Dear Friends & Colleagues,

In early March this year, SDPI decided to organize online webinar series on various aspects of life impacted due to COVID-19 pandemic so as to provide institution’s policy input and advice to the government and policy makers. Earlier, by the end of February, we had closed our office as a precautionary measure to the simultaneously spreading coronavirus and started working remotely from home that is continuing. So far, we have successfully organized 35 online policy dialogues which were participated by ambassadors, policy makers, government officials, academia, development experts from the country and abroad, and SDPI researchers and research fellows.

Some of the prominent speakers who delivered their keynote speeches in our webinars included: Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Federal Minister for Science & Technology, Federal Minister for Inter-provincial Coordination, Advisor on Institutional Reforms & Austerity, Advisor on Climate Change, Special Assistant on Overseas Pakistanis, Special Assistant on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, US Ambassador to Pakistan, Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan, German Ambassador to Pakistan, and officials from Chinese Embassy World Bank, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Action Aid (India), Climate Action Network South Asia (India), etc.

We are pleased to inform that our policy recommendations on food security, air quality, medical and paramedical staff special packages, economy and remittances were widely appreciated and welcomed by policy makers.

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) is pleased to announce its Twenty-third Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) from 15 – 17 December 2020 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The overarching theme of this year’s Conference is Sustainable Development in the Times of COVID-19. Keeping the uncertainty in mind, we are simultaneously working on two formats:

1. Virtual conference using a web-based platform,
2. A conference where some of the speakers and audience would join in person and the rest may join online

Currently, we are receiving abstracts on various sub-themes our annual conference. Read in detail here as to how you can participate in it.

Finally, we are excited to share that we will continue to publish and broadcast the institute’s analyses and evidence-based research. We will also be providing more online space to scholars and experts from around the world for knowledge generation and a wider networking to learn from each other’s experiences. If you wish to participate in our online webinar series, please register at web@sdpi.org

Best,

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Our researchers have advised government on various issues. You can read in detail [here](#) and we welcome your suggestions and feedback.

**On responses to COVID-19 crisis:**

- Spread of COVID-19: What Pakistan needs to do to tackle this “Black Swan Event” by Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri
- Online Roundtable ‘Combating COVID 19: Policy Options for Pakistan’ by Maryam Shabbir & Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri
- South Asia’s Services Trade: Barriers and Prospects for Integration by Asif Javed
- Mitigation Against COVID-19 and its Implications for Pakistan’s Labour Market by Maryam Shabbir & Ifra Baig
- Managing Risks to Water and Sanitation amid COVID-19: Policy Options for Pakistan by Dr. Imran S. Khalid
- SOPs for safe wheat operations in the Context of COVID-19 by Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri & Maryam Shabbir
- The curious case of pandemics and ‘mobility in panic’ within Pakistan by Ayesha Qaisrani
- Addressing non-tariff measures to promote Pakistan’s textile sector by Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Asif Javed & Rabia Manzoor
- Remittances and COVID-19: Is Pakistan ready for a likely decline in flows? By Kashif Majeed Salik
- Economic Impact of Coronavirus and Revival Measures: Way Forward for Pakistan by Asif Javed
- Fighting COVID-19: Lessons from China, South Korea and Japan by Dr. Hina Aslam
- COVID-19: Impact of Lockdown on SMEs by Dr. Sajid Amin Javed & Muhammad Umar Ayaz
- Impact assessment of COVID-19 on Energy and Power Sector of Pakistan by Dr. Hina Aslam
- Lockdown and Layoffs: The Poor have to Pay the Rents by Dr. Sajid Amin Javed
- 21st Century Global Order Factors Behind Change by Shakeel Ahmed Ramay
- Covid-19 Pandemic Emergence of a new Geopolitical Perspective by Ayesha Ilyas
- COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges to health care system of Pakistan by Dr. Hina Aslam and Sofia Akram
- Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Women Health, livelihoods & domestic violence by Sana Malik and Khansa Naeem
- Social distancing in Pakistan: Estimates for lives it can save under different scenarios and dollar value of the saved lives by Azad Haider and Dr. Sajid Amin Javed
- Polio Resurgence in Pakistan: Challenges and policy options by Dr. Imran S. