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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

“China Study Centre - SDPI”

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

China Study Centre

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

Ambassador Khalil represents Pakistan at '9th Belt and Road Summit' in HK

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-09-14

KARACHI: Pakistan Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi represented Pakistan at the 9th Belt and Road Summit in Hong Kong under the theme "Building a Connected, Innovative, and Green Belt and Road." The summit gathered international leaders, business representatives, and industry experts to discuss the Belt and Road Initiative's (BRI) future, emphasizing the importance of global..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

Confront and engage

Source: [Maleeha Lodhi](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-09-09

US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan's recent visit to Beijing indicated an effort by both countries to de-escalate tensions ahead of the American presidential election in November. Described as talks in their 'strategic communication' channel, discussions between Sullivan and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi ranged over all the issues that divide the two countries &mdas..... [more >>](#)

Making sense of US-China tensions

Source: [Tauqir Hussain](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-14

After going through much upheaval in recent years, are US-China relations finally set to stabilize? Recent developments inspire hope. The two countries have been engaged in quiet diplomacy led by US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and China's top diplomat Wang Yi. They have had eight unpublicized meetings in the past fifteen months leading up to twelve hours of talks during Sulliv..... [more >>](#)

US sanctions on Chinese firms 'politically motivated': FO

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-09-15

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday slammed Washington's "double standards" for sanctioning Chinese firms allegedly linked to Pakistan's ballistic missile program. Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch rejected the sanctions and called them "biased and politically motivated". She said in the past, companies were sanctioned "based on mere suspicion..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China and India in the multipolar global order

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-09-09

There is a growing fear of China among the administrations that have come to power in Washington since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. It was in 1991 that the USSR broke into several geographic pieces. While the states in Eastern Europe and Central Asia parted company with Moscow, China began to grow its economy and increase its military strength. In the early 1980s while working in the [more >>](#)

Modernisation in China and Pakistan

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

In July 2024, the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was successfully held, which made systematic arrangements for further deepening reform comprehensively to advance

Chinese Modernization. H.E. Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Jiang Zaidong wrote a special article, to explain how the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Comm..... [more >>](#)

Sino-Africa & Neocolonialism

Source: [Aslam Javed](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

China and Africa have forged a robust partnership over recent decades, grounded in mutual respect and support. This relationship, strengthened through significant cooperation in infrastructure, agriculture, healthcare, and education, has proven highly effective. As Africa's largest bilateral trading partner since 2009, China's role has grown increasingly pivotal, with substantial forei..... [more >>](#)

Governance / Trade & Services

How China is building futures in Africa

Source: [Dr Murad Ali](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-11

Like many other regions across the globe, China has significantly expanded and cemented its economic footprints in Africa. A tangible evidence of Beijing's growing role in Africa is the recent China-Africa Summit (held in Beijing from September 4 to 6), officially known as the Forum on China-African Cooperation (FOCAC). Since its establishment in 2000, the forum has been held triennially an..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan aims to enhance trade linkages with Hubei

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-14

BEIJING: Pakistan Embassy Trade and Investment Counsellor in Beijing Ghulam Qadir said on Friday that Pakistan desires to enhance trade ties with Hubei, China. Speaking at a seminar titled "Hubei Province Theme Day" at the 2024 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), the counsellor said Hubei fully demonstrates new and quality productive forces, high-quality servic..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

PM for enhancing collaboration with China in key sectors

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-03

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that Pakistan aims to enhance its collaboration with China in areas such as information technology, artificial intelligence, modern agriculture, and other sectors. In a conversation with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the prime minister remarked that the friendship between Pakistan and China has endured and remained strong thr..... [more >>](#)

Arms control, non-proliferation; Islamabad, Beijing stress regular exchanges

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-15

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have underlined the importance of regular exchanges and consultations on arms control and nonproliferation as an important part of the Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue, as the two sides held in-depth discussions on the entire spectrum of arms control and nonproliferation issues; and bilateral cooperation in the peaceful applications of nuclear technology. Accord..... [more >>](#)

