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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan’s Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan’s socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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

**Vision**

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

**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”*

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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
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- Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
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- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI’s events, visits, publications
Digital Silk Road promotes e-commerce between China, Pakistan
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-06
BEIJING—Before sleeping, Kashan Khan, a Pakistani doctoral student of Tianjin University in north China’s Tianjin Municipality, ordered vegetables and meat for cooking on a shopping app on his mobile phone, and he would pick up the goods on the way to the dormitory the next day. “The online shopping in China is convenient. I don’t have time to go to shopping malls or markets. I.... more >>

To connect is to conquer
Source: Nuzhat Rana, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-08
The first major push to regional connectivity came up with European integration, and analysts had something substantial to quote as an example when they spoke of the era of regional connectivity. But the European model was unique to itself. What has transpired after China’s BRI is a cross and trans-regional phenomenon. The European countries were all geographically situated, sharing borders..... more >>

BRI: expectations and prospects
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-13
In a world where the future is determined through who shifts high-tech advancement into high gear through global cooperation and connectivity, the third BRI forum is going to take center stage in the month of October. Propped up by the philosophy of balanced international order that promises respectful co-existence among diverse governance systems, protects sovereignty to all and offers the doct..... more >>

Digital Silk Road to stimulate Pak-China e-commerce collaboration
Source: Agencies, The High Asia Herald, 2023-09-08
BEIJING—“Next, we’re going to make full use of AI tools to promote technological innovation and learn from successful experience, integrating into Pakistan’s national digital strategy to effectively facilitate the shared prosperity of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC),” said Lin Jianming, Chairman and CEO of Chinese sci-tech enterprise Samoyed Cloud Technology. ..... more >>

Governance / Trade & Services

Nations unite in Baoshan for future of mango industry
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-01
BEIJING: Experts from nine nations, including China and Pakistan, converged in Baoshan city, Yunnan province, for the Second Annual Meeting of the South and Southeast Asia Mango Network on August 29 and 30. The conference aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing in mango research and technology, bolstering the regional mango industry. At the event, delegates exchanged insights on the ..... more >>

PCJCCI suggests promoting tissue-culture labs to increase potatoes export
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-07
LAHORE—Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) on Wednesday suggested that Pakistan should enhance export of potatoes by establishing and promoting Tissue-Culture Laboratories, as the
country is one of the major exporters of potato and also self-sufficient in its domestic use. The joint chamber’s President Moazzam Ghurki, while giving his input in a think-tank sessio..... more >>

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Pak-China ties discussed
Source: Usama Iqbal, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-01
ISLAMABAD: A debate titled “The Idea of Community With Shared Future for Mankind” was held in the federal capital that focused on further improving the relations between Pakistan and China. The event was organised by Dosti Park Club (DPC) and attended by a Chinese delegation along with eminent Pakistani professors and representatives of think tanks. The Chinese delegation comprised ..... more >>

Chinese vice premier meets COAS
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-09-01
Visiting Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng on Monday met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, the military said in a statement. According to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), during the meeting, matters of mutual interest and defence cooperation were discussed. The ISPR further said that both reiterated the desire to further enhance and strengthen bilateral relations in all ..... more >>

Sino-Pak joint air exercise ‘Shaheen-X’ commences in China
ISLAMABAD: The annual Sino-Pak joint air exercise, Shaheen-X, has commenced in the Jiuquan and Yinchuan cities of Northwest China. The Pakistan Air Force’s (PAF) lead fighter aircraft J-10 C and JF-17 are participating in the exercise along with air and ground crew. The People’s Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) and Pakistan Air Force (PAF) have been conducting Shaheen joint exercises..... more >>

China-Pakistan ironclad friendship
Source: Jiang Zaidong, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-14
This year marks the 10 anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and China’s neighborhood policy of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness. It also marks the 10 anniversary of the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In this context, being appointed as the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, I’m fully aware of the glorious mission with heavy responsib..... more >>

China committed to solid friendship with Pakistan: envoy
Source: Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-14
ISLAMABAD - New Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong yesterday reaffirmed a robust commitment to strengthening the enduring and unbreakable friendship between these two nations. In a message commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Ambassador Zaidong highlighted the profound historical ties between C..... more >>

Pakistan and China to step up artificial intelligence cooperation
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-09-15
AI, a core driving force in the new wave of technological revolution and industrial transformation, has the potential to propel social productivity to new heights. As a late starter, Chinese AI development has achieved significant milestones in recent years. After receiving several requirements from Pakistani companies to cooperate with Chinese companies in AI field, China-Pakistan Cooperation Cen..... more >>
‘Pak Pavilion’ inaugurated at CIFTIS
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-03
BEIJING: Ambassador of Pakistan to China Moinul Haque officially inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) here Saturday. The pavilion showcases the diverse range of service-oriented enterprises from Pakistan, highlighting the country’s commitment to fostering international trade partnerships. Representatives from top Pakistani serv..... more >>

