seeking ways to bolster their defence ties amid a rapidly shifting geopolitical landscape. "The meeting afforded an opportunity for in-depth discussions on matters of mutual interest, regional security, military training, and measures to further [more >>](#)

China launches direct flight between Guangzhou, Islamabad to boost connectivity

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

BEIJING - China Southern Airlines has successfully launched a new direct flight route between Guangzhou and Islamabad, marking a significant milestone in enhancing connectivity between the two nations. A flight numbered CZ8069 took off from Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN), China, on August 25, carrying 163 passengers bound for Islamabad International Airport (ISB), Pakistan. The succe..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's apparel exports to China increase by 5pc in 2024

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

BEIJING - Pakistan's exports of men's and women's apparel to China have been increased by approximately five percent, reaching over \$18.03 million in the first seven months of the year, said the latest data from General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, Ghulam Qadir highlighted the growing popularity of Pakista..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan awards \$2 billion KKH contract to China

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday relaxed bidding rules to directly award a \$2 billion contract to China for the construction of a strategically important road and also approved Rs78 billion in incentive package for its banks and exchange companies to boost foreign remittances. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb-led Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet approved to invoke a special..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to participate as Guest of Honour in 8th Silk Road Int'l Exhibition in Xi'an

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

BEIJING - Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing Ghulam Qadir on Sunday said Pakistan, as the guest of honour, will participate in the 8th Silk Road International Exhibition scheduled to be held in Xi'an, Shaanxi, China, from September 20 to 24. He highlighted the close exchanges between Pakistan and Shaanxi in recent years across various fields. He noted that during a vi..... [more >>](#)

President for further strengthening of strategic cooperation with China

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

President Asif Ali Zardari has said that China is a trusted and great friend of Pakistan, and both countries need to further strengthen strategic cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two sides. He said that both countries enjoyed historic relations, spanning over seven decades, and affirmed Pakistan's resolve to stand with China in view of the changing global scenario. The preside..... [more >>](#)

China's BYD plans car plant in Karachi as part of Pakistan entry

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD on Saturday announced plans to open a car production plant in Pakistan, where it will also start selling three models through a partnership with Mega Motors. BYD is the first major new electric vehicle (NEV) entrant in the market, where there is a lack of charging infrastructure. "Our entry into the Pakistan market is not just about bringing advanced [more >>](#)

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Aurangzeb says on BYD's NEV launch occasion

Source: [Hassan Abbas](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

LAHORE: In a bid to revitalize the economy, the government has launched a comprehensive plan to achieve economic stability and growth, driven by private sector investment, export-led development, and foreign direct investment. These views were expressed by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb at the launching ceremony of BYD the world's leading New Energy Vehicle manufacturer, in partner..... [more >>](#)

Solar PV panels unit; Chinese firm seeks duty-free import of machinery

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese company has approached the government with a request to eliminate duties and taxes on components and manufacturing equipment used in the local production of solar PV panels to ensure incentives comparable to those offered to importers. In a letter to SIFC Secretary Jamil Qureshi, the CEO of ReneSola Pakistan, stated that ReneSola Pakistan — a collaboration between t..... [more >>](#)

Chinese IPPs debt: Panel formed to negotiate repayment over three years

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD: Ruling out the possibility of any linkages between securing debt rescheduling from Chinese IPPs and obtaining fresh IMF loans, the government has constituted the Power Sector Financing Steering Committee for negotiating a three-year deal for achieving staggered repayments. Pakistan has initially requested relaxation of five years in repayment to Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPP)..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC should be turned into model green BRI project: PCJCCI

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

LAHORE: Moazzam Ghurki, President Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) stated that GREEN is the future of humanity on planet which has already been affected by severe climate change, during a think tank session held at PCJCCI on Thursday. He said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) should be turned into a model green Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to protect..... [more >>](#)

Adding value to CPEC

Source: [Reema Shaukat](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

When Gwadar was re-acquired from Oman in year 1958, few people realised its full importance. It remained dormant for the next fifty-five years. In 2013 China-Pakistan Economic Corridor was conceived and the development work started. Gwadar is the jewel in the CPEC crown. It is on its way to gain further importance globally in general and in the regio..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to fast-track five new CPEC corridors

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, directed all Working Groups on Tuesday to prepare concept papers for five new corridors proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in August. These corridors—focused on growth, livelihood, innovation, green energy, and regional connectivity—are part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)..... [more >>](#)

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CPEC phase-2 projects; Preparation of concept papers for next five years sought

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said that many joint working groups' meetings would be held in the next month (September), instructing the relevant ministries to prepare concept papers for next five years under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects phase-2. He said that Pakistan and China have agreed to start work [more >>](#)