Chinese premier to visit Pakistan in October

Source: [Azaz Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, Chinese Premier Li Qiang will embark on a three-day official visit to Pakistan next month. According to diplomatic sources, Premier Li will arrive in Islamabad on October 14 for a bilateral visit, followed by his participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit on October 15 and 16. This will be the first visit by a Chinese Premier in 11..... [more >>](#)

Chinese PM Li Qiang to visit Pakistan for SCO Summit

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang is set to visit Pakistan next month for a three-day trip to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government Summit in Islamabad. According to media reports, his visit, scheduled to begin on October 14, will be conducted in two phases, starting with bilateral discussions on Pakistan-China relations and other key matters. The visit marks t..... [more >>](#)

CJCSC General Sahir Shamshad Mirza meets with Chinese military leaders

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-14

General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), conducted important meetings with top Chinese military officials during his official visit. He met separately with General He Weidong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), and General Liu Zhenli, Chief of the CMC Joint Staff Department. Both sides praised the deep, historic relationship between Paki..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Pak e-commerce market ascends to global prominence, ranked 46th worldwide

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

BEIJING - Pakistan's e-commerce sector is rapidly making its mark on the global stage, now ranked as the 46th largest market in the world, according to the International Trade Administration. This growth trajectory is underpinned by a burgeoning middle class, widespread smartphone and internet usage, improved e-commerce infrastructure, and robust government support. Recent projections [more >>](#)

China seeks RMB pilot project at Gwadar Free Zone

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: China has asked Pakistan to establish RMB internationalization pilot project in Gwadar Free Zone to promote trade settlement and reduce foreign exchange conversion costs and risks between the two sides, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This proposal was floated during the 7th meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Gwadar under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a..... [more >>](#)

Chinese group to launch Pakistan's first inverter and battery plant

Source: [Israr Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese investment group has expressed a strong interest in establishing Pakistan's first industry dedicated to manufacturing inverters and batteries. The proposed investment is set to boost Pakistan's emerging electronics sector, potentially driving technological advancements and job creation. Liangzhang Zhou, Chairman of the Chinese business conglomerate Hexing Electrica..... [more >>](#)

PR signs agreements with Chinese, Pakistani companies for laying optical fiber cables

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-03

The Pakistan Railways has entered into strategic agreements with two companies, one Chinese and one Pakistani, for the laying of optical fiber cables along key railway routes. These partnerships are part of Pakistan Railways' ongoing efforts to diversify and enhance its revenue streams. According to the PR spokesperson on Tuesday, under the agreement with the Chinese company, optical fiber..... [more >>](#)

CM, Chinese company discuss launch of green transport system for big citiesSource: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-03

LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif had a meeting with a delegation from a Chinese vehicle manufacturing company to discuss the launch of a proposed Green Transport System Project in Punjab, under which 5000 electric buses will be run across the province. Mr Liu Junhua, Chairman of Chinese vehicle company, Chongqing CRR Hang Tong, led the delegation. The chief minister told the dele..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's meat exports to China surpass \$2.6 millionSource: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

BEIJING - Pakistan's meat exports to China have surpassed the \$2.6 million mark from January to July 2024, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). This notable achievement underscores the growing demand for Pakistani meat products in the Chinese market, further solidifying Pakistan's position as a key exporter of quality meat. Owais Mir, cha..... [more >>](#)

Chinese lenders agree on daily SOFRSource: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

ISLAMABAD: Chinese lenders to the independent power producers (IPPs) have refused to accept the Term "Secured Overnight Financing Rate" (SOFR) but have agreed on transitioning from the London Inter-bank Offered Rate (Libor) to daily SOFR. The issue was taken up during suo motu proceedings on Thursday on the subject of shifting from Libor to SOFR for calculating the borrowing cost. The [more >>](#)

Pakistani fruit, juice exports to China surgeSource: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

Pakistan has witnessed a significant increase in its fruit and juice exports to China this year. According to the latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), during the January-July period of 2024, Pakistan's frozen orange juice exports to China reached unprecedented levels, showcasing the growing demand for Pakistani produce in the Chinese market. Pakistan Embassy..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's frozen orange juice exports to China reach record levelsSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

The latest data from the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) reveals that Pakistan's frozen orange juice exports to China hit record highs during January-July 2024, reflecting a rising demand for Pakistani products in the Chinese market. Commercial Counselor at the Pakistan Embassy in China, Ghulam Qadir, attributed the surge to the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreements and eff..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm to invest \$2 billion in Pakistan for deployment of optical fiberSource: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

ISLAMABAD - Chinese firm will invest \$2 billion in Pakistan for the deployment of an optical fiber network over an area of 100,000 kilometres over a period of 8 to 10 years. According to a Gwadar Pro's report, the cable will be laid from Karachi to Peshawar along the Main Line-1 (ML-1). Pakistan Railways has inked an agreement with the company Sunwalk Ltd. to allow it to deploy optical fiber [more >>](#)

150 Pakistani entrepreneurs participating in global fair in BeijingSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-15

ISLAMABAD/ BEIJING - More than 2000 companies from 107 countries around the globe are participating in the International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing while from Pakistan 150 entrepreneurs are also included in this grand event. In a virtual address at the opening session of this Expo, Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan has said that..... [more >>](#)

Arms control, non-proliferation; Islamabad, Beijing stress regular exchanges

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have underlined the importance of regular exchanges and consultations on arms control and nonproliferation as an important part of the Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue, as the two sides held in-depth discussions on the entire spectrum of arms control and nonproliferation issues; and bilateral cooperation in the peaceful applications of nuclear technology. Accord..... [more >>](#)

Chinese group to invest heavily in Pakistan to manufacture inverters, batteries

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD - Chinese group has assured the government to put heavy investment in Pakistan by establishing new industry especially in renewable energy sector. Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatisation and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan was assured by chairman of China's business group Hexing Electrical Liangzhang Zhou along with the delegation in which it was told that it would [more >>](#)

PR inks accords on installing optical fiber cables

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-04

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways (PR) has signed agreements with two companies for the installation of optical fiber cables. Under the accords made with Chinese and Pakistani companies, the PR will provide the right of way for laying the optical fiber cables. The Chinese company will lay the cable from Keamari to Peshawar Cantt along the ML-1 route, for which the PR has received Rs256 million in advance. [more >>](#)

Chinese firm plans to invest in clean energy

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Board of Investment, Privatisation and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Saturday got assurance from Chinese group Hexing Electrical that it would make heavy investment by establishing a new industrial unit, especially in the renewable energy sector. Hexing Electrical Chairman Liangzhang Zhou, along with a delegation, met the minister for investment and informed h..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

191 women police officers ready to join CPEC force

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-06

KARACHI: The passing-out parade of 191 women police officers, part of a total of 1,351 police officers, took place at the Shahid Hayat Police Training Centre College, Saeedabad, on Thursday. After completing their training, they will provide security to Chinese nationals linked to CPEC projects in Sindh. Speaking on the occasion, IGP Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon stated that these recruits would be re..... [more >>](#)

'Proactive approach required to counter propaganda against CPEC'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-10

Islamabad: Experts have said that there was a need to shift from a reactive portrayal of CPEC to a proactive approach for countering negative media propaganda against CPEC. The experts were speaking during a roundtable discussion on "Narratives on the CPEC and role of media" hosted here by Institute of Regional Studies (IRS). Dr Yasir Masroor, former director, Media and Publications, M..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China in talks to integrate Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway into CPEC