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PIA offers connected flights to 16 destinations in China
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-04
BEIJING: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has introduced connected flights between Pakistan and 16 captivating cities of China via Beijing in partnership with Air China, PIA Country Manager, Bilal Afzal said on Sunday. These Chinese cities include Guangzhou, Wuhan, Urumqi, Shenzhen, Xian, Shenyang, Shanghai, Ningbo, Nanjing, Harbin, Hangzhou, Hohhot, Dunhuang, Chengdu, Changchun, and Cho..... more >>

CIFTIS to support Pakistan in increasing service exports: envoy
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-04
BEIJING: The ongoing China International Fair for Trade in Service (CIFTIS) in Beijing will support Pakistan in increasing services exports, especially in Informational Technology (IT), e-commerce, finance and logistics, said Pakistan Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque. The exhibition will also help promote regional connectivity with the presence of NLC and PIA in the exhibition, he told APP a..... more >>

Chinese investment in Pak workforce sought
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-07
BEIJING: Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in China, Ghulam Qadir, extended a warm invitation to Chinese entrepreneurs to consider investing in Pakistan. Speaking at the China International Economics and Technology Administration Forum (CIETAF) during the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), Qadir emphasised the potential benefits of tapping into Pakistan’..... more >>

China-Pakistan project to boost trade, investment
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-07
BEIJING: In a remarkable display of partnership and economic cooperation, the China-Pakistan Double Hundred Enterprises Cooperation project took centre stage at the China-Pakistan Technology and Innovation Conference, held at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) on Tuesday. Plaques were distributed to commemorate the achievements of this initiative. The event, held in Beij..... more >>

Standardisation key to enhance Pakistan’s agriculture exports to China
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-10
BEIJING-Pakistan’s agriculture sector is poised for a boost in exports to China, through a renewed focus on standardization and quality control. After fulfilling China’s required standardization on meat, chili, and other...
commodities, Pakistan signed MoUs with China to export these products from Pakistan to China, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counselor, the Embassy of Pakistan, accor.....  

**Chinese investors meet Chairman FIEDMC**  
Source: Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-11  
FAISALABAD: Chair-man FIEDMC Mian Muhammad Anas Jaan, CEO Muhammad Tanveer Jabbar had a special meeting with Chinese investors at the office of Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC). Chairman FIEDMC told the Chinese delegation that the caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab and the caretaker provincial Minister of Industry and Commerce have specially directed th.....  

**Chinese investor seeks fast-track forum for getting justice**  
Source: Sohail Sarfraz, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-11  
ISLAMABAD: A Chinese investor, deceived by his Pakistani partners, has requested Pakistani authorities/ regulators to provide a fast-track forum to resolve business disputes and legal issues involving foreign investors. Chinese investor, Zhicheng Li, talking to journalists here on Sunday, narrating the problems faced by him in getting justice after facing financial fraud in country has demand.....  

**President for robust coop with China in trade, defence**  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-13  
ISLAMABAD - President Dr. Arif Alvi has called for more robust cooperation with China in the areas of trade, economy, culture and defense. He said that China was a reliable and tested friend and Pakistan wanted to further strengthen the strategic relations with China for the mutual benefit of the two countries. The President made these remarks during his meetings with the Ambassadors-de.....  

**Pakistan-China tie-up in herbal medicines sought**  
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-14  
LAHORE: China has extensive expertise in herbal medicine manufacturing, an industry that is booming all around the world, and Pakistan should capitalise on the emerging opportunity, said a top official of a joint Pakistan-China chamber of commerce. "Global market for herbal medicines is expected to reach $107 billion by the year 2024 and $178.4 billion by 2026, creating a vast room for Pak.....  

**Pakistan’s exports to China surge by 81.6pc in August**  
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-14  
ISLAMABAD: In the second month of the fiscal year 2023-24, Pakistan’s exports to China have demonstrated a promising trend, marking a remarkable surge. During the month of August, exports to China soared by an impressive 81.6% compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. According to the latest report of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), in August of the curren.....  

