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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.

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

To keep abreast of emerging issues at the National/International and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for “China Study Centre - SDPI”

It carries reference information’s to the News items/Comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International dailies.

Newspapers Covered:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

China & America trade conflict

US issues warning to China
Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-14
WASHINGTON: US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, who is due to meet with China’s top diplomat Yang Jiechi in Rome on Monday, warned Beijing that it would “absolutely” face consequences if it helped Moscow evade sweeping sanctions over the war in Ukraine. Sullivan told CNN the United States believed China was aware that Russia was planning some action in Ukraine before the ..... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

PIA gets operating licence for two more destinations in China
BEIJING: The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has been granted two more operating licences by the Chinese authorities, for Guangzhou and Xian, in addition to Beijing. Now the national flag carrier can start scheduling passenger flights to and from these stations. Previously, the PIA had the operating licence only for Beijing, but the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) granted two ..... more >>

Two Sessions 2022
While China’s critics cast aspersions on the proceedings of the Two Sessions, the annual political event in Beijing made an impressive mark and served China’s vital interests. The annual plenary consultations of the National People's Congress (NPC) and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) are conducted in the month of Marc..... more >>

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

China thanks Pakistan for extending support in UN body polls
Source: Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-01
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi has thanked Pakistan for supporting China in the election of the 89th United Nations General Assembly Interpol Executive Committee. In a letter written to Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, Chinese Minister said, “We are grateful to Pakistan for its support in the Interpol Executive Committee elections for China’s represent..... more >>

Chairman Mao to President Xi
Source: Shakeel Ramay, Daily Times, 2022-03-01
The debate on the China model is misdirected and flawed in Pakistan. The fundamental flaw is that Pakistanis are busy discussing outcomes, not the process. We try to analyse the President Xi era or the Deng Xiaoping era. There is very limited discussion on the vision, struggle and tireless efforts put forward by Chairman Mao and comrades like Zhou Enlai, Chen Yuan, Li Ping etc. We also do not vent..... more >>

Cross border e-commerce exhibition to boost China-Pakistan cooperation
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-03-07
“In the field of global cross-border e-commerce, we have always been committed to playing the role of bridge and link, especially in emerging markets like Pakistan,” said Zhang Na, CEO of Beijing Guanrui Technology Co., Ltd, also
as the organiser of the 2nd China Cross Border E-commerce and New E-commerce Exhibition. Recently, Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Chief Representative of the Beijing..... more >>

**Xi condemns Peshawar mosque blast**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-08
BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday strongly condemned a terrorist attack in Peshawar on Friday in which many precious lives were lost. President Xi, in a message to his Pakistani counterpart Dr Arif Alvi, also expressed deep condolences, on behalf of the Chinese government and the people, to the victims and extended sincere sympathies to the injured and the bereaved families. &ld..... more >>

**Qureshi, Chinese FM discuss Afghanistan, Ukraine**
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-09
ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi on Tuesday held deliberation over bilateral ties, regional situation, Afghanistan, and the Russia-Ukraine conflict According to a statement of the Foreign Office, Foreign Minister Qureshi spoke on telephone with State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi of the People’s Republic ..... more >>

**Global and regional affairs; Pakistan always values China’s role: COAS**
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-10
ISLAMABAD: General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chief of Army Staff on Wednesday said that Pakistan values China’s role in global and regional affairs, while adding that Pakistan look forward to enhance our bilateral relationship. Pang Chunxue, Chinese Charge d’Affairs to Pakistan called on General Qamar Javed Bajwa at GHQ, Wednesday. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, def..... more >>

**Pak-China police post inaugurated**
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-12
UPPER KOHISTAN: Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Police Hazara Region Mirwais Niaz Friday inaugurated Pak-China Friendship Police Post and reviewed the security situation for the Local Body elections in Upper Kohistan. During his visit to Upper Kohistan district, the DIG chaired a meeting about the security of Chinese and other foreign nationals and ordered to improve the security and collect data..... more >>

