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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 1860.2

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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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*To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, 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.*

## **Themes 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

### **Pakistan can learn from China's model, lifting 800m people out of poverty**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-05

BEIJING - A senior Pakistani official urged developing nations to study China's development model as a blueprint for the Global South, during the opening session of the 2026 Orchid Lecture Series in Beijing. Zafar Uddin Mahmood, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on China Affairs and a recipient of the Orchid Award's Friendship Envoy title, told an audience of diplomat..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

### **Pakistan, China call for end to hostilities, push for peace talks**

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Tuesday agreed on a Five-Point Initiative for restoring peace and stability in the Gulf and the Middle East region, calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities and utmost efforts to prevent the conflict from spreading while also demanding humanitarian assistance to be allowed to all war-affected areas. The five-point agreement was released simultaneously fro..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan china joint naval exercise conclude**

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-02

Islamabad - Exercise SEA GUARDIAN IV, conducted from 25 March to 1 April 2026 between the Pakistan Navy and PLA (N), aimed to enhance interoperability and maritime cooperation. The exercise included a five-day port phase in Karachi and a two-day sea phase in the North Arabian Sea, an ISPR statement said During the port visit, PLA Navy Ship DAQING was welcomed by PNS TAIMUR. Activities included ex..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China maritime exercise Sea Guardian IV concludes**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-02

KARACHI: Exercise Sea Guardian IV that began on March 25 between the navies of Pakistan and China, culminated at Karachi on Wednesday. The exercise aimed to enhance interoperability and maritime cooperation between the navies of Pakistan and China. The exercise comprised two phases, including a five-day port visit to Karachi and a two-day sea phase in the North Arabian Sea. Peoples Liberation Arm..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan-China relations in the new world order**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-06

The world is on the verge of an economic recession. Global GDP is declining. An OECD report projects a decrease of about 0.4pc in global GDP growth (from 3.3pc to 2.9pc) in 2026. At the same time, global debt has surged to \$348 trillion, threatening world's economic, financial, and social systems. The trade war initiated by United States has further worsened the situation. Meanwhile, wars a..... [more >>](#)

### **CSA to have Chinese Language Corner on 16th**

Source: [Asif Mehmood Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-08

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General Sun Yan will inaugurate the Chinese Language Corner at the Civil Services Academy's (CSA) PAS Campus on April 16, following his acceptance of a formal invitation extended by the academy, in what officials describe as a significant step towards expanding Pakistan-China cooperation into the civil services domain. Sun Yan will attend the ceremony as chief guest a..... [more >>](#)

**Pak envoy to China stresses cooperation in multiple sectors**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi has pitched expanded Pakistan–China cooperation in digital agriculture, climate-resilient farming and agri-innovation, while inviting Chinese investors to explore opportunities in Pakistan's agriculture sector. During his visit to China's Anhui province, the ambassador highlighted that rural development remains ce..... [more >>](#)

**High-profile cultural gala in Beijing held**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China marked 75 years of diplomatic relations with a high-profile cultural gala in Beijing, underscoring the expanding scope of bilateral ties beyond traditional sectors into cultural industries, media, and people-to-people engagement. The Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, in collaboration with the China International Cultural Communication Center (CICCC), hosted the Star G..... [more >>](#)

**Pak, China discuss Islamabad talks**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-14

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China yesterday held extensive consultations on the recently concluded Islamabad talks, as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar engaged in high-level diplomatic exchanges with his Chinese counterpart and the envoy in Islamabad, reaffirming their shared commitment to regional peace and stability. In a telephone conversation with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang..... [more >>](#)

**Ceasefire: China, many other countries praise Pakistan**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-09

ISLAMABAD: China and several other countries have appreciated Pakistan for facilitating the recent two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran, acknowledging Islamabad's constructive role in promoting peace and stability in the Middle East at a critical juncture. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (DPM/FM) Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar has intensified diplomatic outreach,..... [more >>](#)

**China hosts Islamabad-Kabul talks on trade, anti-terror steps**

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-02

ISLAMABAD: Officials from Pakistan, Afghanistan and China met on Wednesday in the Chinese city of Urumqi under a trilateral mechanism, as tensions between Islamabad and Kabul remain elevated following recent cross-border security developments. Since Pakistan launched Operation Ghazab lil-Haq against terrorist hideouts in Afghanistan on February 26, diplomatic contact between the two sides had lar..... [more >>](#)

**Afghanistan, Pakistan agree to avoid escalation: China**

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-09

BEIJING: Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed to avoid any escalation in their armed conflict, during talks hosted by China in recent days, Beijing said Wednesday. The neighbours and one-time allies have been locked in violent confrontation over claims from Islamabad that Afghanistan is harbouring militants responsible for cross-border attacks, which the Taliban government denies. Hostil..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan, China unveil 5-point Gulf peace plan**

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Tuesday jointly proposed a five-point initiative aimed at restoring peace and stability in the Gulf and the broader Middle East. The plan calls for an immediate ceasefire, urgent diplomatic engagement to prevent further escalation, and the restoration of normal maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. The 'Five-Point Plan' was announced in a jo..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China call**

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2026-04-02

There are moments in global politics when diplomacy feels less like routine statecraft and more like a race against catastrophe. This is one such moment. As tensions in the Middle East spiral dangerously, the joint call by Pakistan and China for restraint, dialogue and an immediate cessation of hostilities offers a necessary lifeline. Pakistan and China have jointly called on the US, Israel and Ir..... [more >>](#)

### **Five-point plan**

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-02

FOREIGN Minister Ishaq Dar's brief visit to Beijing on Tuesday has yielded a five-point plan endorsed by China that is being described as a "structured diplomatic template" to end the brutal US-Israeli war on Iran. The trip follows consultations in Islamabad last week which brought together the foreign ministers of Egypt, Turkiye and Saudi Arabia to find a peaceful end to this..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese mediation**

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-12

WHILE the limelight this past week remained focused on the negotiations that began between the US and Iran in Islamabad yesterday, another international dispute was also being quietly de-escalated in Urumqi, China. The conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan, which broke out in late February but had gradually been displaced from the headlines by the much bigger conflagration in the Persian Gulf,..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese FM Wang Yi felicitates Dar over peace efforts**

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-13

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday felicitated Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Pakistan's dedicated efforts to promote peace and stability across the region during a telephonic conversation. According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on X, the two leaders exchanged views on the recently concluded negotiations between the Unite..... [more >>](#)

### **China backs Pakistan's mediation efforts in Iran conflict, urges dialogue**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-07

China has voiced support for Pakistan and its role in facilitating ceasefire efforts linked to the ongoing Iran-related tensions, reflecting closer diplomatic coordination in the region. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning stated that Beijing appreciates Pakistan's constructive involvement in promoting peace and hopes all parties seize the opportunity to de-escalate the situati..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, Afghanistan agree to explore comprehensive peace solution: China**

Source: [Reuters/Web Desk/Shahabullah Yousafzai, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-08

China's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that Afghanistan and Pakistan agreed during peace talks in Urumqi to explore a comprehensive solution to the conflict that broke out between the two countries last October. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a daily press briefing that both countries agreed at the meetings in China not to take actions that would escalate or complicate the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Naqvi meets Chinese consul general, discusses bilateral cooperation**

Source: [Amir Khan/Saleem Jhandir, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-15

KARACHI: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Chinese Consul General Yang Yundong at the Chinese Consulate on Wednesday, discussing bilateral cooperation, facilities for Chinese investors, and security-related matters. The interior minister assured Yundong that issues faced by Chinese businessmen would be resolved on a priority basis, adding that a conference would soon be held in Islamabad..... [more >>](#)

**The general who opened China**

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem, The News, International](#) , 2026-04-02

General Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan (HJ HPk SPk NePi) was not a diplomat. He was not a man shaped by electoral politics. He was not entrusted with a foreign ministry. He was commissioned into the British Army in 1939 and fought in the Second World War in the Mediterranean theatre. He served as the fifth commander-in-chief of the Pakistan Army. General Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan would go on to play a d..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

**Chinese firms eye Nooriabad expansion**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Chinese and Pakistani firms are advancing plans to expand cooperation under an existing memorandum of understanding (MoU), with discussions focusing on a 2,800-acre industrial and commercial project in Nooriabad and potential investments across multiple sectors. Federal Minister for Board of Investment (BOI) Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh held a high-level meeting with a delegation comprising Xi..... [more >>](#)

**CG lauds PCJCCI's efforts aimed at promoting Pak-China trade cooperation**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-04-04

LAHORE: Sun Yan, Consul General of China in Lahore, visited the Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he appreciated the Chamber's efforts in promoting Pakistan-China economic and trade cooperation and strengthening people to people ties. During his visit, the consul general expressed sincere gratitude to PCJCCI for its consistent role in facilitating exchanges be..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese tyre firm to invest \$120m**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-04-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan held a meeting with Jin Yongsheng, chairman of Service Long March Tyres (Private) Limited, and his delegation to discuss investment expansion, export growth and tariff policy support for Pakistan's tyre industry, according to an official statement issued on Thursday. During the discussion, the company announced an additional investment ..... [more >>](#)

**Govt working to expand Pak-China business partnerships: PM Shehbaz**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-04-10

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday underscored Pakistan's commitment to strengthening business-to-business cooperation with China, saying the government was prioritising measures to facilitate foreign investors through a transparent and sustainable investment framework. The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with a four-member delegation led by Jin Yo..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan likely to acquire AEW&C aircraft from China: report**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2026-04-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is expected to get the Chinese-made Shaanxi KJ-500 early warning and air control (AEW&C) aircraft, a development that has the potential to change South Asia's military balance far greater than the additional purchase of fighter aircraft or missiles, reports a defence news portal based in Malaysia. According to Defence Security Asia, Chinese and Pakistani officials ha..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese tyre co briefs PM about investment plans**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-04-10

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Thursday that Pakistan was committed to strengthening business-to-business cooperation with China, as his government prioritises measures to facilitate foreign investors

through a transparent and sustainable investment framework. Sharif made the remarks during a meeting with a four-member delegation led by Jin Yongsheng, Chairman of Service Lon..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistani business leader proposes strategic reforms to boost trade, industrial growth**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-11

BEIJING - A Pakistani businessman with over 15 years of international experience has put forward a comprehensive set of policy recommendations aimed at strengthening the country's economic landscape, improving trade competitiveness, and unlocking new avenues for industrial growth. Speaking on the current economic challenges, Ihsan Ullah emphasised the need for the government to actively enga..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh pushes China MoUs into fast lane**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-12

KARACHI: CM Murad Ali Shah on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the memorandums of understanding signed following President Asif Ali Zardari's recent visit to China, and to accelerate efforts to finalise and implement them. The meeting, held at the CM House, aimed to fast-track progress on joint projects across multiple sectors and ensure coordinated implementation through a structured a..... [more >>](#)

### **President reviews progress on MoUs with China**

Source: [Asim Yasin & Imtiaz Hussain](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-14

ISLAMABAD/ SUKKUR: President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday chaired a briefing on the status of Pakistan-China MoUs signed during his recent visits to China, emphasising timely implementation, strong coordination and tangible outcomes across key sectors including energy, agriculture and infrastructure. He directed all departments to maintain close coordination with relevant authorities and Chinese co..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan-China MoUs: Zardari briefed about progress**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-14

KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari was given a detailed briefing on the progress of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed during his recent visits to the People's Republic of China. The briefing, held at the Chief Minister House Karachi, reviewed ongoing work relating to joint initiatives between Sindh and Chinese partners. The President underscored that these agreements must transl..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm to invest \$120m in tyre sector**

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-10

ISLAMABAD: A China-backed joint venture has announced a \$120 million expansion plan in Pakistan's tyre sector, aiming to scale up production and push exports beyond \$100 million during the next fiscal year. The announcement came from Jin Yongsheng, chairman of Service Long March Tyres (Private) Limited, during a meeting with Commerce Minister Jam Kamal on Thursday. The chairman, at the..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan seeks Chinese investment in five priority sectors**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-12

BEIJING - Pakistani Consul General in Shanghai Shehzad Ahmad Khan has extended a formal invitation to Chinese enterprises to focus on five priority areas — agriculture, textiles, renewable energy, communication technology and consumer goods manufacturing — as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) enters its 2.0 phase. Addressing a forum in Suzhou, the consul general highlighted ..... [more >>](#)

**Moro Power signs deal with Chinese renewable giant**

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-12

KARACHI: Moro Power Company (MPC) and Power China, a global leader in renewable energy engineering, on Saturday signed an agreement for the first business-to-business (B2B) electricity venture. The project, under the Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority, will enable MPC to supply electricity directly to industries in Nooriabad via the Sindh Transmission and Despatch Company. Speaking to Dawn, ..... [more >>](#)

**China urges Pakistan to clear \$220m dues of energy firm**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-04-02

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese government has urged Pakistan to ensure payment of \$220 million in long-standing dues owed to United Energy Pakistan (UEP), a subsidiary of China's United Energy Group, officials said. According to sources in the Petroleum Division, Pakistan's ambassador in Beijing sent an urgent note stressing that the dues relate to gas supplied by UEP to Sui Southern Gas Comp..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

**CPEC forms basis of modern economic architecture: Ahsan**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Tuesday highlighted that the CPEC had played a transformative role in strengthening Pakistan's energy security, infrastructure and connectivity, while laying the foundations of a modern economic architecture. Addressing the annual awards ceremony for Outstanding Pakistani and Chinese Staff of CPEC Proj..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC-II to prioritise industry, innovation**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Tuesday that the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would focus on innovation, industrial development and people-to-people connectivity, marking a shift towards broader economic integration. He said growth corridors, innovation corridors, livelihood corridors and regi..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese envoy for advancing upgraded phase-2 of CPEC**

Source: [Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong reaffirmed that Pakistan and China remain committed to advancing the upgraded Phase-2 of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and said that their cooperation is now expanding into new areas such as agriculture, mining, and social development. The Chinese Ambassador expressed these views while addressing the Annual Awards Ceremony for Outstand..... [more >>](#)

**No compromise on CPEC security: RPO**

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-13

DERA ISMAIL KHAN - Regional Police Officer (RPO) Dera Ismail Khan, Ghulam Mubashir Mekan, and RPO Sargodha, Dr Shahzad Asif, on Sunday conducted a joint visit to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Motorway (M-14) at the inter-provincial boundary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab to review security arrangements. The visit was undertaken in line with directives issued by Ins..... [more >>](#)

**LCCI holds session titled 'Role of academia in 2nd phase of CPEC'**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-14

LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) organized an important session on "The Role of Academia in the Second Phase of CPEC" at its premises, aimed at strengthening collaboration between academia

and industry to fully benefit from emerging opportunities under CPEC Phase-II. The session was graced by Excellency Sun Yan, Consul General of China in Lahore, as the..... [more >>](#)

### **Academia must play key role in second phase of CPEC: LCCI**

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### **Gwadar implements business hour restrictions to address energy shortages**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-08

GWADAR - Authorities in Gwadar have imposed temporary business hour limits to manage expected energy shortages tied to regional instability. This move aims to protect operations in Pakistan’s key China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) port city. The restrictions follow instructions from Balochistan’s Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti. Deputy Commissioner Naqeebullah Kakar consulted wi..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **Pakistani neurosurgeons to get training at Chinese institutions**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-13

