# Workshop on Plural Business Partnerships for Peace: Perspectives from Pakistan

**3rd December 2012**
Sikandar Hall - Best Western Hotel, Islamabad
Organized by: **Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad**

## Session-I: The Economics of Peace

**Chair:** Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

**Opening Remarks:** Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Head-Economic Growth Unit, Sustainable Development Policy Institute

- Remarks by the Chair: Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan
- International Alert and Research in Economics and Peacebuilding: Phillip Edward Vernon, Program Director, International Alert, UK

## Session-II: Role of Business in Peaceful Economies: A Community Perspective

- SDPI's Research on The Role of Business in Peaceful Economies: Safwan Aziz Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute

**Discussants:**
- Naseer Memon, Chief Executive Officer, Strengthening Participatory Organization
- Ross Ferguson, DFID Pakistan
- Phillip Edward Vernon, Program Director, International Alert, UK

## Session-III: Role of Business in Peaceful Economies: A Business Perspective

- Presentation by: Ambreen Waheed, Responsible Business Initiative

**Discussants:**
- Khalid Aziz Mirza, Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of Pakistan
- Ahsanullah Khan, President UN Global Compact Pakistan Local Network
- Asad Umar, Project Advisory Committee, International Alert

## Session-IV: Group Work/Workshop

- **Group 1:** Corporate Social Responsibility: Community-Business Partnerships for Peace, to be led by CSOs and will have CSO and Business involvement. (Moderators: Ambreen Waheed and Aurangzeb Haneef)
- **Group 2:** Peace-conducive Economic Growth, to have participants from labor unions, consumer associations and activist groups. (Moderators: Rabia Nusrat and Safwan A. Khan)
- **Group 3:** Conflict Area Perspective, having representation from businessmen (how do they survive amidst conflict) and community representatives from Baluchistan, KP, Karachi and other conflict areas. (Moderator: Emily S. Meers and Francisco Lara Jr.)

## Session-V: Round-up Session: Community-Business Pathways to Peace

- Summary of Recommendations: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- Closing Address: Plural Business Partnerships for Peace by Shahab Khwaja, Project Advisory Committee, International Alert

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