**China, Pakistan to enhance cooperation on pest control**
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-03-12
China and Pakistan are jointly deepening cross-border prevention and control of plant diseases and insect pests, with a joint research center in this field being planned, according to Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS), says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Friday. “Due to the special geographical location, many exotic pests enter China through Yunnan. Pakistan ..... more >>

**China steps in for political, economic stability in Pakistan**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-14
ISLAMABAD: Amid rising political temperature, the deputy head of Mission of Chinese Embassy, Pang Chunxue, met the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leadership on Sunday to discuss the current political situation and convey that China wants political and economic stability in Pakistan. Appreciating the international, regional and defence cooperation between Pakistan and China, the PML-Q lead..... more >>
Chinese embassy raises PMLTC’s ‘dues’ issue with govt
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, The AGA Khan University, 2022-03-01
ISLAMABAD: Chinese embassy has approached the government in support of M/s Pak Matari-Lahore Transmission Company (Private) Limited (PMLTC) which is facing delays in payment of Rs 12 billion, well informed sources in CPEC Authority told Business Recorder. The embassy in a letter to all the relevant entities stated that it reiterates the importance of due payment of transmission service to PM.... more >>

Semiconductor industry can bring $4b annually
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-02
BEIJING: The semiconductor chain has penetrated into nearly every aspect of modern life and semiconductor has blossomed into a multitrillion-dollar industry. According to SEMI 2020 report, the global semiconductor market for just chips is currently valued at around $425 billion per year and by some estimates, it is forecast to hit $1 trillion by 2030. In recent years, a growing number of Asian ..... more >>

Chinese power plants: CPPA-G seeks additional Rs100bn to clear dues
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-02
ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought Rs 100 billion more from the government to clear a major part of overdue payments of Chinese power plants, well informed sources told Business Recorder. CPPA-G is seeking additional funding of Rs 100 billion from the government for CPEC power plants at a time when other power plants like M/s Saif Power, M/s Attock G..... more >>

Cross-border trade fair to boost China-Pakistan bond
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-05
BEIJING: In the field of global cross-border e-commerce, “we have always been committed to playing the role of bridge and link, especially in emerging markets like Pakistan”, said Beijing Guanrui Technology Company CEO Zhang Na. As the organiser of the second China Cross Border E-commerce and New E-commerce Exhibition (CBEC), she made the remarks in an interview with the China Econom..... more >>

Standardisation to enhance Pakistan-China trade
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-06
BEIJING: Recently, the Standardisation Administration of China (SAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on standardisation cooperation with Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) during Prime Minister Imran Khan’s visit to China in February. “Standards coordination, information exchanges and mechanisms for Pak-China cooperation on standardisation shall be pro..... more >>

Collaboration with Beijing to boost local tourism
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-06
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is one of those countries in the world that are blessed with a diverse inventory of tourism attractions. It is based on the picturesque endowments of natural landscape and features biodiversity and rich culture and heritage. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is opening hundreds of new investment opportunities across the country. This was stated by the Pakistan Touri..... more >>

Significance of Pakistan-China e-commerce cooperation explained
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-07
BEIJING: “In the field of global cross-border e-commerce, we have always been committed to playing the role of bridge and link, especially in emerging markets like Pakistan,” said Zhang Na, CEO of Beijing Guanrui Technology
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<td>Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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Six China-made J-10C jets inducted into PAF
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-12
ISLAMABAD: Six J-10C multirole fighter aircraft were commissioned by the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) on Friday in a bid to address conventional imbalance amid Indian military’s modernisation. Prime Minister Imran Khan, while speaking at the induction ceremony at Minhas Air Base, Kamra, said: “An imbalance is being created in South Asia. This induction will address that security imbalance..... more >>

Smartphone giant’s entry brings opportunities
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-13
BEIJING: Pakistan has a low purchasing power, which means most of its imported goods are far too expensive for ordinary people. This is the reason why smartphones have struggled to penetrate the Pakistani market. Although 80% of the population possesses phones, just 20% of it owns a smartphone. The only way to realise widespread use of smartphones in the country is to manufacture them locally to ..... more >>

