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## **About SDPI**

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

## **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 the Newsletter**

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) publishes a bi-monthly e-newsletter through its **China Study Centre** to keep researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders informed about emerging developments relating to China, regional cooperation, connectivity, trade, diplomacy, and broader geopolitical and economic trends.

The newsletter is a compilation of relevant reference material, including news reports, analytical commentaries, and Op-Eds published in leading national and international media outlets.

## About the China Study Centre

As China's global role continues to expand across trade, technology, finance, climate governance, connectivity, and development cooperation, understanding the evolving dynamics of China and Pakistan-China relations has become increasingly important for informed policymaking and strategic engagement.

In this context, the **China Study Centre** at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) serves as a platform for research, policy dialogue, and knowledge exchange on issues of regional and global significance.

Established in 2018, the Centre aims to bridge the research-policy gap by generating evidence-based analysis and fostering informed discourse on emerging geopolitical, economic, technological, and developmental trends linked to China and the broader region. Particular emphasis is placed on the opportunities and challenges arising from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), regional connectivity initiatives, trade and investment cooperation, climate action, innovation ecosystems, and people-to-people exchanges.

The Centre works closely with universities, government institutions, think tanks, businesses, media, and civil society organisations to promote collaborative research, policy engagement, capacity building, and knowledge sharing. By drawing lessons from China's development experience and policy evolution, the Centre seeks to contribute to sustainable economic transformation, regional cooperation, and evidence-informed decision-making in Pakistan.

Through its publications, dialogues, and analytical work, the China Study Centre aspires to strengthen understanding of China's changing role in the global order and support constructive engagement that advances sustainable development, economic resilience, and regional stability.

## **Media Sources Covered**

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

## **Thematic Focus Areas**

The newsletter covers emerging developments, policy debates, research insights, and strategic trends relating to China, Pakistan-China relations, and regional cooperation, with a particular focus on:

1. Pakistan–China Bilateral Relations and Strategic Cooperation
2. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)
3. Regional Integration under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
4. Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
5. Trade, Investment, and Tourism
6. Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability
7. Social Development and Public Policy
8. Capacity Building, Learning, and Skills Development
9. Economic Growth, Governance, and Development Policy
10. Research, Technology, and Knowledge Exchange
11. Chinese History, Language, and Culture
12. Open Knowledge and Information Resources
13. SDPI Events, Policy Dialogues, Visits, and Publications

# China Study Centre

## Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

### Teaching the language of trade: How a Rawalpindi shop became a gateway to China

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-08

ISLAMABAD - Amid rows of colourful vases, pottery, decorative pieces and imported handicrafts at a modest shop on College Road, rays of knowledge spread far beyond the shelves of Dream Land Handicraft. Here, Syed Muhammad Naeem is doing more than business. For years, he has been teaching Chinese language and practical trade skills to traders, factory owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, helping them..... [more >>](#)

## Capacity Building, Learning, and Skills Development

### Pak students win 2nd prize at 'Belt and Road' Business Challenge

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-08

Islamabad: The 'Belt and Road' Business Elite Challenge (BRBEC) Brand Planning Competition 2026 concluded in Sanmenxia, Henan, China, with a team of Pakistani and Tajik students securing second prize for their proposal to bring 3D-printed orthopedic solutions from China to Pakistan. The award-winning team, named BE-FLEX and based at Nanjing Tech University, comprised three Pakistani m..... [more >>](#)

### Chinese envoy for youth's role in cementing Sino-Pak ties

Source: [Sher Ali Khalti](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-13

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General Sun Yan said that younger generation could play a vital role in deepening the longstanding friendship between Pakistan and China. He announced that scholarship opportunities for Pakistani students would continue and that efforts would be made to further strengthen educational, research and cultural cooperation with Chinese universities. Chinese Consul General shared..... [more >>](#)

## China and America Trade Conflict

### To Christopher Columbus

Source: [Amjad Masood](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-01

It is a tale of two trajectories. It was 2001. The United States declared the War on Terror. It was 2001. China joined the World Trade Organization (WTO). It is two events and two directions. It is guns versus goods. Over the next two decades, the United States committed vast resources to military campaigns across Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and beyond. An estimate from Brown ..... [more >>](#)

### China vs USA; Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Source: [Ambassador M. Alam Brohi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-01

With the USA's policy of China containment in mind, the Chinese leader Xi Jinping advised President Donald Trump that their countries should not fall into Thucydides' trap by viewing each other as rivals for strategic superiority. Instead, they should strive cooperatively to bolster peace and security in the world. The Chinese leader subtly tried to assuage the concerns of the USA lead..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan, China and the Middle East crisis

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-08

Donald Trump and Xi Jinping met on May 13 and 14 for a two-day session. When the visit was planned, they were meant to focus on trade issues. But for the May 2026 summit, the focus was on war in Iran launched by Trump on

February 28 with little planning and no indication of what he was hoping to achieve. There is little doubt that the war, which has now developed into skirmishes involving several ..... [more >>](#)