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-14

ISLAMABAD - Consultations of Pakistan and China are underway to include the Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway (M-6) in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway is prioritised for inclusion in the China-

Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to secure concessional financing for the project, said chairman National Highway Authority (NHA) while briefing the National Assembly Standing [more >>](#)

Turkmenistan to access Gwadar port under CPEC

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-15

Turkmenistan is poised to become the first Central Asian nation to access Gwadar port as part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). An agreement between Pakistan and Turkmenistan is expected to be signed soon. The Pakistani government has established a committee to review the draft agreement between Gwadar Port and Turkmenbashi Port. This development is part of broader efforts to enhance..... [more >>](#)

China seeks RMB pilot project at Gwadar Free Zone

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-05

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Research, Development & Capacity Building

Chinese envoy lauds working of Confucius Institute

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-07

KARACHI: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong on Friday said education is a core component in bilateral cooperation. During his visit to the University of Karachi (KU) with a delegation, Zaidong praised the Chinese language teaching at the Confucius Institute. The ambassador recognized Pakistan's growing IT sector and emphasised the significant role KU plays in cultivating talent that co..... [more >>](#)

New Tech University launches IT diploma program in collaboration with China

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-12

In a significant step toward enhancing education in modern technology, New Tech University has announced a three-year diploma program in collaboration with China. The program will focus on Information Technology (IT) fields such as Big Data, Mechatronics, and Software Engineering. Students will complete two years of education in Pakistan at New Tech University and one year in China. Graduates of [more >>](#)

Chinese team, Romina discuss green mobility solutions

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-08

Islamabad: A high-level Chinese delegation called on Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam and discussed with her its plan to help Pakistan provide world-class transport service to the people while achieving environmental sustainability and climate resilience goals. The delegation, comprising senior-level officials of the Chongqing CRRC Hengton Vehicle Company and Ch..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

A Report Launch

Think tank proposes Discos' gradual sell-off

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has recommended the privatisation of power distribution companies (Discos) in a phased manner to analyse the regulatory framework and identify potential obstacles before scaling up the divestment of other companies. This plan should begin with the most financially viable Discos and gradually include others, ensuring that the process..... [more >>](#)

SIFC pushes for LPG plant resumption

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has directed the Petroleum Division to take positive steps towards resuming operations at the Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJVL) LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) plant. This directive followed a report prepared by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and was discussed in a recent SIFC meeting. According to the report, a..... [more >>](#)

SDPI study asks for early resumption of JJVL LPG extraction plant

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-08

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has submitted its study to the Petroleum Division suggesting Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJVL) LPG-NGL extraction plant should be made operational. In its report "Indigenous LPG production: Challenges and Way Forward", SDPI, the country's well-known think tank, argued if Sui Southern-JJVL deal is done to operate [more >>](#)

Media Briefing

Half of Pakistan's population facing persistent health risk amid poor access to healthy diet

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-09-14

Increasing population of undernourished households is driving the nutritional and health crises in the country amid policy gaps and absence of proactive legislation in line with the rapidly changing environment. This was said by Head of Policy and Advocacy, The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), FaizRasool on Friday while speaking at a media debriefing session jointly organized by the..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Green liberalism and policy approaches

Source: [Saleha Qureshi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

Global efforts to tackle climate change frequently introduce frameworks designed to mitigate environmental impacts and drive the transition to a low-carbon economy. The success of these frameworks depends heavily on their ability to adapt to the specific social, economic, political and environmental dynamics of the regions where they are implemented. [more >>](#)

The silent storm of eco-anxiety

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

E co-anxiety, the chronic fear of environmental disaster, has become a pervasive part of my everyday existence. It's not just a buzzword; it's a deep psychological burden that creeps into every corner of our lives, gnawing at our sense of security. Climate anxiety is a silent storm, building up with every heat wave and report of another nat..... [more >>](#)

