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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.

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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
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China Study Centre

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

CPEC, BRI to lead in regional development

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Research Fellow at the China International Press and Communication Centre (CIPCC), Muhammad Zamir Assadi, has said that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are poised to enter a new era of development in 2025. "New opportunities will emerge under these initiatives in 2025, benefiting not only both countries but the entire region," A..... [more >>](#)

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China & America trade conflict

US-China tech war: Price of confrontation Biden, Trump's policies highlight growing costs, futility of economic decoupling

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-13

ISLAMABAD: President Biden, contrary to expectations, accelerated the economic, trade, and technological wars with the world, particularly with China. First, he revived the Obama administration's Pivot of Asia and China containment policies. He worked with allies to introduce initiatives such as Build Back Better World and the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment to counter th..... [more >>](#)

iSpy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

It is deeply ironic that while the United States has gone to great lengths to ban Huawei, China's leading technology company, from operating within its borders—pressuring European allies to do the same over unsubstantiated claims of espionage and data collection—it is one of the United States' own tech giants, Apple, that has been forced to pay a \$95 million settlement in a..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China a role model in addressing environment and industrialisation issues

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-04

Islamabad: Sabheen Ghoury, Parliamentary Secretary for Information Technology, has called for consistent policies among governments to achieve sustainable progress stressing that environmental challenges were transnational and necessitate a collaborative approach. Ms Ghoury was addressing a roundtable on "Pak-China vision for a sustainable future: ecological civilisation, environmental secur..... [more >>](#)

Global economy: China anchor of stability

Source: [Yang Yundong, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

Amid numerous challenges faced by the global economy, China, as the world's second-largest economy, continues to serve as an "anchor of stability" and "source of momentum" for global economic development, drawing widespread international attention. To assess China's economic situation, one must adopt a comprehensive and dialectical perspective - considering both..... [more >>](#)

China central bank is moving faster towards its policy limits

Source: [Kevin Yao, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

China's central bank is expected to deploy its most aggressive monetary tactics in a decade this year as it tries to stimulate the economy and soften the blow of impending US tariff hikes, but in doing so it risks quickly exhausting its firepower. Friday's announcement by the People's Bank of China (PBOC) that it has suspended treasury bond purchases due to the asset's..... [more >>](#)

Governance / Trade & Services

Envoy outlines China's vision for world Says visits of PMs Li Qiang, Shehbaz promoted cooperation between China, Pakistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong said on Saturday that China's development could not be separated from the world's and that the world's prosperity also needed China. "Only when the world is good, China will be good, and when China is good, the world will be better. We stand ready to provide new opportunities for the world with the new development of China's..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Enhanced Pak-China cooperation to combat terrorism stressed

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

Lahore - Experts on security and counter-terrorism have emphasized the need for strengthening cooperation between Pakistan and China to combat the threat of terrorism, which they argued is impeding progress on economic initiatives and projects between the two countries. Dr Naveed Elahi, former Joint Director General of the Intelligence Bureau and currently the Dean of the National Institute of [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China to further deepen all-weather strategic cooperative partnership

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China have noted with satisfaction the positive trajectory of bilateral relations and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, in accordance with the consensus reached between the leaderships of the two countries. The Fourth Round of Pakistan-China Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) was held in Beijing. Fore..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

'Cooperation with China, GCC countries key to growth'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-09

LAHORE: Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States and Punjab University alumnus Rizwan Saeed Sheikh said that Pakistan's economic development required promoting cooperation with China and GCC countries. He said that Pakistan's location makes us important in international affairs. He said that geographical, economic and political conditions play an important role in shaping forei..... [more >>](#)

Sports goods exports to China rise 7%

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

Data from China's General Administration of Customs showed that in the first 11 months of 2024, China imported basketballs, footballs and volleyballs worth \$10.7 million from Pakistan, a rise of 6.68% compared with the same period of last year. The development highlights Pakistan's growing status as a global hub for high-quality sporting goods as well as reflects its growing economic [more >>](#)

Pakistan's sports goods exports to China register increase in 2024

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Export of sports goods to China witnesses substantial increase