## China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

### **CPEC 2.0: PM eyes broader cooperation with China**

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-04

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday called for expanded cooperation with China under the next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC 2.0), with particular emphasis on agriculture, information technology, industrial development, special economic zones and the mining sector. The remarks came during a meeting with China's Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong..... [more >>](#)

### **PM reaffirms export-led growth strategy Says upcoming budget to provide public relief**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-04

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday said the upcoming FY2026-27 federal budget would include measures aimed at providing relief to the public while advancing the government's export-led growth agenda. He said the government was pursuing an export-led growth strategy, which was the central pillar of the economic policy. Talking to leading industrialists and prominent busine..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC 2.0 targets green energy, industry**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-03

LAHORE: The focus of Pakistan-China cooperation has evolved from infrastructure development to industrialisation, technological advancement, green energy, and sustainable economic growth, said Adeel Munawar, Commercial Ambassador of the Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI). In a statement, he emphasised that while the first phase of CPEC successfully addressed critical ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC 2.0: ambition meets economic reality**

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-06

As geopolitical considerations increasingly dominated the Pakistan-China partnership, the economic narrative surrounding CPEC lost much of its original momentum. The corridor that once symbolised unprecedented economic cooperation gradually slipped to the back-burner amid security concerns, debt debates and shifting regional priorities. However, recent exchanges between Islamabad and Beijing ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC 2.0 to unlock new Pakistan-China investment opportunities, says PCJCCI**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-10

The next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, known as CPEC 2.0, is expected to create fresh opportunities for joint ventures between Pakistan and China in agriculture, industry and mining, according to Adeel Munawar. Speaking in Lahore, Munawar welcomed China's commitment to advancing the corridor's second phase and appreciated Jiang Zaidong for reaffirming Beijing'..... [more >>](#)

### **ISSI hosts seminar on 75 years of Pak-China friendship**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-10

ISLAMABAD - The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with Xinhua News Agency, hosted a commemorative seminar titled "75 Years of Friendship: China-Pakistan Joint Contributions to the Global Governance Initiative and CPEC" at Marriott Hotel Islamabad. The seminar brought together federal ministers, senior diplomats, scholars, media representatives, and pract..... [more >>](#)

### Minister outlines govt's approach to CPEC phase-II

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, has outlined the government's commitment to CPEC Phase-II, aiming at help Pakistan achieve sustainable development targets in the near future and promote more linkages with China. The Minister was addressing a seminar hosted by the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration..... [more >>](#)

## Chinese History, Language and Culture

### Pak-China diplomatic ties celebrated through culture, education

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-13

LAHORE - A prestigious ceremony was held at a local educational institution in Lahore to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China, here on Friday. The event highlighted the enduring friendship, cultural harmony, and expanding educational cooperation between the two countries. Chinese Consul General in Lahore, Sun Yan, attended the event as chief guest an..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's first Dragon Boat Festival lights up Kabul River in Charsadda

Source: [Riaz Ahmad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-14

PESHAWAR: In a thrilling boat race held on the waters of the Kabul River as part of the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, the joint team of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Police and Charsadda clinched victory. The Sports Writers Association team secured second position, while the Peshawar High Court team finished third. For the first time, the historic river was adorned with the vibrant colours of China..... [more >>](#)

## Economic Growth, Governance, and Development Policy

### A beguiling game of optics and briefings

Source: [Sirajuddin Aziz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-03

Perhaps the substance of any meeting gets diluted if the associated 'optics' are not kept in full alignment with the proceedings of a meeting. Special efforts are required to make sure that the optics' target is achieved. Any negativity if witnessed through optics in the interaction between two individuals or parties renders the process a recognition of invalidity. A picture..... [more >>](#)

## Governance / Trade & Services

### PIA to resume flights to Beijing from July 3

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-06

BEIJING: PIA has announced the resumption of its direct flight service between Islamabad and Beijing, effective July 3. The revival of the Islamabad-Beijing-Islamabad route comes amid growing demand from students, business professionals, tourists, and families seeking efficient and convenient travel options between the two nations. PIA reaffirmed the national carrier's commitment to strengt..... [more >>](#)

### PA speaker, Chinese CG discuss Pakistan-China ties

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-07

LAHORE - Punjab Assembly (PA) Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan on Saturday met Chinese Consul General Sun Yan and discussed bilateral relations, parliamentary cooperation, economic collaboration, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other matters of mutual interest. During the meeting held at the Punjab Assembly, the speaker said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Ch..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan boosts China-bound mango export infrastructure**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-09

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has expanded its export infrastructure for mango shipments to China after seven additional processing and Hot Water Treatment (HWT) facilities secured registration with China's General Administration of Customs (GACC), a development expected to improve supply chain efficiency and increase export readiness during the upcoming mango season. The registrations facilitated b..... [more >>](#)

