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.

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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.

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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.

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## China Study Centre

### Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

#### Conference held to mark BRI’s 10th anniversary

Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-11-17

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#### De novo push for BRI: rethinking growth prospects for Pakistan

Source: Dr Muhammad Babar Chohan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-19

Recently China organised third Belt and Road Forum (BRF) in Beijing to mark ten years of the strategic Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Its purpose was to provide a de novo push for the multi-trillion dollar project for broader global partnership. Some analysts argue that China is gradually expanding the scope of BRI by shifting its strategy of addressing reservations of fickle critics and the part..... more >>

### China & America trade conflict

#### China and the US take tiny steps towards détente

Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-21

Presidents Jo Biden and Xi Jinping met in San Francisco on Wednesday, November 15, on the sidelines of the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. The meeting was held in a house near the campus of Stanford University. This was the second one-on-one meeting between the two leaders since President Xi consolidated his rule over China. The earlier meeting was in Bali, Indonesia in November 2..... more >>

#### US-China thaw?

Source: Maleeha Lodhi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-11-27

OVERSHADOWED by Israel's war on Gaza, the meeting earlier this month between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping didn't receive as much media attention as China-US summits usually do. But it yielded a welcome thaw in their long frosty relations. Their meeting on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic (APEC) forum in San Francisco was their first face-to-face interaction in over ..... more >>

### Economic Growth & Governance

#### The Chinese century and the fate of India

Source: Imran Jan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-30

Ihad the chance of reading the bookDestined For Warby Graham Allison. The author was not able to escape out of his prejudices while explaining the rivalry between the US and China. However, those issues aside, and if we only focus on the case that he lays out using harsh realities that are actually hiding in plain sight or should I rather say inaudible because of the noise all around. One such fac..... more >>
## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

### The strongest of ties
The Communist Party of China deserves credit for not only changing its approach according to the needs and demands of the changing times, but also aligning the thinking of its people with the new realities. Due to the foresight of the Chinese leadership, China not only successfully resisted US-led western conspiracies but also did not fall into the traps of the capitalist economy. Instead, the cou.....  
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### Cooperative co-existence: A desired outcome of Xi-Biden meeting
President Xi Jinping visited United States of America at the most critical juncture of history. It is not a statement to highlight or exaggerate the importance of the visit. It is the hard reality. China-US relationship is going through the most challenging time since the visit of President Nixon to China – the visit which changed the global dynamics. It paved the way for the world to integ.....  
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### Tongzhou Global Development Forum: need for new governance system
Renmin University of China recently concluded its first global development forum. The forum was organised to deliberate on contemporary development challenges and future courses of action to tackle them. China presented its vision of development for building a better global society – a society where development is an equal right of every individual without discrimination. The Chinese offici.....  
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### Chinese delegation vows to boost bilateral cooperation
Source: Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-11-30
LAHORE - An eight-member delegation from the Chinese province of Jiangsu police headed by Tan Yongsheng, Deputy Director General of the Public Security Department, visited the Civil Secretariat here on Wednesday and expressed the resolve to enhance bilateral cooperation. Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman welcomed the delegates and conveyed good wishes to them on behalf of caretaker Chief M.....  
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## Pak-China Trade

### Chinese private sector urged to invest in Pakistan
Source: Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-11-24
ISLAMABAD-Dr Gohar Ejaz, Minister for Commerce & Industry, has met ambassador of China to Pakistan to discuss Pakistan-China economic cooperation especially in fields of trade and investment. The focus of the discussions revolved around the implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which has now entered its second stage. Dr Ejaz informed the ambassador that the first pha.....  
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### FBR resolves Sino-Pak ‘trade gap’ issue
ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has resolved the issue of the trade gap between Pakistan and China, as the actual trade gap remained at US$545 million due to adjustments/ off-setting involving both over-invoicing and under-invoicing. This has been stated by Fayaz Rasool Maken, Director of Customs Valuation, Karachi, while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Finance on Trad.....  
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### Beijing airs concerns over delay in tax break
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-26
ISLAMABAD: The Chinese government has voiced concerns over delay of more than one year in granting one-off tax exemption to the equipment and furniture donated to Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) Police. The matter was taken up in a recent meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) where it was pointed out that Beijing was concerned about the delay in tax break as the issue had been pending for ..... [more >>]