LAHORE: Punjab Institute of Neurosciences (PINS) Executive Director Prof Dr Asif Bashir has achieved a significant breakthrough in international medical cooperation during his recent visit to China. Representing Pakistan at the ‘Belt and Road Pak-China Neurosurgery International Symposium,’ Prof Asif Bashir engaged with leading experts to foster bilateral research and clinical excelle..... [more >>](#)

### **China-Pakistan Neurosurgery Training Centre inaugurated in Wuhan**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-13

BEIJING: The China-Pakistan Joint Neurosurgery Training Centre was inaugurated on April 10 during the “Belt and Road” China-Pakistan International Neurosurgery Symposium, held alongside the 11th East Lake International Cerebrovascular Surgery Forum in Wuhan, China. The East Lake International Cerebrovascular Surgery Forum, hosted by Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University, has been ..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade & Innovation

### **Chinese AI models harness token economy, expand global footprint**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-04

SHANGHAI - In a downtown office building in Shanghai, nearly 200 AI engineers are busily fine-tuning one of the world’s most popular large language models. By deploying this homegrown product across data centers worldwide, tech firm MiniMax is gearing up to capture a slice of this year’s explosive boom in token consumption. The latest data from Open Router, a leading global AI platfo..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## Consultative Discussion

### **Pakistan food systems transformation need policy shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition security**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-04-04

QUETTA, Apr 04 (APP): Policymakers, researchers and development practitioners called for a shift from calorie-based food policies to nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient food systems during a provincial consultation on "Integrated Roadmap for Sustainable Food Systems Transformation in Pakistan" which is a Joint UN Sustainable Development Goal Fund Programme. The consultation was..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Food Systems Transformation Need Policy Shift From Calorie Sufficiency To Nutrition Security**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-04-04

QUETTA, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 4th Apr, 2026) Policymakers, researchers and development practitioners called for a shift from calorie-based food policies to nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient food systems during a provincial consultation on "Integrated Roadmap for Sustainable Food Systems Transformation in Pakistan" which is a Joint UN Sustainable Development Goa..... [more >>](#)

### **Time to declare glacial emergency, say experts**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-08

Islamabad: The government officials, researchers, experts and civil society representatives have called upon the government to declare Glacial Emergency in northern areas, and promote quality tourism to reduce carbon emission to contain glacial melt. They were participating in a consultation on "Glacier Adaptation Plan for Gilgit-Baltistan" organised by Sustainable Development Policy I..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts for speedy steps to strengthen glacier monitoring systems, improve policy implementation**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-04-07

ISLAMABAD, Apr 07 (APP): To control accelerating glacial melt across Pakistan's mountainous regions, the government needs to take immediate measures to strengthen glacier monitoring systems, improve policy implementation and scale up community-based adaptation. This was the crux of a consultation on 'Glacier Adaptation Plan for Gilgit-Baltistan' organized by Sustainable Develo..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts For Speedy Steps To Strengthen Glacier Monitoring Systems, Improve Policy Implementation**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-04-07

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 7th Apr, 2026) To control accelerating glacial melt across Pakistan's mountainous regions, the government needs to take immediate measures to strengthen glacier monitoring systems, improve policy implementation and scale up community-based adaptation. This was the crux of a consultation on 'Glacier Adaptation Plan for Gilgit-Baltista..... [more >>](#)

### **Search Results for: Experts for speedy steps to strengthen glacier monitoring systems, improve policy implementation**

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ماہرین نے پگھلتے گلیشیر پر حکومت سے فوری "گلیشیر ایمرجنسی" نافذ کرنے کا مطالبہ کر دیا

Source: [Sajid Chaudhry](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-04-08

اسلام آباد (ساجد چوہدری) ماہرین نے پاکستان کے شمالی پہاڑی علاقوں میں تیزی سے پگھلتے گلیشیر پر حکومت سے فوری "گلیشیر ایمرجنسی" نافذ کرنے کا مطالبہ کر دیا ہے، اور کہا ہے کہ جدید مانیٹرنگ نظام قائم کرنے کیساتھ ساتھ >> [more](#) .....