CPC 3rd Plenum & China-Pakistan Relations

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Aggressive marketing needed to attract Chinese enterprises to Pakistan

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

As the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has entered the second phase, Pakistan needs to adopt aggressive marketing strategies to attract Chinese investments. This phase aims to deepen economic collaboration

and boost industrial growth, requiring a focused effort to enhance Pakistan's appeal to Chinese enterprises. Talking to Wealth PK, Dr Hassan Daud Butt, an associate professor and f..... [more >>](#)

CPEC Phase-II: Ahsan directs WGs to prepare concept papers on 5 new corridors

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday directed all Working Groups (WGs) to prepare concept papers on five new corridors, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in August last, including growth, livelihood, innovation, green energy and regional connectivity for CPEC Phase-II. "The concept papers for all CPEC Phase-II projects..... [more >>](#)

Economic corridor: unfinished agenda

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-24

Although much steam out of CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) has been let out, the unquestionable positivity demonstrated on it by Pakistan and China, from time to time, makes this mega infrastructure project stand firmly on the ground as an unfinished agenda item. On the occasion of the celebrations of the completion of a decade of CPEC, in August 2023, the Chinese Vice Premier paid a three-d..... [more >>](#)

Mushahid for proactive efforts to counter negativity against CPEC

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-25

Islamabad: Former Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed condemning the global smear campaign against BRI has stressed the importance of proactive efforts to counter the negativity sought to be built around BRI and its related project CPEC. Mushahid was addressing as chief guest on the launch Dr Rabia Akhtar's edited book "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor beyond 2030: a green alliance for su..... [more >>](#)

Debunking misconceptions about CPEC energy projects

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

ISLAMABAD: The Power Policy of 1994 was introduced as the ultimate solution to Pakistan's electricity problems. Western countries and institutions praised the policy as one of the best pro-private sector initiatives. The World Bank and USAID collaborated with other multilateral donors to ensure the policy's success by providing financial support. Both the World Bank and USAID backed the P..... [more >>](#)

CPEC cements Pakistan-China friendship

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

ISLAMABAD - China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), has bound Pakistan into an even stronger friendship over the years. CPEC is more than just an economic venture; it is a symbol of the deep-rooted and ever-growing friendship between Pakistan and China. Since its inception about two decades ago, CPEC has transformed from a ser..... [more >>](#)

Merits of BRI and its flagship project CPEC

Source: [S M Hali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

In the past two years, China introduced three major initiatives for the benefit of mankind. These are Global Development Initiative (GDI), Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) and Global Security Initiative (GSI). The first initiative, GDI, aims to promote economic development, poverty alleviation, and sustainable growth. GCI—the second initiative—emphasizes cultural exchange, und..... [more >>](#)

CPEC termed lifeline for Pakistan economy

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: Politicians belonging to the ruling coalition as well as the opposition reaffirmed unwavering support to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project on Wednesday, terming it a lifeline for the country's economy. The speakers made this observation at a multiparty moot held at Pakistan-China Institute on Wednesday. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, chairman of the institute, te..... [more >>](#)

Political parties reaffirm support to CPEC

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: Political parties, both from the government and the opposition side, on Wednesday, reaffirmed their support for China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) organised an event under its "Friends of Silk Road" series, which brought together leaders of eight political parties on one platform to reaffirm support for CPEC. Leaders belongi..... [more >>](#)

All parties stand united on CPEC role for Pak-China strong ties

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD - Showing a symbol of unanimity on national issues, All Parties Conference has expressed commitment to the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) terming it a significant contribution to sustainable development in Pakistan and the region. The unwavering support for CPEC from the leaders of various political parties was expressed during the conference organized by the Pakistan-China I..... [more >>](#)

CPEC 2.0 market-based development phase, basic trends understanding imperative to garner investment: Mustafa Hyder

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-20

ISLAMABAD, Aug 20 (APP): The Speakers at the summit exploring financing opportunities for Chinese investors in renewable energy development under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on Tuesday underscored that the next phase of the trade transit route project would revolve around green and eco-friendly investments ensuring carbon-intensive development which demands Pakistan to engage with priv..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary panel informed; Upgradation of PR ML-1 project to be carried out in phases under CPEC

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel, Friday, was informed that the upgradation of the Pakistan Railway (PR) ML-1 Project would be completed in phases under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Secretary PR Mazhar Ali Shah, while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Railways meeting held under the chairmanship of Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, said that the ML-1 project from Karachi to [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

