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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 daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

## **Editor Note:**

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

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

## **Subjects Covered**

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

## China Study Centre

### China & America trade conflict

#### China-GCC summit

Source: [Jai Kumar Dhirani](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-21

The history of international relations depicts that there is no permanent friend or foe; however, attaining national interests remains a persistent phenomenon in the international system. With evolving patterns of world politics, where US hegemony is under the cloud due to revanchist China, the regional actors are changing their narratives and sides to take maximum benefits from the prevailing sit..... [more >>](#)

#### The China-KSA partnership

Source: [Imran Malik](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

The inherent contradictions in US foreign policy seem to be coming home to roost. Its ruthless double standards, in rank self-interest, have adversely affected its clout and assumed moral authority-superiority in the international community. This has created a distinct clash of interests with its allies and strategic partners who are now increasingly, audaciously and impertinently disregarding its..... [more >>](#)

### Economic Growth & Governance

#### Pakistan's SEZs to create 575,000 employment opportunities

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-16

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will likely to create about 575,000 direct and over one million indirect jobs in four Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to be set up in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan provinces. This was said by Chairman Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) S M Naveed during an interactive session held at the CM Secretariat here on Thursday. He sa..... [more >>](#)

#### Socialist Beijing's Corporate Growth

Source: [Abdul Hadi Mayar](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-17

Back in 1964, just 15 years after Chairman Mao's Communist Revolution, progressive Urdu poet, Faiz Ahmad, had resembled Beijing with Thomas Hobbes's Leviathan. In a poem captioned after the city's old name, Peking, he wrote: "I feel as if I have arms six hundred million in number." He referred to China's population at that time. Coming on the heels of t..... [more >>](#)

#### China's economy expected to revive, further boosting global economy in 2023

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-19

With the ease of COVID-19 containment measures, and given the resilience and potential of its economy, analysts believe China's economy will revive next year and continue to be a reliable and important driving force of the global economy in 2023. "Despite global macroeconomic headwinds and the impact of the pandemic, China's economic performance in 2022 was very commendable,&r..... [more >>](#)

#### Pakistan has a lot to learn from China: Iqbal

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that Pakistan should learn from China for economic and technological development. To ensure economic development, the country should have a peaceful environment, he said, adding that "we must first ensure political stability, continuity of policies, and social solidarity because economic development does not take place in an atmospher..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

### China willing to provide all assistance to Pakistan: envoy

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: China on Wednesday said that it stands with Pakistan and its people as it is willing to provide all kind of assistance to Pakistan. The assurance came from Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong on Wednesday when he held an important meeting with Federal Finance and Revenue Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar. The meeting that took place at the Finance Division and is being viewed as a sig..... [more >>](#)

### China's influence in Pakistan

Source: [Syed Mohammad Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

It is hard to deny that China has a lot of influence in Pakistan, given the longstanding security and diplomatic cooperation between the two countries which, over recent years, has been supplemented by increased economic linkages as well. However, there is need to temper some of the external assessments concerning this influence, especially when it is framed by rival hegemonies like the US, as an il..... [more >>](#)

### China to provide free cancer screenings for 10,000 Pakistani women

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD - A medical technology company Landing Med, based in Wuhan, China has dispatched three self-developed cervical cancer screening devices along with 5,000 sets of supporting consumable items to Pakistan. With these AI-powered devices, 10,000 Pakistani women will receive free cervical cancer screening and early diagnosis of tumours, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday. Thi..... [more >>](#)

### Festive events planned to celebrate Chinese New Year

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Various online and offline activities, including concerts, temple fairs and parades, will be organised all over the world as the Cultural Office of the Embassy of China and China Cultural Centre in Pakistan announced Chinese New Year festivities on Tuesday. The 2023 Chinese New Year press conference was held in Beijing and aired live at the Embassy of China in Islamabad. Gao Zheng, di..... [more >>](#)

### Chinese embassy donates Rs 3.76m to PICS

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-29

The Chinese Embassy donates Rs 3.76 million to Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) of the Sargodha University for establishing 'Chinese Ambassador Scholarship' programme 2023. According to a press release issued by the Sargodha University, the funding will be used to award scholarships to the most talented as well as promising needy students besides promoting Chinese language an..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

### Prepared during IK's gov't; Beijing urges Islamabad to review 'IPPs report'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese government has reportedly urged Islamabad to review IPPs committee report prepared during Imran Khan's tenure as they have come under much criticism, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Beijing's concerns were recently conveyed by the Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Nong Rong at a recent meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. According to..... [more >>](#)

### **Cherries: MoC acquires market access to China**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: In a recent major development, the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has acquired market access for Pakistani cherries to China, which is being termed as important milestone for the country, well informed sources told Business Recorder. As of FY 2021, the total import of cherries in China was \$ 3.6 billion. In 2021, Chilean cherries accounted for 95 percent of China's cherry imports..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, China to enhance collaboration**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

LAHORE: Pakistan and China are set to enhance collaboration for rapid industrialisation in Punjab, especially for encouraging B2B engagement between Chinese investors and their local counterparts. China's Consul General to Lahore Zhao Shiren during his visit to the Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) held discussions on different areas for increasing cooperation between the two sid..... [more >>](#)

### **China to support Punjab for rapid industrialisation**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD-China will support Punjab for rapid industrialisation, a senior Chinese diplomat said, according to Gwadar Pro. Zhao Shiren, Chinese Consul General in Lahore, during his visit to Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) held discussions on different areas for increasing mutual cooperation between the two sides. During the interaction, the two sides resolved to enhance the collaborati..... [more >>](#)

### **'China-Central Asia rail project should be extended to Peshawar'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan, Ulanbek Totuiaev, on Monday said the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway project should be extended to Peshawar through Afghanistan to boost trade relations with Pakistan. Addressing the business community during his visit to the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), the envoy said, "Kyrgyzstan wants to enhance trade relatio..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firms have adopted go-slow policy?**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Beijing has reportedly acknowledged that Chinese companies in Pakistan opted for a "go-slow" policy due to delay in payment to the IPPs, rising exchange rate, and "unhelpful behaviour of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) with its companies". This information has been shared by Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Nong Rong, during a meeting..... [more >>](#)

### **MoFA opposes 'alteration' in IPPs' revised agreement**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has reportedly opposed alteration in IPPs' revised agreements of 2019 on a foreign country's demand, saying that by raising prospects for re-opening already signed agreements with the government, in the wake of a 'leaked' report, would raise apprehensions in business circles and amongst prospective investors, well informed sourc..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-China defence cooperation fortifies**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD - Defence ties between Pakistan and China got bolstered over the years as the two allies multiplied cooperation in other sectors too. Over the weekend, the Keel Laying Ceremony of first HANGOR Class Submarine and Steel Cutting of second Submarine was held in Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works - an evidence of the Pakistan-China friendship. The defence agreemen..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

### CPEC Agri Corridor sows seeds of economic growth: Report

Source: INP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD - As the year 2022 is going to conclude, the agriculture sector has gained manifold tractions under the China-Pakistan agriculture cooperation promising the phenomenal agriculture growth in the length and breadth of Pakistan, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Saturday. Given the comprehensive spectrum of cooperation under the "CPEC Green Corridor" thro..... [more >>](#)

### China needs aggressive, comprehensive communication policy

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-19

Communication policy of China could not compliment the evolution of China from a periphery state to one of the major powers of world. China grew at a marvelous pace and expanded economic linkages and cooperation. Go Global Policy of 1998 revolutionised China's global linkages. However, communication policy could not grow and remained stuck in pre-Go Global era. China was not able to deploy ..... [more >>](#)

### CPEC stimulates IT, digital economy in Pakistan

Source: INP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD - Positive stir in IT industry and digital economy in 2022 has set the tone of resilient growth and progression for 2023 on automation, e-governance, e-commerce, IT parks, research & development, internet density and computer technology in Pakistan. Benefited by CPEC-led cooperation on IT and digital economy, it is predicted that the total value of Pakistan's IT indust..... [more >>](#)

### Govt urged to focus on renewable energy projects under CPEC

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-25

KARACHI: Economists and experts have urged the government to have more focus on renewable energy projects under the CPEC to overcome the current energy crisis. Addressing to "Green Financing, CPEC and Industry" session of the 2nd International Conference on CPEC, organized by the Economics and Management Sciences Department (EMD) at NED University, State Bank of Pakistan's Di..... [more >>](#)

