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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE (SDPI), E-NEWSLETTER **September 2014**

## Pathways to Resilience in Semi-Arid Economies (PRISE)

SDPI team is working to find policy options that can improve economies of climate threatened Semi-Arid regions in Pakistan.

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## Non-Muslim Women's Parliamentary Caucus

SDPI has now engaged with Non-Muslim Women Parliamentarians to strengthen their political participation and uplift social status of the religious minorities in Pakistan.

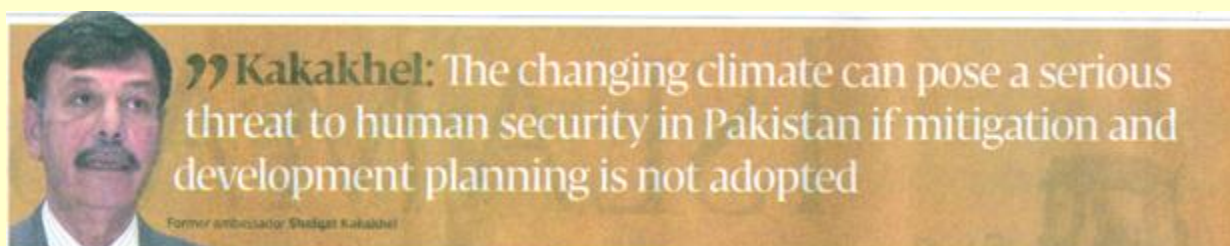
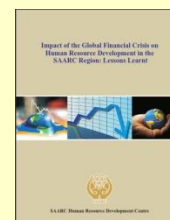
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## Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Human Resource Development in the SAARC Region: Lessons Learnt

Experts at SDPI shared findings on the impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Human Resource Development in the SAARC Region and discussed the lessons learnt in a latest report.

**Authors:** Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Safwan A. Khan, Samavia Batool and Muhammad Hamza Abbas

[Detail of Report](#)



## EVENTS

### Public Lecture

**Distinguished Lecture** on *“India-Pakistan Relations: Situation Analysis”* by Dr. Rajiv Kumar



**Panelists:** Dr. Abid Q. Suleri, Dr. Rajiv Kumar and Tahir Dhindsa  
22nd September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

### Seminar

**Seminar** on *“Changing Dynamics in Global Power Structure and Role of China”*



**Speakers:** Tariq Fatemi, Mushahid Hussain Saayed, Dr. Arif Alvi, Qamar Zaman Kaira, and Shakeel Ramay  
15th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

**Seminar** on *“Democracy, Development and the Role of Youth”*



**Speakers:** Asad Umer, Dr. Farzana Bari, Lt. Gen (Rtd.) Talat Masood, Dr. Abid Suleri and Shakeel Ramay  
29th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

### Launch

**Book Launch** *“Action Research and Organizational Capacity Building, Journey of change in southern think tanks”*  
26th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

**Launch** of SDPI's *“Non-Muslim Women's Parliamentary Caucus”*



**Speakers:** Romina Khurshid Alam, Dr. Abid Suleri, Ahmed Saleem and Mome Saleem, SDPI.  
30th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

### Consultation

**High Level Stakeholder Consultative Workshop** on *“Pathways to Resilience in Semi-Arid Economies”*  
26th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

Ahmad Salim Resource Centre (ASRC) Celebrated **“Literacy Week”** at a local school in Rawalpindi organized by The Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organisation (PLWO).



Ali Aamer, Associate Coordinator ASRC SDPI delivered a lecture on *“The Importance of literacy day and the Role of Libraries”*  
8th -13th September, 2014 [News](#) | [Event detail](#)

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TELEVISION (SDTV)

SDTV is a web-based television that SDPI has initiated to increase its policy research outreach in Pakistan and at the global level. Its flagship programmes are, *Coffee Table*, and “*News & Views*” These can be viewed on SDTV’s website; [www.sdpi.tv](http://www.sdpi.tv)

### Coffee Table

Coffee Table is hosted by Tahir Dhindsa. Following major issues have been discussed issues in the month of September 2014.

### Environment and Floods Situation in Pakistan



**Guest:** Hameed Ullah Afridi, Ex-Federal Minister for Environment

### Floods: Opportunity or Disaster



**Guest:** Qamar Zaman Chuadhary, Director General for Meteorology

### News & Views

SDTV initiated a new program hosted by Dr. Abid Suleri, ED, SDPI called “News & Views”.