The mirage of misused subsidies

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-02

Pakistan's electricity tariff structure has inadvertently fostered a practice that threatens to undermine the system's integrity and financial stability. 'Subsidy mirage' is an apt term to describe the elusive and illusory nature of the unallotted subsidy that certain consumers exploit. Much like a mirage, this subsidy seems beneficial at first glance but is actually a dist.... [more >>](#)

On the edge of default

Source: Irfan Ahmad Chatha, [Geo News](#), 2024-09-10

As Pakistan looks for a spot on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Board's agenda, the prudent course during this downtime is to reflect on its debt sustainability and develop a broader understanding of the factors that have kept Pakistan amongst the "commitment type" of sovereign borrowers instead of "opportunistic type". The former type of sovereign builds a reputati..... [more >>](#)

Is the ICT industry ready to go green?

Source: Sadia Ishrat Satti, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-12

As the world confronts the escalating threat of climate change, a clearer understanding of various sectors' contributions to global carbon emissions is imperative. Among these sectors, the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry stands out, not just for its significant role in global connectivity, but also for its substantial yet often overlooked share of emissions. According..... [more >>](#)

Hydroponic Agriculture: A Sustainable Solution for Pakistan's Food Security Challenges

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2024-09-12

Pakistan is struggling with food security as a result of its expanding population and the impact of climate change on agriculture. Food problems are worsening by the day; as conventional agricultural systems fail to provide enough food to support the growing population. To address these challenges, it is critical to develop alternative agricultural systems that can meet food demand while also impr..... [more >>](#)

Digital shield or an economic straitjacket

Source: Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Maqsood Hashmi, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

In our recent article on economic growth through a digital revolution in Pakistan, we highlighted the critical role of a digitally skilled workforce in steering the nation towards a prosperous future. This ongoing conversation about Pakistan's digital transformation takes a new turn as we consider the implications of firewall installations in th..... [more >>](#)

The need for social development

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

Democracy has long been heralded as the political system best suited to prioritise citizens' needs, particularly in the realm of social development. This belief is supported by growing evidence that democracies outperform autocracies in critical areas such as healthcare, education, peacebuilding and economic growth. A 2023 report, The Case for De..... [more >>](#)

Financial innovation for revenue mobilisation

Source: Maheen Rehan, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

In recent years, digital financial ecosystem has experienced significant advancements in Pakistan. According to the State Bank of Pakistan, the number of mobile banking users surged to 16.3 million by 2024, marking an approximately 8 percent increase from the previous year. Moreover, internet penetration has reached 45.7 percent, with over 111 million..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

Beyond choice

Source: Nabil Tahire, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

KARACHI: Hina*, a 22-year-old mother of two from rural Sindh, tragically lost her third child due to complications during childbirth. Her story is one of the many heart-wrenching reminders of the devastating consequences of inadequate access to reproductive health services and family planning education in Pakistan. Millions of women in the country face risks due to a lack of knowledge and resourc..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Economists hail single-digit inflation

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2024-09-05

Economists and business leaders hailed on Wednesday that Inflation in Pakistan has reached a single digit after three years, on which the business community and household consumers expressed its pleasure. At present, the inflation rate in the country is 9.6% and in rural areas, the inflation is up to 6.3 %, which is also an indicator of the decrease in the prices of essential commodities. Meanwhi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan introduces contributory pension scheme to cut costs amid IMF dealings

Source: Aamir Saeed, [Arab News](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has launched a contributory pension fund scheme for new entrants to the armed forces and civil government, a senior official said on Wednesday, expressing hope it would streamline current public expenditures by setting up an autonomous fund to manage large pension payments. The federal government's total expenditure for pensions is estimated at Rs1.014 trillion (\$3.65 bi..... [more >>](#)