**Xi's Pyongyang Gambit**

Source: [M A Hossain](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-09

Xi Jinping's arrival in Pyongyang on June 8, his first in nearly seven years, is precisely that kind of visit. It is the visit of a patron who suspects, with some justification, that his most loyal vassal is finding new masters. And the anxiety behind it tells us more about the shifting architecture of Asian power than any joint communiqué ever will. The last time Xi set foot in Pyon..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan, China ink agreement on buffalo embryos export**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

ISLAMABAD - The government of Pakistan has formally approved export of embryos, ova and frozen semen of buffaloes to China during an official signature ceremony held between the Ministry of National Food Security and Research Pakistan and China's Royal Group. Royal Group has already established "Royal Cell Biotechnology Company (Pakistan)" in Lahore after getting it registered ..... [more >>](#)

**Buffalo genetic resources: Pakistan, China sign MTA**

Source: [Fazal Sher](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Wednesday signed a Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) on buffalo genetic resources, paving the way for the export of high-value buffalo genetic material from Pakistan to China and opening new opportunities for the country's livestock sector. The agreement was signed between the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R) and the Royal Gro..... [more >>](#)

## Open Knowledge and Information Resources

**PA speaker, Chinese CG discuss bilateral ties**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-07

LAHORE: The Consul-General of China in Lahore, Sun Yan, met the speaker of the Punjab Assembly, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, at the Assembly Chamber on Saturday. They discussed Pakistan-China relations and avenues for enhancing bilateral cooperation across various sectors. Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to China had marked..... [more >>](#)

## Pakistan-China Bilateral Relations and Strategic Cooperation

**The Sino-Pak Partnership**

Source: [Muhammad Zahid Rifat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-05

Pakistan and China formally established diplomatic relations on May 21, 1951. The foundation, however, had been laid earlier, when Pakistan became the first Islamic country and the third non-communist country to officially recognise the People's Republic of China on January 4, 1950, shortly after its founding on October 1, 1949. Pakistan's first official delegation visite..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh governor, Chinese CG for stronger bilateral ties**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-07

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Syed Muhammad Nihal Hashmi and Chinese Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong on Friday reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening Pakistan-China relations, with a particular focus on economic cooperation, investment, trade and people-to-people exchanges. The understanding was reached during a farewell meeting held at the Governor House in Karachi, where the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Both sides trust blooming Pakistan, China bilateral trade**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-06-03

Islamabad: For more than 16 years, Shah Nawaz Kakar has built his life and career in China. Originally from Quetta, Kakar progressed from a graduate of Zhejiang University to a facilitator of trade between China and Pakistan—a journey that reflects bilateral opportunities and shared prosperity, with Chinese automobiles entering the Pakistani market and chromite from Balochistan reaching Chinese bu..... [more >>](#)

### **75 years of Pak-China ties celebrated**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-03

LAHORE: The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on Tuesday convened a gathering to commemorate 75 years of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations. The event brought together members of academia, business and industry leaders, policymakers, and representatives of the Chinese community in Pakistan. Chinese Consul General in Lahore Sun Yan was also present. The gathering underscored the de..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

### **Concerns along the Silk Roads**

Source: [Sadam Hussain](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-10

Once, the roads that used to go to Rome are now going to Beijing, a central point where the United States appears to have found its existence in danger. Russia, China and Iran have become threats to the United States. On the one hand, the European Union is on the verge of falling apart; on the other hand, there is mounting fear in the US about the rise of China, which, for the US, has become a que..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **Chinese envoy urges greater academic collaboration at NUML session**

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-06-04

ISLAMABAD: The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) hosted Mr. Wang Shengjie, Political and Press Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, for an interactive session with students and faculty aimed at strengthening academic and people-to-people ties between Pakistan and China. Mr. Wang was received by Rector NUML, Major General (R) Shahid Mahmood Kayani, who presented him with a s..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan step up tropical agricultural science cooperation**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-07

BEIJING - China and Pakistan will jointly advance tropical agricultural research under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) recently signed between the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS) and the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Saturday. Per the inked document, both sides will conduct joint scientific research across four co..... [more >>](#)

**China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre inaugurated at Shenyang University of Chemical Technology, China**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-10

Shenyang - The China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre was inaugurated on Tuesday at Shenyang University of Chemical Technology (SYUCT), Liaoning Province of China. The inauguration ceremony was attended by HE Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, together with Prof Xu Guangwen, Member of the Standing Committee of the Liaoning Provincial People's Congress, and Prof Qin Gaowu, Presiden..... [more >>](#)

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## Trade, Investment, and Tourism

**PIBF welcomes Pak-China MoUs, calls for economic reforms to ensure sustainable growth**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-01

LAHORE - The Pak International Business Forum (PIBF) has welcomed the recently signed MoUs between Pakistan and China in various sectors including industry, energy, infrastructure, technology, agriculture and trade, describing the development as a positive step toward strengthening bilateral economic cooperation. PIBF President Dr Mushtaq Mangat said the agreements reflect growing international co..... [more >>](#)

**Business cooperation with China enters new phase: PM**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Monday, said that the extraordinary increase in business engagements between the private sectors of Pakistan and China heralded a new era in economic partnership between the two countries. He emphasised that enhanced industrial, agricultural and technological cooperation with China would boost Pakistan's exports and create new employment op..... [more >>](#)