### Minister directs to expedite work on CPEC SEZs

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-17

Minster for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Friday directed to expedite the work on Special Economic Zones under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for their early completion. He was chairing a meeting here at the Ministry of Planning and Development to review the implementation status of CPEC projects. The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to the Pr..... [more >>](#)

### CPEC agri corridor sows seeds of economic growth: report

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-18

As 2022 draws close, the agriculture sector has gained manifold tractions under China-Pakistan agriculture cooperation promising the phenomenal agri growth in the length and breadth of Pakistan, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Saturday. Given the comprehensive spectrum of cooperation under "CPEC Green Corridor" throughout the year in 2022, the agriculture sector has r..... [more >>](#)

### Baloch students briefed on CPEC

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Students from Balochistan, mainly belonging to the Gwadar region, find bright prospects for their future endeavours through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), as they are availing of facilities offered by the

project currently in various parts of the province. A group of students and teachers recently visited the federal capital and met the diplomats in the Chinese embassy to..... [more >>](#)

### **The CPEC's catch-22 situation**

Source: [Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

China and Pakistan have a trial and tribulation trajectory, and thus the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor i.e. CPEC has tales to tell. If an idiom is reworked, it is like "the operation was successful, but the patient is in coma!" Coma is tantamount to a state of disability. This signifies what is going on in the region as the strategic \$60 billion construction and connectivity projec..... [more >>](#)

### **'CPEC projects achieved major progress in 2022'**

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: China has declared that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects have achieved major progress in 2022 ensuring economic stability and well-being of the people. Terming CPEC as an important pilot project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and demonstration project of Pakistan-China cooperation, Wang Shengjie, Director Political Section of Chinese Embassy has reminded Tuesday that..... [more >>](#)

### **Power demand in Gwadar Free Zone discussed**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has asked the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Ltd (COPHCL) to provide the exact demand of electricity for the Gwadar Free Zone. The minister also asked it to share a ten-year plan for electricity consumption by Gwadar Free Zone Company in order to establish the electricity utilisation of 300MW coal-fired Powe..... [more >>](#)

### **Ahsan asks Chinese firm to meet electricity demand of Gwadar Free Zone**

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday, urged the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Ltd (COPHCL) to meet the exact electricity demand needed for the Gwadar Free Zone and share its 10-year plan for electricity required by the company for the 300 MW coal-fired power project. Ahsan made these remarks while chairing a ..... [more >>](#)

### **Anti-Dumping Act; CPEC Secretariat for retrospective waiver**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Secretariat has urged the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) to move a summary for retrospective waiver from Anti- Dumping Act to avoid anti-dumping duty on grant projects in future, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision to amend Anti-Dumping Act was taken at a recent meeting held in Ministry of Planning, Development and Spec..... [more >>](#)

### **China awards outstanding Pakistani staff of CPEC**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD - The Chinese Embassy on Friday held an award ceremony in recognition of outstanding Pakistani staff of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects 2022. Addressing the participants of the event, Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Prof Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan should learn from China for economic and technological development. To ensure economic..... [more >>](#)



## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### Researcher introduces Chinese technology to local beekeepers

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

RAWALPINDI: "With Chinese technology, we have witnessed a historic breakthrough in local royal jelly production. Thirty beekeepers have mastered the skill to extract royal jelly, and more will be trained in the future," said Muhammad Asif Aziz, Associate Professor of the Department of Entomology at the Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University in Rawalpindi Aziz is in charge of t..... [more >>](#)

### Academics urge country to seek Chinese help in higher education

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

HYDERABAD: Speakers at a seminar have urged national universities to identify new areas of cooperation with China in higher education and research and underscored the need for collaborative efforts to build the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and promote the spirit of friendly cooperation between the two neighbouring countries. They were addressing a seminar on the "Strategic and ..... [more >>](#)

### China-Pakistan Youth Community brings warmth to GB

Source: [INP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-25

In awe of the imposing mountains and the inescapably cold winter, the China-Pakistan Youth Exchange Community paid a three-day visit to the Gilgit Baltistan region and handed over 1,700 packages of food, tarpaulins, quilts, blankets and other supplies to the local people. Following the recent biblical floods, a significant number of GB people are living in tents and makeshift wooden houses as the..... [more >>](#)