Yunnan enhances cooperation with Pakistan on pest control
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-13
KUNMING: China and Pakistan are jointly deepening cross-border prevention and control of plant diseases and insect pests, with a joint research center in this field being planned, according to Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS). “Due to the special geographical location, many exotic pests enter China through Yunnan,” Head of YAAS International Cooperation Division Luo Yan..... more >>

Regional Grid-II Gilgit-Baltistan; Chinese firm questions tendering process
ISLAMABAD: Chinese company, Harbin Electric (HE) International Co. Ltd has raised questions on tendering process of regional grid (phase-II), Gilgit Baltistan. In a letter to concerned authorities, the company's Chief Representative, Chen Ruiwu said that technical bids of both participants were completed in just a month, adding that it is quite strange how such a large project’s b..... more >>

Cabinet approves lease of state land for corporate farming under CPEC
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-03-02
LAHORE: The Punjab cabinet on Tuesday approved leasing out of state land for corporate farming under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The cabinet which met under the chair of Chief Minister Usman Buzdar directed a ministerial committee to devise the lease rules while approving 500 to 5,000 acres of land for corporate farming to create job opportunities and to modernise the agriculture..... more >>

CPHGS presses CPPA-G for early payment of Rs37bn dues
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-03-03
ISLAMABAD: China Power Hub Generation Company (Pvt) Ltd (CPHGC) has again knocked on the doors of CPPA-G and SAMP on CPEC, Khalid Mansoor, for payment of overdue amount of Rs 37 billion, official sources told
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<td>Chinese industries may relocate to Pakistan, parliamentary panel told</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was informed on Thursday that Chinese companies have agreed to relocate industries to Pakistan and invest in the country in different sectors. The committee, which met with MNA Sher Ali Arbab in the chair, was briefed by the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on the recent visit of.....</td>
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<td>The Empire strikes back</td>
<td>Source: Prof Dr Zia Ahmed, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-03-06</td>
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<td>In the book The Empire Writes Back, Bill Ashcroft and his colleagues attempt to analyse the major writings of postcolonial literature that were collected from the former colonies of the British Empire. The book, which was conceived as a means through which former colonies were supposedly writing back to the British Empire, has become a foundational text in postcolonial literature. The book was pub.....</td>
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## China’s opening up to facilitate CPEC in light of ‘Two-Sessions’ decisions
**Source:** Inp, *Daily Times*, 2022-03-07
China’s high-level opening up will facilitate China-Pakistan cooperation, in light of the decisions, to take by the ongoing ‘Two Sessions’, China Economic Net reported on Sunday. The “Two Sessions” of the National People’s Congress (NPC) and the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) are held as scheduled in Beijing. The high-level op..... *more >*

## Shamba Ismail (Gwadar): CCoCPEC asks MoD to hand land over to Chinese concessionaire
**Source:** Mushtaq Ghumman, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-03-07
ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on CPEC (CCoCPEC) has directed Ministry of Defence to vacate 52 acres of land at Shamba Ismail, Gwadar presently under possession of Pakistan Navy to hand it over to the Chinese concessionaire, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, the sources said, in compliance with CCoCPEC decision of March 9, 2021, a note for Chairman CCoCPEC s..... *more >*

## Cross border e-commerce exhibition to boost China-Pak cooperation
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## China to help friends better understand CPC: Wang Yi
**Source:** xinhua, *Daily Times*, 2022-03-08
China’s foreign service will help foreign friends better understand the Communist Party of China (CPC), State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Monday. In the run-up to the 20th National Congress of the CPC, China’s foreign service will continue to share stories about the CPC with the international community, Wang said, noting that this is an important responsibility of Chin..... *more >*

## CPEC: Prospects for Balochistan
**Source:** Asad Tahir Jappa, *Daily Times*, 2022-03-13
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) promises to open up new vistas of socio-economic development and employment opportunities for the people of Balochistan. Balochistan in general, and Gwadar in particular, is the linchpin of CPEC. The project will contribute to the development of the whole province and address various economic and social problems of Baluchistan. Gwadar would soon be trans..... *more >*