**Industry, agri, technology; Expanded cooperation with China to help boost exports: PM**

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Monday that expanded cooperation with China in industry, agriculture and technology would help boost Pakistan's exports and create employment, as he reviewed follow-up measures from a recent business forum held in China. Chairing a meeting to assess follow-up actions from the Pakistan-China Business-to-Business (B2B) Conference held durin..... [more >>](#)

**Pak delegation participates in int'l seminar on marine sustainable development**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-03

ISLAMABAD - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Pakistan, with the support of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan, has facilitated the participation of a Pakistani delegation in a 14-day seminar on marine sustainable development in Xiamen, China, under the China Aid Programme. In a statement, FAO said the seminar is aimed at strengthenin..... [more >>](#)

**PIA to resume Islamabad-Beijing flights from July 3**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-05

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Friday announced the resumption of its direct flight service between Islamabad and Beijing, effective July 3, restoring a key air link between Pakistan and China and further reinforcing

the longstanding ties between the two countries. The revival of the Islamabad-Beijing-Islamabad route comes amid growing demand from students, business professionals, touri..... [more >>](#)

**Pine nuts can win bigger share**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-03

BEIJING: As China's demand for high-quality and nutritious food products continues to grow, Pakistani pine nuts are emerging as a promising export with significant market potential. Harvested from the pristine mountainous regions of northern Pakistan, these premium nuts are renowned for their rich flavour, high nutritional value and natural cultivation methods. Despite their superior quali..... [more >>](#)

**New Pak-China investment agreements can transform economic future: Qaiser**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-08

FAISALABAD/CHINIOT - Federal Minister for Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said on Sunday that a new wave of trade, investment and technology partnerships between Pakistan and China had the potential to transform the country's economic landscape, accelerate industrial growth and position Pakistan as a major investment destination in the region. Talking to the media during his visit t..... [more >>](#)

**No breakthrough yet in talks with Chinese IPPs: Awais Leghari**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-06-01

ISLAMABAD - Talks for concessions with Chinese IPPs under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are ongoing, but no breakthrough yet, said Power Minister Awais Leghari. While addressing a news conference here Sunday, Federal Minister for Power Division said that installed capacity of net-metering solar and off-grid solar is 31240 MW, and it is estimated to expand to 50,000 megawatts in 10 years ..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagements

Dr Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Researcher at SDPI honoured with the WHO World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award

## WHO recognizes Pakistan's Tobacco Control Cell and Dr Waseem Janjua with the World No Tobacco Day 2026 Award

Source: José Ignacio Martín Galán, [World Health Organisation WHO](#), 2026-06-02

2 June 2026, Islamabad, Pakistan – The World Health Organization (WHO) has jointly awarded the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Researcher at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan. The WNTD Award is presented ..... [more >>](#)

## WHO honours Pakistan's Tobacco Control Cell with global award 2026

Source: Staff Reporter, [Pakistan Today](#), 2026-06-03

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination in recognition of its significant contributions to tobacco control and public health. Dr Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Researcher at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)..... [more >>](#)

## Pakistan wins WHO award in recognition of contributions to tobacco control

Source: Web Desk, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-03

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has awarded the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award to Pakistan in recognition of its outstanding contributions to tobacco control. According to the statement issued by the WHO, the award was given jointly to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and Dr Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior..... [more >>](#)

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Source: Press Release, [United Nations Pakistan](#), 2026-06-02

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## WHO Honors Pakistan's Tobacco Control Efforts With World No Tobacco Day 2026 Award

Source: Javed Mahmood, [The Truth International](#), 2026-06-03

The World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award to Pakistan's Tobacco Control Cell under the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for its significant contributions to tobacco control and public health. In addition, Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, a senior researcher at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), r..... [more >>](#)

## Pakistan's Tobacco Control Cell receives WNTD award

Source: Web Desk, [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-06-02

ISLAMABAD, Jun 2: The World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) 2026 Award to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination in recognition of its significant contributions to tobacco control and public health. Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Researcher at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's Tobacco Control Cell receives WNTD award by WHO**

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2026-06-03

World Health Organization has jointly awarded the World No Tobacco Day 2026 Award to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services and Senior Researcher at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute Dr Waseem Iftikhar Janjua. The Award is presented annually to individuals or organizations from each of the six WHO Regions in recognition of their outstanding cont..... [more >>](#)

**WHO confers World No Tobacco Day Award on Pakistan**

Source: [MNTV](#), [Muslimnetworktv](#), 2026-06-03

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (MNTV) — The World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded its 2026 World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award to the Tobacco Control Cell of Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination in recognition of its contributions to tobacco control and public health. Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, a senior researcher at the Sustainable Development Polic..... [more >>](#)

Book Launch:

'The Eyewitness: Standing in the Shadows of Pakistan's History' by Muhammad Saeed Mehdi

**'The Eyewitness' book offers rare insider account of Pakistan's political history: Speakers**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-06-15