حکومت فوری طور پر "گلیشیر ایمرجنسی" نافذ کرے: ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-04-08

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کے شمالی پہاڑی علاقوں میں گلیشیر تیزی سے پگھل رہے ہیں جس سے سیلاب، پانی کی کمی اور ماحولیاتی خطرات بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ حکومت فوری طور پر "گلیشیر ایمرجنسی" >> [more](#) .....&

شمالی علاقوں میں گلیشیرز پگھلنے کی رفتار خطرناک، بحران سنگین ہونے لگا، سیلاب اور بڑی تباہی کا خدشہ

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-04-07

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کے شمالی پہاڑی علاقوں میں گلیشیر تیزی سے پگھل رہے ہیں جس سے سیلاب، پانی کی کمی اور ماحولیاتی خطرات بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے مطالبہ کیا کہ حکومت فوری طور پر "گلیشیرز" >> [more](#) .....

### Time to declare glacial emergency, say experts

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Islamabad: The government officials, researchers, experts and civil society representatives have called upon the government to declare Glacial Emergency in northern areas, and promote quality tourism to reduce carbon emission to contain glacial melt. They were participating in a consultation on "Glacier Adaptation Plan for Gilgit-Baltistan" organised by Sustainable Development Policy I..... >> [more](#)

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### فضائی آلودگی سے نمٹنے کیلئے فوری، مشترکہ حکمت عملی کی ضرورت

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## Dialogue News

### Experts warn of 13pc rise in inflation, fall of 1.5m people in poverty

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Experts have warned that Pakistan could face a significant rise in poverty if urgent fiscal reforms are not introduced in the upcoming federal budget 2026-27. Speaking at a pre-budget policy dialogue organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), economists cautioned that up to 1.5 million additional people could fall below the poverty line under a worst-case scenario. The di..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Profit](#), 2026-04-06

Experts at a pre-budget policy dialogue organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) warned that Pakistan could see up to 1.5 million more people fall below the poverty line if urgent fiscal reforms are not implemented in the upcoming federal budget. The dialogue, titled "Towards a Fair, Equitable, Broad-based Tax System", painted a sobering picture of the country&r..... [more >>](#)

پاکستان کے ٹیکس نظام میں فوری اور بنیادی اصلاحات ناگزیر: معاشی ماہرین

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) معاشی ماہرین نے پاکستان کے ٹیکس نظام میں فوری اور بنیادی اصلاحات کی ناگزیر ضرورت پر زور دیتے ہوئے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر آئندہ وفاقی بجٹ میں موثر اور دور اندیش مالیاتی اقدامات نہ کئے گئے تو سست رفت..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, Apr 13 (APP): Rapid depletion of groundwater across Pakistan has reached alarming levels due to excessive domestic, agricultural and commercial use, with experts urging the government to introduce strict regulations on its extraction. Speaking at a special talk on "Water Resources Management in Pakistan" organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), wat..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, Apr 13 (APP):Groundwater depleting is going worse to worst touching its dangerous levels in various parts of Pakistan because of its excessive domestic, agricultural and commercial consumption of water and so far, there is no strict regulation on its extraction, said Naseer Memon, the renowned water expert and Senior Advisor of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). He was sp..... [more >>](#)

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Naseer Memon, senior advisor at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, told a packed session on water resources management that Pakistan must move quickly to introduce groundwater legislation to curb unchecked extraction, especially for commercial use. Memon warned that the Indus Basin aquifer is the second most over-stressed underground water reserve globally and requires immediate policy..... [more >>](#)

### **Groundwater Regulation Urged Across Pakistan**

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At a Special Talk in Islamabad on 13 April 2026, Naseer Memon, senior advisor at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, warned that groundwater depletion across Pakistan has reached dangerous levels and urged immediate legislation on groundwater extraction for commercial purposes. Memon highlighted that the Indus Basin aquifer, which underpins much of the country, is now ranked the secon..... [more >>](#)

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As we enter the fifth week of the war in the Middle East, most of the discussion so far has focused on oil, gas and the intensity of the energy shock. That concern is justified. But another danger is building more quietly, and it deserves attention before it becomes harder to manage. I am referring to the food security risks created by a prolonged war. To some, that may seem counterintuitive. The..... [more >>](#)

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The escalating confrontation involving Iran, the United States, and Israel is being read through a familiar lens: missiles, deterrence, and the risk of regional escalation. But this framing misses the deeper crisis already underway, one that extends far beyond the battlefield. This is an energy shock with global consequences. At the center, lies the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow corridor through..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan's diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire in the Middle East deserve due recognition. One looks forward to the positive outcomes of the Islamabad Peace Summit and its potential to revive the global economy over the medium to long term. However, short-term diplomacy does not immediately ease supply fears, price spikes or market volatility caused by war, including Pakistan's r..... [more >>](#)

### **Water resource regulation**

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It took longer than four decades for the federating units in Pakistan to reach an agreement on inter-provincial apportionment of river flows (in 1991). The implementation, monitoring and regulation of the agreed water distribution was then assigned to a body created specifically for the purpose. The Indus River System Authority was created through an ..... [more >>](#)

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There are moments in economic history when numbers stop being just data and start acting like a warning sign. K-Electric's (KE) fuel mix is one such case. As the Middle East conflict moves into its second month, K-Electric emerges as the most exposed fault line in Pakistan's fragile energy architecture. The reason: the city is positioned on the frontline of the conflict, with its ener..... [more >>](#)

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KARACHI: Pakistan's workers' remittances posted a year-on-year decline in March 2026, reflecting emerging external risks even as overall inflows remain strong, with analysts warning that escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East could weigh on future trends. According to the latest data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), remittances stood at \$3.83 billion in March, d..... [more >>](#)

## Seminar News

**Experts propose construction of small dams to save rainwater**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2026-04-01

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**Experts call for joint Pakistan-India forum to tackle smog**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-04-02

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Wednesday urged Pakistan and India to establish a joint Indo-Gangetic Airshed Management Forum, warning that worsening air pollution cannot be addressed through isolated national efforts. The call came during a policy seminar titled "Outlook of Air Quality in Pakistan: Challenges and the Way Forward," organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SD..... [more >>](#)

**Call to establish cross-border airshed forum with India to combat smog crisis**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-04-01

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### 'Pakistan may experience above-normal temperatures this year'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-04-03

Islamabad: Dr Zaheer Ahmad Babar, Chief Meteorologist, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), has said that Pakistan is likely to experience above-normal temperatures this year and noted a decade-long trend of below-normal snowfall in northern regions. Dr Babar was speaking at a seminar on "Monsoon outlook 2026 and need for timely action" organised here by Sustainable Development Po..... [more >>](#)

سال 2026 کا مون سون تباہ کن ہو سکتا ہے، ماہرین

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اسلام آباد (فرحین العاص بیورو چیف) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ 2026 کا مون سون غیر معمولی اور تباہ کن ہو سکتا ہے۔ جس کے باعث پاکستان کو سیلاب اور گلیشیر جھیلوں کے پھٹنے سے نقصان ہو سکتا ہے۔ اور پانی کی قلت و شہری علاقوں میں نکاس..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Farheen Alaas](#), [Farozaan](#), 2026-04-07

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## Workshop News

### Govt Help Sought To Develop Indigenous Capacities To Enforce Strong Carbon Trading Mechanisms

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-04-02

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Apr, 2026) Experts at a consultative workshop have demanded of the government to develop indigenous capacities for implementing a strong carbon trading mechanism in the country ensuring inclusive participation by public-private entities in the process. The workshop, titled: 'Enhancing Article 6 Preparedness for Private Sector Participation i..... [more >>](#)

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