A Report Launch

Climate change: OICCI highlights private sector's role

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI: Despite contributing only 0.9 per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan faces severe climate vulnerabilities and is ranked 5th most affected country, experts said. This underscores the urgency of its climate action plans and the pivotal role of the private sector. To provide a roadmap emphasising public-private partnerships to mitigate climate change, the Overseas Investors [more >>](#)

OICCI highlights private sector's role in mitigating climate change

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-08-22

The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) has launched an insightful report titled "Pakistan's Climate Crossroads: Private Sector Solutions to Pakistan's Climate Challenges". Commenting on the report, OICCI President Rehan Shaikh stated, "Given the climate vulnerabilities threatening Pakistan, business growth can no longer come at the cost of th..... [more >>](#)

Addressing carbon footprint is must to safeguard investment: OICCI

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI: The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI) has issued a warning about the potential negative effects on Pakistan's exports and investment if carbon emissions are not effectively managed. During a recent session with a select group of journalists, OICCI officials stressed the importance of aligning with the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) to ensure..... [more >>](#)

OICCI Highlights Private Sector's Role in Mitigating Climate Change

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2024-08-21

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OICCI urges private sector to combat climate crisis

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-08-22

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Significant challenges faced by women entrepreneurs

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD, Aug 24 (APP): Experts highlighted on Saturday the significant challenges faced by women entrepreneurs in Pakistan during the launch of a new report on financial inclusion. According to the statement the report, titled "Advancing Financial Inclusion for Women Entrepreneurs in Pakistan," was presented by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration wi..... [more >>](#)

Improved financial literacy must for women entrepreneurs: speakers

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD: At the launch of a report on financial inclusion for women entrepreneurs, speakers emphasised the urgent need to improve financial literacy and awareness among women in Pakistan. The event, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), highlighted the challenges women entrepreneurs faced and called for an [more >>](#)

Challenges in Women's financial inclusion in Pakistan

Source: [Tayyaba Nazir](#), [Minute Mirror](#), 2024-08-25

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Report Unveils Women Entrepreneurs' Financial Struggles

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Financial literacy, change in mindset towards women SMEs, entrepreneurs crucial amid 22pc labour force share: Report

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD, Aug 25 (APP): The speakers at a report launch on financial inclusion for women entrepreneurs underscored the critical need to enhance financial literacy and awareness towards projecting women-led small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs as positive players of the market and end biases and uncondusive environment hampering their growth in trade as women comprise 22 percent of..... [more >>](#)

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Women entrepreneurs facing market bias, uncondusive environment to grow: Experts

Source: [Web Editor](#), [Pakistan Page](#), 2024-08-27

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Privatization key solution for power sector's challenges: experts

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

KARACHI: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Network for Clean Energy Transition (NCET) jointly organized a consultative discussion on the "Privatization of Pakistan's Power Utility Sector:

Opportunities and Lessons Learned.” The event also featured the launch of a comprehensive report on the prospects of privatizing Pakistan’s power utility sector. [more >>](#)

Consultative Discussion

Privatization in Power Sector only way forward: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD, Aug 28 (APP): The experts on Wednesday emphasized that privatization in the power sector was the only way forward to improve energy supply, access, and innovation in the system amid growing energy demands. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Network for Clean Energy Transition (NCET) organized a consultative discussion on “Privatization of Pakistan’s po..... [more >>](#)

Privatisation of power utilities sought

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: Experts stress that the privatisation of power utilities is crucial for addressing the rising circular debt and driving innovation in Pakistan's power sector. They argue that the regulator's role must evolve into a facilitator, encouraging private entities to enter the market, which would enhance competition, support industrialisation, and implement effective wheeling reforms. [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, August 28 (SABAH): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Network for Clean Energy Transition (NCET) organized a consultative discussion on “Privatization of Pakistan’s power utility sector: Opportunities and the lessons learnt.” The event also showcased report launch on prospects of privatization of Pakistan’s power utility sector. Along with l..... [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

Balochistan Govt Provides Resource For Youth: Buledi

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-08-19

QUETTA, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 19th Aug, 2024) Balochistan Minister for Planning and Development, Zahoor Ahmed Buledi said the provincial government while implementing its vision has started providing resource for harnessing youth through development, which needs reliable and reconcilable data. Speaking at the policy dialogue roundtable, DATA for Development (D4D), Youth and Employa..... [more >>](#)

Urban flooding, climate change impacts on urban centers need data-guided solutions: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD, Aug 23 (APP): The experts at a stakeholder dialogue advocating the importance of data for development, and resilience on Friday underscored that urban centers of the country are facing increasing risk of growing vulnerability due to climate disasters amid rising trends of urbanization and poor land use planning. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), United Nations Popula..... [more >>](#)

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Sindh's Parliamentarians mobilized on sexual reproductive health, family planning

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