ISLAMABAD, Jun 15 (APP): The book, 'The Eyewitness: Standing in the Shadows of Pakistan's History' written by Muhammad Saeed Mehdi, a former civil servant, was a generous contribution to Pakistan's historical record, as it provided a rare firsthand account of major political conflicts, governance challenges and the inner workings of power corridors spanning several decades..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-06-15

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**SDPI Event Highlights 'The Eyewitness' as Key Contribution to Pakistan's Political History**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Infora News](#), 2026-06-15

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دی آئی وٹنس“سیاسی تاریخ کے پوشیدہ ابواب کی معتبر شہادت ہے: فرحت اللہ بابر

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-06-15

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) مقررین نے پاکستان کی سیاسی تاریخ کے اہم موڑوں کا مشاہدہ کرنے والے سابق اعلیٰ سرکاری افسر محمد سعید مہدی کی کتاب ”دی آئی وٹنس“ (تاریخ کے سائے میں کھڑا عینی شاہد) کو ملکی تاریخ کے ان اوراق کی معیت [more >>](#).....

## Post Budget Briefing

### Budget focuses on fiscal stability but lacks structural reform agenda: experts

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-15

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Islamabad: Federal Budget 2026-27 is a planning instrument rather than something good or bad, said Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Dr Suleri was speaking at a post-budget briefing here at SDPI. He said that the government has attempted to provide relief to documented sectors of economy while maintaining fiscal discipline claiming that the..... [more >>](#)

### SDPI experts call for Structural transformation, financial inclusion, tax reforms in Budget 2026-27

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Source: [Tanveer Hashmi, Daily Jang](#), 2026-06-15

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Source: [Staff Reporter, Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-06-15

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) پائیدار اقتصادی ترقی، روزگار کے مواقع، موسمیاتی لچک، توانائی کے شعبے کی اصلاح، بہتر حکمرانی اور موثر سماجی تحفظ کے اہداف محض محصولات میں اضافے سے حاصل نہیں کئے جا سکتے بلکہ اس کے لئے گہری ادارہ جاتی، [more >>](#)..... □

محصولات میں اضافہ سے پائیدار اقتصادی ترقی ممکن نہیں، ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter, Daily Dunya](#), 2026-06-15

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بجٹ مالیاتی استحکام کی سمت اہم قدم: ساختی اصلاحات کے بغیر پائیدار ترقی ممکن نہیں: معاشی ماہرین

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بجٹ میں اصلاحات سے زیادہ مالی استحکام کو ترجیح دی گئی، معاشی ماہرین

Source: [Said Rasool Betani, The Peshawar Post](#), 2026-06-14

اسلام آباد: پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (ایس ڈی پی آئی) کے ماہرین نے حکومت کی جانب سے پیش کردہ وفاقی بجٹ 2026-27 کو مالیاتی استحکام کی سمت ایک اہم قدم قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پائیدار اقتصادی ترقی، روزگار کے فروغ، موسمیاتی [more >>](#)..... □

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Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-06-14

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**Pakistan needs smart taxation to promote innovation and rural economy: minister**

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**Pakistan mulls sugar-based beverage taxes ahead of June 10 budget**

Source: [Arab News](#), [Arab News](#), 2026-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan should adopt a more targeted approach to taxing beverages that takes into account sugar content, nutritional value and economic impact rather than applying a uniform excise duty across all products, Food Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain said on Tuesday, days before the government's annual budget announcement. The remarks come as policymakers prepare the federal budget for f..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Needs Smart Taxation To Promote Nutrition, Innovation And Rural Economy: Tanveer**

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### Industry Seeks Rationalization of FED on Fruit Juices, Rana

Source: [Sohail Majeed](#), [Global News](#), 2026-06-03

Islamabad (GNP): Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has reaffirmed the government's resolve to pursue public health, social protection, and economic development as complementary rather than competing priorities. The Minister was addressing a pre-budget consultation convened by the Fruit Juice Council, where he threw his weight behind the industry..... [more >>](#)

### Smart taxation key to improving rural economy: Tanveer

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2026-06-02

Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain says Pakistan needs smart taxation to promote nutrition, innovation, and the rural economy. He was addressing a high-level consultation organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in Islamabad today to deliberate on the rationalization of the Federal Excise Duty on beverages and juice products in Pakistan. The di..... [more >>](#)

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مشروبات پر ٹیکس میں رعایت ہونی چاہئے، رانا تنویر

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صحت عامہ اور معاشی ترقی میں توازن ضروری ہے: رانا تنویر حسین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-06-02

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) حکومت، ماہرین اور صنعتی نمائندوں نے اس بات پر اتفاق کیا ہے کہ صحت مند مشروبات اور زیادہ چینی والے مشروبات کو ایک ہی پیمانے سے نہیں ناپا جانا چاہئے۔ فروٹ جوس کونسل کے پری بجٹ مشاورتی اجلاس میں وفاقی وز..... [more >>](#)