### Pakistan, China forge textile ties Delegation explores silk hub, paves way for collaboration
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-28
SUZHOU: A Pakistani delegation, led by Hussain Haider, Pakistan's Consul General in Shanghai, visited Shengze Oriental Textile City in Suzhou, China, and met with representatives from local textile enterprises. During the meeting, Haider introduced the trade and investment environment of Pakistan and China, with a particular focus on the preferential policies available to Chinese investors..... [more >>]

### Chinese IPPs: MoF seeks update on payment issues
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-11-22
ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance (MoF) has sought updated status from Power Division on commitments made by the caretaker Prime Minister, Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, regarding payment issues of Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs), well informed sources told Business Recorder. The non-payment to the Chinese IPPs remains an impediment in energy cooperation with China. During caretaker Prime Minist..... [more >>]

### Gwadar port will be a hub of seafood in future: Interim PM
Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-11-17
Interim Prime Minister Anwarrul Haq Kakar said on Friday Gwadar would be a top centre for the seafood in the future and the government was taking all possible steps to set up industries and improve the infrastructure. He expressed these views while addressing a delegation of Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents Association led by the association president Abdul Rahim and secretary general Hameed Baloch...... [more >>]

### Beyond Corridors
Pakistan's ability to maximise the benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) hinges on the formulation of a practical and inclusive industrial policy. The success of CPEC in fostering Pakistan's industrial development necessitates a strategic approach that actively involves stakeholders, particularly those from medium and small industries. Without a comprehensive policy f..... [more >>]

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Research, Development & Capacity Building

**Pakistan, China sign agreement on sustainable development of rivers: Hashmi**  
Source: App, Daily Times, 2023-11-26  
Pakistan and China have signed a cooperation agreement focusing on the Indus and Yangtze rivers to explore the challenges and opportunities faced by river cultures, ecosystems and economies and engage in discussions on sustainable development of major rivers, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi said on Saturday. Both countries have learnt from the historic role that all these rivers and r.....  
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**Foreign firm to help induce rain**  
**Environmental experts to visit China for smog reduction towers**  
Source: Imran Adnan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-11-28  
LAHORE: In a bid to combat the alarming levels of air pollution and smog that have plagued Lahore, the Punjab government has established a working group to spearhead the implementation of an artificial rain project in the city. Environmental experts revealed during a meeting on Monday that the first trial of cloud seeding, utilising aircraft and a chemical process, is anticipated to commence wit.....  
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SDPI’s Engagement

**Expo 2023**

**Achieving public, private sector goals: Sherry for addressing climate change impact**  
ISLAMABAD: Senator Sherry Rehman emphasized the urgency of addressing climate change and its profound impact on Pakistan's capacity to achieve both public and private sector goals. "Senator Sherry Rehman, vice president of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), inaugurated the First Sustainability Investment Expo 2023 as the chief guest and delivered the keynote speech. The event served as.....  
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**Climate change termed a ticking bomb waiting to go off**  
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**Sherry proposes Pakistan’s public-private forum for sustainable investments**  
Source: Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-11-20  
ISLAMABAD, Oct 20 (APP): The speakers at a webinar on food security and agriculture promotion through cross border trade on Friday said the Asia region had a tremendous agriculture potential and could help enhance resilience to environmental degradation food security challenges through cross border trade between the regional states. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized the.....  
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Speakers call for innovation to achieve food security, regional trade in agriculture  
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Agricultural Innovation Essential For Food Security, Regional Trade: Speakers  
Source: APP, UrduPoint, 2023-11-19  
ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 19th Nov, 2023) Speakers at the Food Security Hackathon emphasize the importance of innovation for foodsecurity and regional trade inagriculture, urging the transformation of ideas into action through the hackathon and fostering funding partnerships. During the event, they underscored the importance of collaboration,technology, and sustainable pra.....  
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ISLAMABAD, Nov 20 (SABAH): The 26th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC), the annual flagship event of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), kicks off from tomorrow (Tuesday) to Thursday (23rd) at local hotel in Islamabad. With an overarching theme “Light at the End of the Tunnel: Hope in Times of Desair”, the Conference aims to raise hope and optimism for the future. more >>