**Chinese firm to establish electric vehicle plant in Pakistan**  
Source: Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-09-15  
ISLAMABAD: A Chinese electric car manufacturing company has announced establishing an electric vehicle (EV) plant in Pakistan and chain of showrooms in major cities of the country. This announcement was made by a delegation of XinjianJingyi Cheng Group, led by its assistant chairman GU Xongquan, during a meeting with FPCCI Vice President Amin Ullah Baig here on Thursday. Mr Baig, who is als.....
NBP offers financial services to promote int'l trade: Chief Representative
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-04
BEIJING - The National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) has set up a stall in the Pakistan Pavilion at the China International Fair for Trade in Service (CIFTIS) to offer financial services to more and more clients in China and other countries to promote trade among them, Chief Representative, Shaikh Muhammad Shariq said on Sunday. “CIFTIS is one of the largest exhibitions in China and we ar... more >>

Pakistan, China sign MoU for addressing climate change
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-09
ISLAMABAD - In a major step to jointly work towards environment protection, Pakistan and China signed MoU titled ‘Provision of Goods Under South-South Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change.’ Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Moin-ul-Haque, and Zhao Yingmin, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People’s Republic of China signed the MoU at the China I..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

China-Pakistan sociocultural influences
Source: Dr Abdus Sattar Abbasi, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-04
CPEC and China-Pakistan relationships perfectly represent the idea of “unity in diversity and diversity in unity”. China is a multiethnic society representing “unity in diversity”, taking into account the social structures, the interaction between ethnicit... more >>

Pakistan learns from invaluable Chinese experience in e-commerce: Envoy
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-09-05
Pakistani Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that Pakistan is learning from the invaluable Chinese experience in e-commerce, and these partnerships exemplify the strength of our collaboration. Addressing a sideline forum titled “China E-Commerce Convention” at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), Haque said that China’s visionary Belt and Road Ini... more >>

NLC to open land routes of Pakistan to China to materialize CPEC prospects
Source: App, Daily Times, 2023-09-05
The National Logistic Cell (NLC) is trying to open the land routes of Pakistan to the Central Asian states through China to materialize the prospects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) flagship project, said Director General, NLC, Major Gen. Farrukh Shahzad Rao. “We’re trying to open the land routes of Pakistan to Central Asia especially through China to materialize the pr... more >>

CPEC central to Pakistan’s development
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-09-01
Pakistan and China on Monday, expressing satisfaction at the steady development of CPEC projects, agreed on its centrality for Pakistan’s socio-economic development. The bilateral ties including the CPEC were discussed in a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and He Lifeng, Vice Premier of China and Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, ..... more >>

CPEC to be made an ‘exemplary project’: Xi
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-09-01
Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Monday that China will work with Pakistan to aim for high-standard, sustainable and livelihood-enhancing outcomes and further build the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into an
exemplary project of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation. Xi made the remarks in a congratulatory message to the decade of CPEC celebration event held in Islamabad. Xi pointed..... more >>

CPEC on the road
Source: Qurat Ul Ain, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-09
Balochistan is experiencing vast changes with time. The province is part of the most anticipated mass level programme, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Day by day, new economic opportunities emerge under various ventures executed in CPEC. At the same time, anti-state agents are trying their best to create havoc in the province. CPEC is a..... more >>

Capitalizing CPEC potential crucial for expanding clean energy, access to green finance: experts
Source: App, Daily Times, 2023-09-15
The Chinese and Pakistani experts at a seminar titled High Level Symposium on “Renewable Energy Collaboration under CPEC: A Diplomatic Discourse” on Thursday said leveraging time-tested diplomatic ties with China can mobilize the much-needed investment for expanding affordable and clean energy access in Pakistan. The seminar was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (S..... more >>

CPEC transforms Pakistan’s social economic landscape: ambassador
Source: App, Daily Times, 2023-09-15
Pakistan’s Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of the Belt and Road (BRI), has transformed Pakistan’s socioeconomic landscape and brought tangible benefits to its people. “The BRI paved with the principles of peaceful coexistence, good neighborliness, and win-win cooperation has also b..... more >>

Third BRI Forum: Expectations and Prospects
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, Daily Times, 2023-09-13
In a world where the future is determined by who shifts high-tech advancement into high gear through global cooperation and connectivity, the Third BRI forum is going to take centre stage in October. Propped up by a philosophy of balanced international order that promises respectful co-existence among diverse governance systems, protects sovereignty to all and offers the doctrine of living and le..... more >>

Power projects under CPEC; Contract renegotiation proposals may again be floated
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-09-05
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is likely to again float proposals to Chinese government for renegotiation on contracts of power projects established under CPEC on the pattern of other IPPs or to purchase 1200-MW electricity from Pakistan for onward supply to power deficient Afghanistan. This idea is under active consideration at the highest level due to rising exceptional capacity payments, which has ch..... more >>
SDPI’s Engagement

Event News

**Experts call for leveraging waste to energy for decarbonization of cement sector, industries**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-09-01
Decarbonization of cement sector and other industries requires strengthening of the regulatory and policy ecosystem, innovative technologies to replace carbon-intensive cement and reliable and affordable alternate energy sources like waste to energy to offset carbon emissions from cement supply chain. These were the recommendations stressed by experts at a special guest lecture on “Charting..... more >>