Excessive rain, changing patterns, dozens of deaths mark Pakistan monsoon

Source: Sara Zaman, [Voice of America](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD — As monsoon season nears its end in Pakistan, higher than average rainfall and rain-related accidents leave behind a trail of deaths, nearly half of them children. Monsoon season runs from July to September in Pakistan. Since the beginning of July, the country has counted at least 337 rain-related deaths, according to the National Disaster Management Authority. One-hundred-sev..... [more >>](#)

Power subsidies might impact IMF deal in the offing: SDPI executive director

Source: Imran Ali Kundi, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD - Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on Monday said the federal and Punjab governments although with good intentions have announced power subsidies but these subsidies might surprise the IMF and impact the IMF deal in the offing. The executive director SDPI, while talking to media, said there is no probability of snap elections [more >>](#)

Unplanned power subsidies impede \$7bn bailout

Source: Mubarak Zeb Khan, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Punjab's unplanned power subsidies have emerged as the second most significant impediment to Pakistan's much-anticipated \$7 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In July, Pakistan reached a Staff-Level Agreement (SLA) for a new 37-month \$7bn Extended Fund Facility. However, the agreement will take effect following the IMF Executive Board meeting, which..... [more >>](#)

Towards green energy via CPEC

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

Pakistan's investment requirements for addressing its climate challenges are enormous, and then some. In its Country Climate and Development Report, the World Bank estimated that Pakistan — one of the world's top 10 countries most affected by climate change — needs \$348 billion to adequately address its climate challenges till 2030. This consists of \$152bn (44 per cent) [more >>](#)

Government needs to stop surprising IMF: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD, Sep 09 (SABAH): Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday said the federal and Punjab governments although with good intentions have announced power subsidies that might surprise the IMF and impact the IMF deal in the offing. The Executive Director SDPI while talking to media said there is no probability of snap elections [more >>](#)

Expediting the Digital Trade Integration of Pakistan and Central Asian Economies

Source: [Asif Javed](#), [Dr Vaqar Ahmed](#), [CAREC](#), [Development Asia](#), 2024-09-11

Digital trade integration involves regulatory structures/policy designs, digital technologies, and business processes along the entire global/regional digital value chain (UNESCAP 2021). It requires free cross-border movement of digital products, services, and technologies, manufactured goods, data, capital, talent, and ideas, along with the availability of integrated physical and virtual infrastr..... [more >>](#)

Juvenile education crucial to expedite climate action for long-term resilience goals: Romina

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-09-13

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Speakers for developing education system that helps mitigate climate change effects

Source: [Adeel Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Country Representative Unicef Sharmeela Rasool on Thursday said the world was in the climate crisis mode as the problem was no longer of the future, but of the present. She was speaking at a roundtable discussion on 'Climate-Compatible Education' held at the Institute of Regional Studies on Thursday. Ms Rasool said when we talk about climate crisis, we should not fo..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad: NUST School of Health Sciences (NSHS) in collaboration with Jhpiego, Pakistan hosted an art competition on climate change and its impact on health and communities. Themed “HER Climate” with HER standing for Healthy Communities & Environment Resilient, the competition sought to engage students in a creative exploration of climate issues through their artwork. The event..... [more >>](#)

Experts Urge Climate Science Education in Schools to Combat Climate Crisis

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Think tank proposes Discos’ gradual sell-off

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has recommended the privatisation of power distribution companies (Discos) in a phased manner to analyse the regulatory framework and identify potential obstacles before scaling up the divestment of other companies. This plan should begin with the most financially viable Discos and gradually include others, ensuring that the process..... [more >>](#)

Energy Crisis Worsens in South Asia as SAARC Energy Center’s Performance Plummets

Source: [Saadullah Saeed](#), [The Public Purview](#), 2024-09-06

Islamabad: SAARC Energy Center (SEC) Islamabad was established in Pakistan under the Dhaka Declaration in 2006. The main function of the Center is to work on the energy sector in South Asia, to guide member countries in developing alternative energy sources and to make recommendations to reduce carbon emissions while working to improve the environment. As per practice the director of the center is..... [more >>](#)

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