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-05

The exports of sports goods to China have witnessed a substantial increase of six point six eight percent as ten point seven million dollars of sports goods were exported to China last year. The country's sports industry gained global recognition due to the governmental efforts and Special Investment Facilitation Council. The Pakistani made basketball and volleyball have been popular in Chi..... [more >>](#)

Call for collaboration with China's chemical industry to improve Pakistan's competitiveness

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

LAHORE - Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Vice President Zafar Iqbal on Tuesday stressed the need for taking collaborative measures with China's chemical industry to enhance Pakistan's competitiveness. During a think-tank session with PCJCCI executive committee members here, he added that Pakistan does not have mature technology to produce petrochemical..... [more >>](#)

'Tie-up with China key to boosting chemical industry'

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Sino-Pak Nuclear Alliance

Source: [Sher Ali Kakar](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

China-Pakistan civil nuclear cooperation is a key aspect of the strategic partnership between the two countries. At a time when Pakistan is grappling with an energy crisis that has only worsened the country's economic situation, China's nuclear energy cooperation is significantly bolstering Pakistan's power sector by adding clean, reliable, and cost-effective energy. The Ch..... [more >>](#)

Pak Railways, Chinese firm to collaborate

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

LAHORE: In a bustling factory in Lahore, the assembly of 115 flat wagons in Complete Knocked Down (CKD) form marks a significant milestone in Pakistan's railway freight transportation. Scheduled for deployment in April, these

wagons are part of a 620-unit order being co-produced by Pakistan Railways and Chinese company Baotou Beifang Chuangye Co, Ltd "Once all 620 freight wagons are ful..... [more >>](#)

Chinese Exim Bank refuses to extend concessional loans

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-13

ISLAMABAD: China's Exim Bank has reportedly expressed its unwillingness to extend concessional loans to Pakistan, citing a limited window and concerns over non-payment or delayed payments to Chinese companies operating Independent Power Producers (IPPs), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This message was conveyed by the President of Exim Bank of China during a meeting with P..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China trade suspended as protest on KKH against power outages in Hunza continue

Source: [Imtiaz Ali Taj](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

A protest sit-in against the power crisis in Hunza district's Aliabad area continued for the fourth consecutive day on Monday with the Karakoram Highway (KKH) remaining blocked, paralysing Pakistan-China tourism and trade. The protest has been launched on the call of the Hunza Awami Action Committee and the All Parties Traders Association. While the government has failed to find any soluti..... [more >>](#)

Chinese investors concerned over lack of sovereign guarantee for power projects in GB

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

ISLAMABAD - Chinese investors have expressed serious concern over lack of sovereign guarantee for power projects in Gilgit Baltistan, which remains a significant roadblock to expanding energy production in the region. China is working on critical infrastructure projects in the region, especially in agriculture, trade, and special economic zones. Chinese investors have expressed concerns about t..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel told; Chinese power sector investors face problems in G-B

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

ISLAMABAD: Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) has revealed that while China is working on critical infrastructure projects in the region, especially in agriculture, trade, and special economic zones, Chinese investors have expressed concerns about the lack of sovereign guarantees for power projects. The high tariffs in G-B's energy sector have further deterred investment from Chines..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

After a decade, govt wakes up to market Gwadar port

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: The commercialisation of Gwadar Port, built more than a decade ago, remains a non-starter, turning the multi-billion-dollar infrastructure facility into a white elephant instead of becoming a transshipment hub. This was the gist of a high-level meeting on the operationalisation of Gwadar Port called on the directives of the prime minister and presided over by Planning and Develop..... [more >>](#)

CPEC projects to trigger national economic activities: PM

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed for improving the communications and roads network between New Gwadar International Airport and other areas of the country, especially Balochistan province. He also said that the development of Balochistan is the federal government's top priority the CPEC projects would accelerate the overall economic activities throughout the country..... [more >>](#)

CPEC's crown jewel Gwadar Port lying idle, becomes another white elephant

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD - Gwadar Port, which is being considered the crown jewel of multi-billion dollars China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is lying idle and has become another white elephant, as the ministries/departments concerned are waiting for miracles to attract imports and have done zero marketing of the port. By directing their imports/exports towards Gwadar Port, the Central Asian states and [more >>](#)

CPEC 2.0 – Entering an era of magnificent growth

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD - As 2025 unfolds, with the integration of CPEC's five corridors into Pakistan's dynamic 5Es framework, the nation is poised for an era of unprecedented growth. This strategic alignment ensures the country's infrastructure projects are not just about development but fostering sustainable progress and global collaboration. The 5Cs—Growth Corridor, Livelihood Enh..... [more >>](#)

High quality CPEC 2.0 development; Pakistan and China reaffirm commitment

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have reaffirmed their commitment to the high quality development of CPEC 2.0, with its emphasis on industrialisation and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), as well as, clean energy, agriculture and livelihood projects. Both sides have also acknowledged the pivotal role of CPEC in promoting regional connectivity, win-win cooperation and common prosperity, including th..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China commit to top-notch CPEC 2.0

Source: [APP, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

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CPEC: new impetus

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China and Pakistan have lived through thick and thin, and their vision for a progressive tomorrow is worth-emulating. Moreover, their strategic unanimity is an asset and it is, perhaps, the only bilateralism that is not impacted with crosscurrents and upheavals around them. That sentiment was once again reaffirmed by the two sides at the 5th meeting of the CPEC Joint Working Group in Beijing, whic..... [more >>](#)

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The renewed commitment between Pakistan and China to advance the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into its second phase marks a significant step forward in bolstering Pakistan's economic trajectory. With both nations pledging to enhance infrastructure, energy projects, and industrial cooperation, the promise of CPEC 2.0 stands as a beacon of economic revitalisation for Pakistan. This [more >>](#)

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Gwadar's potential

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

THE Gwadar deep-sea port, completed in 2007, was supposed to be a shining success for the other newly built ports in the region and beyond. Yet eight years after the official launch of port operations — an event marked by the first-ever container ship with cargo from China passing through it — it lags behind even other China-built ports in Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Cameroon. Barely any ve..... [more >>](#)

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Research, Development & Capacity Building

China-Pakistan Young Engineers Exchange Program held

Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - The China-Pakistan Young Engineers Exchange Program, organized by the Chinese Society of Engineers and co-organized by the Chinese National Committee on Large Dams and the Pakistan Engineering Council, was held in Beijing yesterday. The program brought together experts and engineers to discuss water management, pumped storage, and hydropower innovations. It focused on connecting [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

China leads news media: Internet penetration reaches over 1.1 billion users

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2025-01-05

ISLAMABAD: China's news media has evolved into a data-driven, intelligent, platform-based, and socialized industry. The omni-media communications system has been significantly enhanced, as highlighted in the 54th China Statistical Report on Internet Development. By June 2024, China boasted nearly 1.1 billion internet users, representing a penetration rate of 78.0%. According to a report on..... [more >>](#)

Ministry of IT, Chinese company launch IT Training Portal

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

ISLAMABAD - Minister of State for Information Technology Shaza Fatima has said the IT training programme agreed upon with Chinese company Huawei has begun. The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, in collaboration with Huawei, on Friday launched the ICT Training Portal to enhance IT skills among youth. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, while addressing the launching ceremony, said that t..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

'Robust monitoring, validation systems must for operationalisation of carbon markets'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-07

Islamabad: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Monday said Pakistan's achievements at COP29 had strengthened its commitment to adopting international carbon trading guidelines. She also said robust monitoring and validation systems were essential for the successful operationalisation of carbon markets. Speaking as a c..... [more >>](#)

Denmark to work with Pakistan to attract investments in addressing climate change: Envoy

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2025-01-07

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Danish Ambassador Jakob Linulf on Monday underscored the collaborative role of Denmark and SDPI in creating a conducive environment for climate action. "Denmark is proud to work closely with SDPI to help Pakistan attract foreign investments in addressing climate change." He said this during the policy dialogue titled "Post COP Dialogue: Operationalization of A..... [more >>](#)

PM's aide highlights COP29 outcomes, calls carbon guidelines a key climate milestone

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Source: [INP](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2025-01-06

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Pakistan advances carbon trading goals post-COP29

Source: [Saadia Aiman](#), [Minute Mirror](#), 2025-01-06

Islamabad: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam commended Pakistan's success at COP29 while terming the adoption of international carbon trading guidelines as a turning point in international climate action. Speaking at the "Post COP Dialogue on Operationalization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: The Road from Baku..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan ready to implement guidelines; Romenia Alam