**Long-Term Structural Reforms Stressed For Sustainable Energy Pricing**
Source: TCL, The CatchLine, 2023-09-01
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan’s current electricity and energy crisis stems from structural inadequacies, and prioritization of short-term relief blinding remedial measures for the root causes, agreed energy sector experts at seminar titled “From Conundrum to Catastrophe: Understanding the Dynamics of Electricity Price Increase”. The seminar was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SD..... more >>

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| Experts call for South Asian energy security Highlight role of regional cooperation, renewable energy |
| Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-09-10 |
| ISLAMABAD: Energy experts, on Saturday, gathered at the “Energy Security in South Asia and Transition of Sustainable Sources” event, jointly organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Pakistan (FNF), to shed light on the pressing issue of energy security in the South Asian region. They emphasised the pivotal role of..... more >> |

| Experts call for increasing share of renewable energy for affordability |
| Source: Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-09-10 |
| ISLAMABAD-Regional energy security can be achieved by building regional energy trade mechanisms and grid and increasing the share of renewable energy can ensure affordable energy for all, said energy experts at a regional policy dialogue titled “Energy Security in South Asia & Transition of Sustainable Sources”. The event was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute ..... more >> |

| Experts for achieving regional energy security through building its trade mechanism |
| Source: APP, APP, 2023-09-09 |
| ISLAMABAD, Sep 9 (APP): Energy experts on Saturday said that regional energy security can be achieved by building regional energy trade mechanisms and grid by increasing the share of renewable energy to provide it on affordable rates to the consumers. Addressing an event titled “Energy Security in South Asia and Transition of Sustainable Sources” organized by Sustainable Development ..... more >> |

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| **A step towards economic resilience**  
Retirement insecurities are the concern of almost every individual. Millions of people worldwide lack adequate incomes to save for retirement. However, pension programmes sustain their spending behaviours in the elderly life. Many countries have state-sponsored pension schemes that only cover people working in the public sector. Pakistan has a pensio..... [more >>] |
| **Pakistan amidst a polycrisis**  
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International, 2023-09-05  
The caretaker government has made a sensible decision to link any possible relief in electricity bills to the consent of the IMF in order not to jeopardize the ongoing standby agreement. Pakistan needs to stay under the IMF umbrella for at least the next few years, not only to overcome its chronic balance-of-payments challenges (dollar shortage) and take much-needed policy and structural reforms ..... [more >>] |
| **The unending slide of the rupee: An explainer**  
Source: Dr Sajid Amin Javed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-09-04  
The IMF is on board, yet the rupee continues to decline. Previous assumptions pointed towards a prevailing lack of confidence in economic sustainability as the primary driver behind the consistent and steep deterioration in the rupee-dollar exchange rate. The expectation was that after the Stand-by Arrangement (SBA) with the IMF, the rupee-dollar exchange rate situation would improve. This d..... [more >>] |
| **Pakistan amidst a polycrisis**  
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| **Navigating inflation: Lessons for troubled economies**  
Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Arab News, 2023-09-06  
As the caretaker government seeks short-term solutions to economic challenges, Pakistan's inflation is rapidly approaching the stubbornly high levels seen in Argentina, Lebanon, and Turkey. The country-level factors that have contributed to the persistent rise in prices in all these economies can be broadly categorized into political, economic, and external factors. Argentina has experience..... [more >>] |
| **Are Women Still Considered To Be An Easy Target?**  
Source: Zainab Baloch, Daily Times, 2023-09-06  
Women have suffered eternities to seek their basic human rights irrespective of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and Constitution of various countries that claimed all humans as equal and subjected to be treated same under but women were deprived of their identity, rights, and even for a longer period their right to life was taken away from them. It is no doubt that women have foug..... [more >>] |
| **Undoing exclusion**  
Source: Arooj Waheed Dar, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-09-11  
LACK of equal opportunities and innovation has suffocated the growth capacity of Pakistan, limiting investment to buying and selling of real estate and dollars by the elite. Inequality of opportunity (IOp) evident across provinces, |
gender, religion, and the rural-urban spectrum presents itself as a major impediment to growth in Pakistan. This largely stems from poor governance and inclusive in... more >>

SDPI's Related News

‘Unexpected’ decision: Why did SBP maintain the interest rate?
Source: Urooj Imran, Pakistan Today , 2023-09-15
ISLAMABAD: In a move that defied expectations, the State Bank of Pakistan’s (SBP) Monetary Policy Committee on Thursday decided to maintain the benchmark interest rate at 22 percent. This appeared to be quite unexpected; analysts polled by Profit as well as other publications prior to today’s meeting were majorly of the view that the SBP would hike the interest rate by 100-200 basis points. more >>

Harmonizing trade, climate policies key to sustainable growth
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-09-04
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