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اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - این این آئی۔ 08 اپریل 2026ء) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ و تحقیق، رانا تنویر حسین نے پاکستان ڈیری ایسوسی ایشن کے وفد کے ساتھ ایک اعلیٰ سطحی اجلاس کی صدارت کی جس میں ڈیری سیکٹر کی م..... [more >>](#)

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### The yen warning

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**Anticipatory action financing**Source: [Dr Shafqat Munir Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-02

Tracking climate disaster trends since 2010, the official climate chapter of the Pakistan Economic Survey 2024-2025 notes that Pakistan is among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries. Floods remain the most destructive hazard. Between 1980 and 2024, Pakistan experienced 224 extreme natural disaster events. The 2010 super floods are recorded as Pakistan's key climate catastroph..... [more >>](#)

### Climate budget at a crossroads

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-03

Pakistan's climate budget debate is no longer just about allocations but about whether the country is building a governance system capable of surviving a climate-changed future. Following the devastating 2022 floods and IMF-backed reforms, Pakistan introduced climate budget tagging, classifying expenditures under adaptation, mitigation and related categories. Yet the key question remains: i..... [more >>](#)

### Always for climate

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-05

Today is World Environment Day, and the UNEP has rightly chosen the #NowForClimate campaign as its theme to promote climate action. Its Emissions Gap Report says global greenhouse gas emissions in 2035 must fall by 35 per cent from 2019 levels to meet the Paris Agreement's 2 C pathway and by 55 per cent for a 1.5 C pathway. Present pledges to reduce emissions do not match those numbers and r..... [more >>](#)

### Carbon tax as climate dividend

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-06

Pakistan is entering the age of carbon taxation, but not through a clean, coherent and legislatively defined carbon pricing framework. It is arriving through fragments: the Petroleum Development Levy, supplementary carbon levies on fuels, the Climate Levy, taxes on internal combustion engine vehicles, energy price pass-through and incentives linked to electric vehicles under the IMF's Resili..... [more >>](#)

### Another year, another accounting exercise?

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-08

June in Pakistan is not merely the month when temperatures rise; it is also the month when expectations do. The federal budget arrives with the peculiar status of an annual national event: anticipated by households, negotiated by interest groups, defended by government, dissected by economists, and eventually endured by the common citizen. To the salaried person, the budget is a question of wheth..... [more >>](#)

### The burden of the salaried

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-08

Pakistan's salaried class has quietly become the country's most reliable taxpayer and, arguably, its most financially burdened segment. At a time when inflation, electricity tariffs, petroleum prices and basic living costs continue to rise, salaried individuals are carrying a growing share of the country's documented tax burden while receiving limited relief in return. Unlike ma..... [more >>](#)

### Why provincial budgets matter

Source: [Dr Irfan Ahmad Chatha](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-09

As Pakistan enters another budget season, public attention is once again focused on the federal budget. Television debates will dissect taxation measures, IMF targets, fiscal deficits, public debt and federal development spending. Analysts will scrutinise every number presented by the finance minister, while political parties will argue over who bears the burden of adjustment. Yet, increasingly, ..... [more >>](#)

### Message from the Economic Survey

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-12

Pakistan's Economic Survey released yesterday gives the government a defensible claim. The federal budget for outgoing fiscal year helped move the economy from emergency management to controlled recovery. Although targets were missed but growth rose to 3.70 per cent from 3.18 per cent. Agriculture expanded by 2.89 per cent, industry by 3.51 per cent and services by 4.09 per cent. Large scal..... [more >>](#)

**Pathway to empowerment?**

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed, The News, International](#), 2026-06-12

The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), launched in July 2008 and named after late PM prime minister Benazir Bhutto, has grown into Pakistan's largest social protection initiative. Established to provide financial assistance to poor and vulnerable households, particularly women, the programme now supports millions of families across the country. Its expansion reflects both the scale of ..... [more >>](#)

**Why growth fails to deliver sustainable development?**

Source: [Atteq ur Rehman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

Crests and troughs in the Middle East are surely unravelling the fragile peace. Warring parties seem to have resumed hostilities, and the diplomatic tone too is getting harsh. Iran is defiant as it wants the US to squarely account for the ceasefire 'violations' it had carried out by raining down missiles over its mainland. Likewise, the tit-for-tat naval blockade by Washington at the mouth..... [more >>](#)

**Climate resilience deficit**

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For years, Pakistan has told the world that it is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. Pakistani negotiators, policymakers and diplomats have repeatedly argued that climate finance is not reaching the last mile, that adaptation needs remain severely underfunded and that countries like Pakistan deserve greater international support because they contribute little to global emission..... [more >>](#)

**A widening gap**

Source: [Naseer Memon, The News, International](#), 2026-06-14

The 18th Constitutional Amendment is once again in the spotlight. It has been claimed on the one hand that the provinces have failed to transfer benefits of more resources and autonomy to their masses and the federal government should therefore take charge. Many of the proponents of this view have apparently not read the 18th Amendment. The amendment..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan's upcoming federal budget is expected to offer limited broad-based relief despite a stronger macroeconomic backdrop, as revenue and primary surplus targets linked to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) force the government to prioritise fiscal consolidation, taxation and enforcement. Analysts warn that the government may rely heavily on taxation and enforcement measures while o..... [more >>](#)