Source: Staff Reporter, [Daily World Tribune](#), 2025-01-07

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Source: Nama nigar, [Dunya News](#), 2025-01-07

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Moot highlights internet disruptions' toll on business, social life

Source: Bakhtawar Mian, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a public-private dialogue on Tuesday spotlighted ways in which internet disruptions hurt business and social life. They underscored that seamless internet connectivity was a key to boosting IT exports. Alternative connectivity options based on modern technology and terrestrial routes are the way forward, they added. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) had o..... [more >>](#)

Stable internet key to IT export vision: experts

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a public-private dialogue stressed the need for resilient internet infrastructure to achieve Pakistan's ambitious IT export targets, highlighting modern technology and alternative connectivity options as key enablers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) hosted its 69th Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunication under the theme 'Prese..... [more >>](#)

Internet slowdowns linked to VPN

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: The surge in Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) usage during internet disruptions has been identified as a major factor contributing to slow internet speeds in Pakistan, a report by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) said on Wednesday. The report says that a significant surge in the use of VPNs during internet disruptions played a substantial role in further slowing down inte..... [more >>](#)

Resilient internet key to realizing Pakistan's vision for boosting IT exports: ExpertsSource: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD, Jan 8 (APP): The experts on Wednesday at the public-private dialogue on information technology and telecommunication underscored that the country's vision to boost its IT exports to significant level would be unachievable without resilient internet, as alternative connectivity options based on modern technology and terrestrial routes are the way forward. The Sustainable Developme..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: Jahanzeb Rahim, Member Telecom, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication proposed the adoption of orbital satellites as a complementary measure to enhance connectivity, emphasizing the need to boost the telecom sector's contribution to the national GDP, which currently stands at a mere one percent. The experts on Tuesday at the public-private dialogue on informati..... [more >>](#)

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A recent report from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has revealed that the surge in Virtual Private Network (VPN) usage during internet disruptions is a significant factor contributing to slow internet speeds in Pakistan. According to the PTA, the heightened use of VPNs during internet outages has exacerbated the problem, further slowing down internet services. This surge in VPN [more >>](#)

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Pakistan’s nicotine pouch market represents a complex intersection of public health concerns, regulatory challenges, and shifting consumer behaviors that demand a careful scrutiny. Recent studies indicate that approximately 17.2% of surveyed participants reported using nicotine pouches, highlighting their growing presence in Pakistani society (2023). These products, while marketed as a safer..... [more >>](#)

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“The meanings of wealth (and power) shift from having a lot of dollars to having a lot of petabytes of information,” notes Noah Harari, the famous philosopher, in his latest book, Nexus. He further argues that AI fundamentally differs from everything we have invented so far. It is the first technology in history that can make decisions and [more >>](#)

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پاکستان کے تیزی سے بدلتے ہوئے شہری منظرنامے میں، عوامی جگہوں پر خواتین کی حفاظت ایک اہم مسئلہ بن چکی ہے۔ یہ مسئلہ سماجی انصاف، اقتصادی مواقع اور بنیادی انسانی حقوق سے جڑا ہوا ہے۔ حقیقت یہ ہے کہ کراچی میں 78 فیصد خواتین نے ع..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal directed authorities concerned to prepare a medium-term policy to de-regularise the sugar industry for next 10 years and to submit its report within 15 days. The minister also stressed industries to ensure data-uniformity, crop-zoning and backward integration. He gave directions to concerned ministries to pre..... [more >>](#)

Committee for developing Medium term Framework for Deregularisation of Sugar Industry within 10 days

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ISLAMABAD - The Prime Minister's Committee on Sugar Wednesday directed the departments concerned to develop Medium term Framework for Deregularization of Sugar Industry within 10 days. The Prime Minister's Committee on Sugar, which met here with Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal in the chair, discussed stocking, pricing and future trajectory for development of sugar industry. Prime Mini..... [more >>](#)

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نقل مکانی، تناؤ اور فضائی آلودگی جیسے مسائل خواتین کیلئے حالات مزید مشکل بنا رہے، نچلی سطح کی سول سوسائٹی کو حکومتی پالیسیوں کی تشکیل میں شامل کیا جانا چاہئے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین نے پالیسی مباحثے میں کیا، جو این ا..... [more >>](#)

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