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World order based on people’s participation, morality to bring peace, sustainable development: President
Source: APP, Associated Press of Pakistan, 2023-11-20
ISLAMABAD, Nov 20 (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday reiterated his call for a world order characterized by the participation of the populace and steadfast adherence to moral principles to serve as the cornerstones for ensuring enduring peace and sustainable development. The president, addressing the inaugural plenary titled “Navigating the Road to Recovery, Resilience and Optimism”. more >>

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ISLAMABAD: Dr Hafeez Pasha, former finance minister, Wednesday, while identifying key areas which undermine human security in Pakistan has said that the black hole in Pakistan’s economy is the energy sector, due to unbelievable levels of line losses and rising energy prices. He said this while speaking at the launch of his report titled, “Human Security in Pakistan” on the secon.....

**Women’s role imperative for sustainable development: Mushaal**
ISLAMABAD, Nov 21 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Tuesday highlighted the crucial role of women in driving sustainable development. She emphasized that women are not just beneficiaries but pivotal agents of change in this trajectory. Addressing as a keynote speaker at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) o.....

**Abid Suleri For Promoting Slogan ‘Wealth To Individuals, Resources To Society’ For Sustainable Development**
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ISLAMABAD, NOV 21 /DNA/ – Pakistan needs a serious inhouse reset and order amid improved governance to achieve an economic and geostrategic balance in the region, say experts. This was the crux of a plenary session titled: “Balancing Geostrategic and Economic Diplomacy”, held here on Tuesday at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference organized by annual Sustainable Development Policy Institute..... more >>

### Tetra Pak shares hope at 26th Sustainable Development Conference and Expo 2023
Source: DNA, Centreline.com, 2023-11-23
Islamabad, Nov 22, 2023— Tetra Pak Pakistan, a frontrunner in sustainable food processing and packaging solutions, proudly participated in the 26th Sustainable Development Conference and Expo, held from November 19th to 20th in Islamabad. The annual flagship event, hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and industry exper..... more >>

### SDPI's Living legend award presented on Dr. Pervez Hassan
Source: SABAH, SABAH News, 2023-11-23
ISLAMABAD, Nov 23 (SABAH): SDPI conferred Living Legend Series Award to Dr. Pervez Hassan for his unparalleled contributions in the fields of environmental protection and education. The award was presented to him at the plenary session titled: “SDPI’s Living Legend Series Award 2023”, at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference organized by Sustainable Development Policy In..... more >>

### No good news on external debt restructuring: Shamshad
ISLAMABAD: Conceding debt reaching ‘unsustainable’ levels, Caretaker Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar has said the government is in talks with the provinces to shift responsibility of BISP, to hand over provincial PSDP projects and close down devolved departments for rationalizing expenditures. She said there was no good news on the public debt burden on the multilateral and G..... more >>

### Pakistan exploring debt for nature swaps with global agencies: Dr. Shamshad Akhtar
Source: SABAH, SABAH News, 2023-11-23
ISLAMABAD (23 November 2023): Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, the Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, has said that amid growing international fiscal constraints, the country is exploring debt-for-nature-swap with global agencies to enhance its market competitiveness as foreign direct investment is harder to fetch in these testing times. She was speaking at a high-level plenary tit..... more >>

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Islamabad: Experts at a seminar underscored increased risk of flooding and other natural catastrophes due to loss of massive tree cover at the hands of timber mafia in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa. The seminar on “Walking into disaster: massive illegal deforestation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” was jointly organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Sarhad Conservation Netw..... more >>