**BUDGET 2026-27: Situationer: Building resilience or just ticking climate boxes?**

Source: [Zaki Abbas, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-05

FOR a country whose economic survival is tied to shoring up its climate-resilience, the government's budgetary allocations have failed to reflect this pressing concern. Besides measures that discourage the adoption of solar

energy and electric vehicles, the government continues to invest in mega-hydro projects despite adverse ecological impacts; proposes 'false solutions' such..... [more >>](#)

### **Climate change missing from GB election discourse**

Source: [Waqar Gillani](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-07

ISLAMABAD: A review of election manifestos and publicly available campaign narratives of major political parties contesting the 2026 Gilgit-Baltistan elections shows that climate change and climate resilience have received comparatively less attention despite the region's high vulnerability to environmental risks. While the narratives promised development, governance, infrastructure, employ..... [more >>](#)

### **Mothers, children: Climate change increasingly triggering mental health crisis**

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-08

ISLAMABAD: Climate change is increasingly triggering a mental health crisis among Pakistani mothers and children, with experts warning that recurring floods, heatwaves, droughts and displacement are leaving deep psychological scars on vulnerable communities across the country. Researchers and mental health professionals say climate-induced disasters are not only damaging homes, schools and liveli..... [more >>](#)

### **Fiscal consolidation may raise energy prices**

Source: [Shazia Tasneem Farooqi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-09

KARACHI: As the government prepares to unveil the FY2027 budget, concerns are mounting that fiscal consolidation could come at a significant economic and social cost. In conversation with The Express Tribune, economists warn that a strategy centred on higher indirect taxes and reduced subsidies risks further increases in energy prices, intensifying inflationary pressures and placing additional st..... [more >>](#)

### **Regulation and deregulation**

Source: [Ishrat Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

TIME has shown that the ideological debate between regulation and deregulation is largely misplaced. Governments and regulators have different roles under varying market structures and circumstances. In some areas, they regulate more actively; in others, they oversee operation of market forces. Evidence and outcomes, not ideology, should determine the state's role. In Pakistan, the formal..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Relevant News, Analysis, and Commentary

### **'Water becomes threat to peace and security in region'**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar said that the entire South Asian region faces the threat of the "Akhand Bharat" ideology, which they described as India's vision of reunifying the region into a single entity and politicizing the water issue. They said that water should have been a bridge of cooperation, but it has become a dangerous threat to peace and security in the region..... [more >>](#)

### **ECONOMIC SURVEY 2026-27: Record provincial surplus masks deeper fault lines**

Source: [Zaki Abbas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-12

ISLAMABAD: Provincial fiscal operations provided significant support to the federal government in improving the overall fiscal situation in the outgoing year. "The dedicated efforts at the provincial level for effective resource mobilisation and prudent expenditure management triggered higher growth in provincial revenues relative to expenditures," the Economic Survey of Pakist..... [more >>](#)

**Squeezing tax from easy targets**

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The federal government's demand that provinces share the burden of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) collection shortfalls underscores an unsustainable fiscal strategy. The honest answer is that it is mostly political economy, not administrative incapacity, analysts say. There are some structural issues as well, but political economy remains at the heart of the problem. The Pa..... [more >>](#)

**Development outlay cut despite GDP growth**

Source: [Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-13

KARACHI: Despite Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb's assertion in his budget speech that the government is transitioning from stabilisation to a growth phase, the federal government has notably decreased the size of the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the fiscal year 2026-27. The move comes despite the government's continued emphasis on economic growth, infrastru..... [more >>](#)

## Monday Seminar on World Environment Day 2026 and Special Discussion News

**SDPI Calls for Urgent Climate Action Ahead of World Environment Day 2026**

Source: [News Desk, Infora News](#), 2026-06-01

ISLAMABAD (01 June 2026): Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday said that World Environment Day 2026, is not only a symbolic date but also a deadline for climate action, as the world is witnessing unprecedented loss of biodiversity, glacial retreat, and extreme weather events. After an inhouse faculty discussion on the World Environme..... [more >>](#)

**World Environment Day a deadline for climate action, Experts**

Source: [Sohail Majeed, Global News](#), 2026-06-02

Islamabad (GNP): Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), stated that World Environment Day 2026 is not just a symbolic date but also a critical deadline for taking meaningful climate action. The world is currently experiencing an alarming rate of biodiversity loss, melting glaciers, and increasingly severe weather events. Following an i..... [more >>](#)

**World Environment Day Not a Symbolic Date but A Deadline for Climate Action: Dr. Suleri**

Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-06-01

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Source: [APP, Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-06-01

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Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-06-01

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (SDPI) کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری نے کہا ہے کہ عالمی یوم ماحولیات 2026 محض ایک علامتی دن نہیں بلکہ موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے خلاف فوری اور موثر اقدامات کی یاد دہانی..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-06-02