## Clearing CPEC IPPs’ dues; ECC all set to approve Rs50bn revolving account
**Source:** Mushtaq Ghumman, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-03-14
ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) is all set to approve opening of Revolving Account (RA) of Rs 50 billion for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), well informed sources in Power Division told Business Recorder. The government had approved an amount of Rs 100 billion to clear some overdue receivables of CPEC IPPs - an..... *more >*

## CPEC will turn Pakistan into a manufacturing hub, says PM’s aide
**Source:** Kazim Alam, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-03-15
KARACHI: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Khalid Mansoor has said the focus of investment under the multi-billion-dollar project is now going to be on environment-friendly initiatives. Speaking at the CPEC Industrial Cooperation B2B Investment Conference on Monday, Mr Mansoor said upcoming projects under CPEC will mainly be in textile, ..... *more >*
**Bol shores up B2B initiatives under CPEC**
ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Investment, in collaboration with the government of Sindh and the Pakistan-China Business and Investment Forum organised the “CPEC Industrial Cooperation B2B Investment Conference.” The conference was attended by over 100 Chinese companies from various sectors and over 400 Pakistani businessmen. From Pakistani side, the Chairman and Minister of..... more >>

**Research, Development & Capacity Building**

**Pakistan needs to adopt methods modern agriculture**
Islamabad: Pakistan needs to go toward modern agriculture, said Dr. Anwar Ali, Postdoctoral fellow of Vegetable Research Institute, China's Shandong Academy of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS). In an interview with Gwadar Pro, he said, "Modern agriculture is an ever-changing approach to agricultural innovations and farming practices that helps farmers increase efficiency and fulfill food de..... more >>

**Centre for plant diseases, pest control soon**
Islamabad: China and Pakistan are jointly deepening cross-border prevention and control of plant diseases and insect pests, with a joint research center in this field being planned, according to Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS), says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Friday. “Due to the special geographical location, many exotic pests enter China through Yunnan..... more >>

**SDPI's Events**

**Researchers Articles**

**Mental well-being and tele-psychology**
The omicron variant of the corona virus forced many countries and regions to order lockdowns to curb the spread of the disease. There is a wider realisation now, however, that lockdowns have a significant impact on the psychological well being of people. The Covid-19 pandemic has had substantial psychological impact on the people globally. Research on the psychological well-being of the most expo..... more >>

**Reflections on the IPCC WGII report**
"Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all." — IPCC WGII 2022. The Sixth Assessment Cycle (AR6) of the Inter-governmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) focuses on the assessment of impacts, vulnerabilities and nec..... more >>
### SDPI News

#### German team concerned over Afghan situation
**Source:** Rasheed Khalid, *The News, International*, 2022-03-03

Islamabad: Christoph Dinkel Aker, Co-founder, Al-Sharq Reise, Germany, has said that it is high time to learn more about Pakistan and fight the stereotypes about the country in European society. Mr. Aker said this while visiting Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) along with a 13-member delegation representing social, economic, and political experts from Germany. Members of the dele.... more >>

#### Pakistan Faces Multiple Problems Due To Afghan Situation: German Delegation
**Source:** APP, *UrduPoint*, 2022-03-03

ISLAMABAD: (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 1st Mar, 2022 ) :Co-founder Al-Sharq Reise, Germany, Christoph Dinkel Aker on Tuesday said that it is high time to learn more about Pakistan and fight the stereotypes about the country in the European society. He was visiting Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) along with a 13-member delegation representing social, economic, and politic..... more >>

#### Pakistan should be prepared to capitalise on new opportunities
**Source:** Rasheed Khalid, *The News, International*, 2022-03-14

Islamabad: Pakistan should be prepared to capitalise on new opportunities that are presenting themselves with ample predictability in the prevailing geopolitical situation, said former finance minister Dr Salman Shah. Dr Shah was delivering his keynote address at a panel discussion on 'Economic security and geo-economics: challenges and opportunities for Pakistan,' organised here by ..... more >>