### Chinese embassy's donation to UoS

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

SARGODHA: Chinese embassy in Islamabad has donated Rs3.76 million (120,000 Yuan) to the Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), University of Sargodha, for establishing 'Chinese Ambassador Scholarship' programme 2023'. The funding will be used to award scholarships to talented as well as promising needy students beside promoting Chinese language and cultural activities at th..... [more >>](#)

## Technology & Innovation

### Chinese beekeeping technology contributes to honey production

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-25

With the use of Chinese technology, Pakistan has witnessed a historic breakthrough in the processing of bee-related products, especially honey production. Dr. Muhammad Asif Aziz, Associate Professor of the Department of Entomology Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, is in charge of the Billion Tree Honey Initiative and a participant in the online training course on beekeepin..... [more >>](#)

## Technology , Trade & Innovation

### Pakistan-China scholars emphasise on close cultural, educational ties

Source: [Iftikhar A. Khan](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China's collaboration in areas involving education and cultural cooperation has seen an upward trajectory. Both countries have strong bilateral ties that have shaped the regional future by encouraging amicable dialogue and scholastic interactions. These views were expressed by speakers during a webinar titled 'China-Pakistan Cultural and Education Exchanges und..... [more >>](#)

**7th forum on China-Pakistan technological, economic cooperation held**

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-16

The 7th forum on China-Pakistan scientific, technological and economic cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was held by the Pakistan Study Centre at Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU). The scientific, technological and economic cooperation between China and Pakistan has continuously injected new impetus into the closer China-Pakistan community of a shared future, CEN..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI s Events

### A Lecture

#### **SDPI Holds Lecture On 'Solar Radiation Management'**

Source: [Fahad Shabbir](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 15th Dec, 2022): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a special lecture on 'Solar Radiation Management' with the Executive Director of the Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G) Janos Pasztor here on Thursday. The purpose of the lecture was to discuss Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) for addressing a symptom o..... [more >>](#)

#### **SDPI Organises Lecture To Discuss Solar Radiation Modification**

Source: [Rosheen Javed](#), [Technology Times](#), 2022-12-16

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### Dialogue News

#### **IRC urges int'l donors to allocate 35pc of climate-related budget for WASH**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD - International Rescue Committee (IRC) has called upon international donors to allocate at least 35 percent of climate-related budget for WASH raising it from the existing 22 percent for Pakistan and prioritize allocation of WASH and climate-related funding to the countries which are currently unlikely to achieve the WASH SDGs. This was the crux of a research-based 'Climate..... [more >>](#)

#### **WASH as pillar of climate resilience needs adequate funding in Pakistan**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Dayspring](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) is a pillar of climate resilience that needs adequate funding as currently, the WASH sector receives 22% of the total climate funding. This was the crux of a research-based "Climate Financing for WASH brief – Pakistan Scoping Brief" undertaken by IRC researchers and was launched at a ceremony jointly organized by the IRC and the ..... [more >>](#)

#### **'Despite tiny carbon footprint, Pakistan suffered huge losses'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: "Pakistan contributes less than 1% to global CO2 emissions, yet it has suffered enormous human and economic losses due to climate-related disasters," said Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in his keynote address at a dialogue arranged by the Population Council on "Climate & Population at CO..... [more >>](#)

#### **Speakers call for providing adequate funds to water, sanitation and hygiene sector**

Source: [Jamil Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Friday called for adequate funding for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as they were pillars of climate resilience. They were speaking at the launch of a research-based 'Climate Financing for WASH brief – Pakistan Scoping Brief' at a ceremony jointly organised by the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC) and the Sustainable Development Policy..... [more >>](#)

### **WASH as pillar of climate resilience needs adequate funding in Pakistan: IRC Researchers**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD, Dec 23, (SABAH): Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) is a pillar of climate resilience that needs adequate funding as currently, the WASH sector receives 22% of the total climate funding. This was the crux of a research-based “Climate Financing for WASH brief – Pakistan Scoping Brief” undertaken by IRC researchers and was launched at a ceremony jointly organized by ..... [more >>](#)

### **‘Pakistan received inadequate funds against climate financing’**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-25

Islamabad: Idrees Mahsud, Member, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has said that we need to work together to further the agenda of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Mr Mahsud was speaking at a panel discussion following a launching of research-based “Climate financing for WASH brief – Pakistan scoping brief” undertaken by IRC res..... [more >>](#)

## **SDPI Articles**

### **Household energy transition**

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

Scarcity is what makes this planet the world we are familiar with and efficient management of limited resources is what makes us the people we are. Otherwise, there would be greater chaos, more crises and unresolved shortages. Economics combines scarcity and efficient management of limited resources. According to one definition, “Economics is t..... [more >>](#)

### **From Argentina to Argentina Park, Islamabad: Socioeconomic Lessons to Learn**

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-20

The year’s biggest event, the FIFA World Cup 2022, came to a spectacular end. Argentina beat France in a penalty shootout and gave their captain a well-earned farewell. Let’s discuss some of the socioeconomic lessons that we can learn from this mega-event. Lesson No 1: Economic and Environmental Sustainability go hand in hand. Modern economics now revolves around the notion of sustain..... [more >>](#)

### **The state of the economy in 2022**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-28

If Covid-19 in 2020 was a nightmare, then we have been continuously transitioning from one nightmare to another. Generous fiscal stimulus in the rich world, accommodative monetary policies the world over, and a faster-than-expected recovery from Covid gave rise to global commodity demand, resultant commodity shortage, and a rise in their prices in 2021. At the beginning of 2022, experts believed i..... [more >>](#)

### **From Circular Debt to Circular Economy**

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-30

The governments may come and go, but the term “circular debt” is here to stay. With the energy sector facing availability and affordability issues, the exponential rise in the circular debt has alarmed the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who presided over the cabinet meeting on agenda to reduce the circulating debt of the power sector. In a world where modern economic debate is revolving ..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Related News

**LC restrictions crippling industries**

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

KARACHI: The non-issuance of letters of credit (LCs) is crippling industrial activities, leading to massive unemployment as companies are unable to import the raw material necessary to keep their manufacturing wheel running. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President Mohammed Tariq Yousuf, while expressing deep concern over the non-issuance of LCs and a severe gas crisis, stated t..... [more >>](#)

**China expected to boost world economic recovery in 2023**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China Daily](#), 2022-12-18

BEIJING - Given the resilience and potentials of its economy, analysts believe China will continue to be a reliable and important driving force of global economic growth in 2023. This year, in the face of multiple challenges, China has maintained the overall stability of its economy by effectively coordinating COVID-19 policy with economic and social development and introducing a series of s..... [more >>](#)

**Experts demand creation of Climate Change Authority**

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-19

Islamabad: Pakistan's own environmental governance structure needs to be comprehensively operationalized to seek assistance through international climate financing, especially the 'loss and damage' fund ahead of COP27. The long awaited Climate Change Authority should be created without any further delay as mitigating climate change disasters and seeking climate financing and com..... [more >>](#)

**GLOBALink | Pakistani expert upbeat on China-Pak cooperation prospects**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2022-12-19

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 19 (Xinhua) -- "China has given a very significant economic role to Pakistan by initiating the pilot Belt and Road Initiative program of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)." A Pakistani expert is upbeat about cooperation prospects between China and Pakistan under the BRI. Badiea Shaukat, an economic consultant at Sustainable Development Policy Institute, said th..... [more >>](#)

**Experts raise alarm on growing water insecurity in country**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-21

Scientists and policy advisors say that water scarcity has become a serious threat to Pakistan's sustainable development and economic growth. Addressing a conference 'Climate Change and Water-related Challenges in Pakistan: Tangible Solutions' organised by the Aga Khan University's Institute for Global Health and Development and the national hub of United Nations' Su..... [more >>](#)

**Experts raise alarm on growing water insecurity in Pakistan**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-12-21

KARACHI: Water scarcity has become a serious threat to Pakistan's sustainable development and economic growth. In addition to surface water, Pakistan's groundwater resources—the last resort of water supply—are severely overdrawn, mainly to supply water for irrigation. If the situation remains unchanged, Pakistan may face an alarming level of water scarcity by 2025. These v..... [more >>](#)

**'Reducing population growth to help against climate change impacts'**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

Islamabad: Experts at a dialogue on Thursday said reducing population growth to a sustainable level can help strengthen resilience against climate change impacts as rapid population growth aggravated vulnerabilities of poor

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