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-06-02

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### **SDPI Urges Gender Responsive Budgeting in Climate Adaptation Policies**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Climatedatabook](#), 2026-06-02

Islamabad: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Tuesday urged the adoption of gender-responsive budgeting in climate adaptation, arguing that climate finance must address the disproportionate vulnerabilities faced by women and marginalized groups. Speaking after an in-house faculty discussion ahead of World Environment Day on 5 June, SDPI Executive Director Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suler..... [more >>](#)

### **Broaden tax net, cut tariff distortions: Sustainable Development Policy Institute**

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-06-09

ISLAMABAD: Financial experts on Monday urged policymakers to broaden the tax base, increase funding for climate change and social protection, focus on job creation, and provide relief to the salaried class. Speaking at a pre-budget session, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), they noted that the country's fiscal framework remains heavily focused on managing rec..... [more >>](#)

### **SDPI experts call for decisive shift in fiscal priorities**

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-06-09

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's fiscal framework remains heavily focused on managing recurring crises rather than reducing the underlying vulnerabilities that continue to deepen poverty, inequality and climate risks, said experts belonging to Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) while presenting a set of pre-budget recommendations here on Monday. Amid the government's efforts to u..... [more >>](#)

### **SDPI urges wider tax net, climate spending and relief for salaried class**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2026-06-09

ISLAMABAD: Financial experts speaking at a pre-budget session organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday called for broadening the tax base, increasing allocations for climate action and social protection, promoting job creation and easing the burden on salaried taxpayers. With the federal budget for 2026-27 under preparation, the participants said Pakistan & rsquo..... [more >>](#)

### **SDPI experts call for broader tax base**

Source: [Asad Cheema](#), [Daily Mail](#), 2026-06-09

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**SDPI Experts Call for Broader Tax Base, More Funds for Climate, Social Protection, Jobs Creation**Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-06-08

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 8th Jun, 2026) Pakistan's fiscal framework remains heavily focused on managing recurring crises rather than reducing the underlying vulnerabilities that continue to deepen poverty, inequality and climate risks, said experts belonging to Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) while presenting a set of pre-budget recommendations here o..... [more >>](#)

**SDPI Urges Broader Tax Base, Climate Financing and Relief for Salaried Class in Budget 2026-27**Source: [News Desk](#), [Inforna News](#), 2026-06-08

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**SDPI calls for major shift in Pakistan's fiscal priorities ahead of budget 2026-27**Source: [Mrs Anjum Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-06-08

Experts warn fiscal policy remains crisis-driven and call for stronger investment in resilience, social protection and green growth. ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's fiscal framework continues to prioritise short-term crisis management instead of addressing structural weaknesses that deepen poverty, inequality and climate vulnerability, according to experts from the Sustainable Development Policy Inst..... [more >>](#)

وفاقی بجٹ میں انسانی ترقی پر توجہ بڑھانی جائے: معاشی ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Dunya](#), 2026-06-09

اسلام آباد(نامہ نگار) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (SDPI) کے معاشی ماہرین نے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ آئندہ وفاقی بجٹ 2026-27 میں معاشی پالیسی کو صرف مالی اہداف تک محدود رکھنے کے بجائے انسانی ترقی، روزگار کے مواقع اور ماحولی..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-06-08

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-06-08

اسلام آباد(اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - آن لائن۔ 08 جون 2026ء) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی کے معاشی ماہرین نے حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ وہ آئندہ وفاقی بجٹ 2026-27 کیلئے معاشی پالیسی کو محض مالی اہداف تک محدود رکھنے کے بجائے ان [more >>](#).....

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## Webinar News

### Call to integrate climate action into planning & budgeting, manage crisis through evidence-based policymaking

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-06-06

ISLAMABAD, Jun 05 (APP): Experts on Friday called for integrating climate action into development planning and budgeting, expanding innovative financing mechanisms, strengthening disaster preparedness systems, and fostering stronger public-private partnerships to help Pakistan build resilience against escalating climate risks. The demands were made during a webinar, titled: Advancing Climate Ac..... [more >>](#)

### Call To Integrate Climate Action Into Planning & Budgeting, Manage Crisis Through Evidence-based Policymaking

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-06-06

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on Friday agreed to deepen economic cooperation, with both sides finalising a series of investment agreements covering infrastructure, ports, motorways, real estate, and mineral development during a two-day meeting of the Saudi-Pakistan Joint Business Council, officials said. The agreements were signed during the two-day Saudi-Pakistan business engagement ..... [more >>](#)

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### Call to integrate climate action into planning & budgeting, manage crisis through evidence-based policymaking

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Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-06-05  
اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز ) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ موسمیاتی تبدیلی پاکستان کے لئے مستقبل کا نہیں بلکہ موجودہ دور کا سب سے بڑا ترقیاتی چیلنج بن چکی ہے جس سے نمٹنے کے لئے شواہد پر مبنی پالیسی سازی، جدید مالیاتی ذرائع، مضبوط ادا [more >>](#) .....

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