#### Social impact of monetary policy highlighted
**Source:** Our Correspondent, *The News, International*, 2022-03-15

LAHORE: A consultative meeting on "State Bank of Pakistan’s autonomy, credibility and inflation expectations" was held at Government College University (GCU) here on Monday. According to a press release, the meeting was held in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) in which panellists included GCU Vice-Chancellor Pro..... more >>

#### SBP urged to take into consideration monetary policy’s effects on the life of common man
**Source:** Hassan Abbas, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-03-15

LAHORE: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) should consider the effects of monetary policy on the day-to-day life of the common man which includes its effects on poverty, inequality and other social outcomes. This was according to the report 'Monetary Policy for All: Understanding the Social Footprint of Monetary Policy in Pakistan' written by Research fellow and head policy SDPI Dr Saj..... more >>

#### CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON STATE BANKS AUTONOMY AND INFLATION EXPECTATIONS HELD AT GCU
**Source:** Press Release, *GCU Lahore*, 2022-03-15

Panellists suggest SBP’s increased communication regarding its monetary policy, its linkage with the problems of common man, and the accountability of its performance regarding inflation targeting, before the parliament. A consultative meeting on "State Bank of Pakistan's autonomy, credibility and inflation expectations" was held here at the Government College University Lahore..... more >>
Pakistan Can Save $6.5 Billion in Electricity Bills by Shifting to LEDs
Source: Faiz Paracha, ProPakistani.com, 2022-03-15
Experts have emphasized the need for putting an end to toxic lighting under Minamata Convention on Mercury, as Pakistan can save $6.5 billion in electricity bills between 2020-50 with a shift toward LEDs. Expressing their views during an awareness-raising campaign, a number of experts noted that the import and export of mercury-based fluorescent lighting were still going on in developing countries..... more >>

With Shift To LEDs, Pakistan Can Save $6.5 Billion Between 2020-50
Source: Nazia Gulzar, NEWSMAN, 2022-03-15
Experts demand an end to toxic lighting under Minamata Convention on Mercury With a shift towards LEDs, Pakistan can save $6.5 b in electricity bills between 2020-50: study ISLAMABAD (March 15, 2022): — In the developing countries, the import and export of mercury based fluorescent lighting is still going on despite the fact that the developed world has shifted to clean lighting to save it..... more >>

Challenges of climate change, health, and nutrition in Pakistan
Source: Reporter, The AGA Khan University, 2022-03-07
Climate change and extreme weather events are contributing to a wide range of health and food security risks around the world. These threats are particularly severe in low- and middle-income countries like Pakistan that are often the least able to respond. This calls for urgent and proactive actions to meet the many challenges posed by climate change whilst achieving the Sustainable Development..... more >>

SDPI's Related News

‘Whistleblowing vital in higher education’
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-01
ISLAMABAD: Whistleblowing in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is vital to protect public interest, curb unethical practices at various levels, improve the overall standards of higher education and create the best learning environment for the students and teachers. Experts from prominent national and international academic institutions shared these views at an international conference on the..... more >>

Implementation of CTBCM Model to Increase Accountability in the Power Sector
Source: ProPK Staff, ProPakistani.com, 2022-03-03
Implementation of the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM) model in Pakistan would provide transparency, predictability, accountability, and a level playing field by creating competition between multiple buyers and sellers in the energy sector of Pakistan. ADVERTISEMENT The experts said this during a special meeting ‘Examining the future direc..... more >>

‘Consultation imperative for competitive electricity market’
Islamabad: Implementation of the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM) model in Pakistan would provide transparency, predictability, accountability, and a level playing field to multiple buyers and sellers in the energy sector of Pakistan. The experts said this during a special meeting on ‘Examining the future direction of the electricity market in Pakistan: The case of Co..... more >>
Speakers call for giving more space to womenfolk
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-03-08
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