### India-Pakistan Relations: a Situation Analysis



**Guest:** Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Senior Fellow, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi

## PUBLICATIONS

### Working Papers

Publications are a regular feature at SDPI and include research paper series, monographs, books, research reports, Policy Review series, and research and news bulletins. In order to increase the flow of information at the grass roots on important issues, SDPI also translates its publications into Urdu.

### Energy and Tax Reforms: Household Analysis from Pakistan

**Authors:** Dr. Vaqar Ahmed and Muhammad Adnan

### Energy and Tax Reforms: Firm-Level Analysis from Pakistan

**Authors:** Dr. Vaqar Ahmed and Muhammad Adnan

### Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Socio-Economic Development Linking Pakistan’s Future

**Author:** Pervaiz Iftikhar (Guest Publication)

## Project Report

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**Authors:** Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Safwan A. Khan, Samavia Batool and Muhammad Hamza Abbas

## International Publications

School Facilities and Education Outcomes: A Preliminary Examination

**Authors:** Asif Saeed Memon and Saman Naz  
**Published in:** Development Advocate Pakistan, UNDP, Vol. 1, Issue 2, 2014

Study of High Levels Indoor Air Mercury Contamination from Mercury Amalgam Use In Dentistry

**Authors:** Mahmood Ahmad Khwaja, Maryam Shabbir Abbasi, Fareeha Mehmood and Sehrish Jahangir  
**Published in:** Quarterly Journal of Science, Technology and Development, Vol. 33, No 2, 2014

## CAPACITY BUILDING

In the month of September, the following trainings were conducted by SDPI's Center for Capacity Building (CCB);

- **Conflict Resolution and Negotiating Skills**

**Trainers:** Brig. (Rtd.) Mohammad Yasin, Shahid Minhas and Shakil Ahmad  
17th, 18th September, 2014

- **Project Proposal Writing**

**Trainers:** Shahid Minhas, Mome Saleem, Brig. Mohammad Yasin and Dr. Vaqar Ahmed  
30th September, 2014

- **Tax Planning and Filing Income Tax Return**

**Trainers:** Muhammad Shaban and Ijalal Ashraf  
27th, 28th September, 2014

- **Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning [MEAL]**

**Trainers:** Rafiq Jaffar  
23th to 25th September, 2014

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## SDPI IN MEDIA

[Climate change: Development disturbing Islamabad's ecology, say experts](#)

5th September, 2014

[Greenhouse gases causing climatic variations](#)

8th Sep 2014

[Common ally: China lauded for avoiding global conflicts](#)

16th September, 2014

[China changing power structure of world, stabilizing force in region: Kaira](#)

16th September, 2014

[China acting as stabilising force in region: Kaira](#)

16th September, 2014

[New Delhi hopeful of improved relations with Pakistan](#)

23rd September, 2014

## SDPI ARTICLES

[Reimagining the Indus Water Treaty](#)

Shafqat Kakakhel

6th September, 2014

[What needs to be done to manage floods better?](#)

Shakeel Ahmad Ramay

16th September, 2014

[The 2010 floods: did we learn?](#)

Saad Shabbir

19th September, 2014

[The cost of neglect](#)

Akseeb Jawed

21st September, 2014

[Slow to learn](#)

Editorial

21st September, 2014

[Deforestation: Thousands of hectares denuded every year](#)

Kashif Salik

22nd September, 2014

[Apples and oranges](#)

Umer Bhatti

22nd September, 2014



DISCUSSING DEMOCRACY

# Parliament should have youth quotas akin to other reserved seats

PTI lawmaker Asad Umar PAGE 15

## UPCOMING

### POLICY BRIEF

Markets and Crises

Saad Shabbir

### CAPACITY BUILDING

Training to be conducted in October, 2014

- **Financial Management for Non-Finance Managers**  
**Trainers:** Muhammad Shaban and Ijalal Ashraf
- **Building High Performance Culture at Workplace**  
**Trainers:** Brig. (Rtd.) Mohammad Yasin, Shahid Minhas and Muhammad Asif

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### CONFERENCE

17th Sustainable Development conference (SDC) 9th to 11th December, 2014

[Pathways to Sustainable Development Details](#)

## POLICY RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Higher Education Commission (HEC) nominated SDPI as an Associate Member to a newly-established forum for research at South Asian level titled "South Asian Council for Social Research".
- ❖ The Executive Director of SDPI, Dr. Abid Suleri, has been selected as the member of Board of Directors for the newly-established School of Public Policy of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).

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