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OPENING SESSION



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SESSION I — WHEN VIRALITY OUTRUNS TRUTH: DISINFORMATION, PUBLIC TRUST & POST TRUTH ERA



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SESSION II — GLOBAL PLATFORMS & LOCAL LAWS: HOW TO ENSURE DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY



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SESSION III — INFORMATION AS A WEAPON: MODERN CONFLICT AND COUNTERTERRORISM



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EVENT OVERVIEW

Social media has transformed public discourse and information sharing, but the rapid spread of disinformation, deepfakes, inflammatory narratives and extremist content poses growing challenges to public trust, social cohesion and national security.

In Pakistan, cross-border misinformation and coordinated online campaigns have further highlighted the need for digital accountability, responsible content enforcement and compliance with national laws.

Organised by the **Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)**, the seminar will bring together policymakers, journalists, international experts and platform representatives to discuss these challenges and strengthen cooperation between global platforms and Pakistani authorities.

Key Focus Areas

- Public Trust & Disinformation
- Digital Accountability & Local Laws
- Information Warfare & Counterterrorism

Expected Outcome

Actionable recommendations on platform accountability, effective remedies, responsible content enforcement and international cooperation to address disinformation and unlawful online activity.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

REGISTRATION	09:30 – 10:20
OPENING SESSION	10:20 – 11:00
SESSION I	WHEN VIRALITY OUTRUNS TRUTH: DISINFORMATION, PUBLIC TRUST & POST TRUTH ERA 11:00 – 12:00
TEA BREAK	12:00 – 12:15
SESSION II	GLOBAL PLATFORMS & LOCAL LAWS: HOW TO ENSURE DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY 11:00 – 12:00
LUNCH BREAK	13:15 – 14:30
SESSION III	INFORMATION AS A WEAPON: MODERN CONFLICT AND COUNTERTERRORISM 14:30 – 15:40
CONCLUDING SESSION	15:40 – 16:00

CONCLUDING SESSION



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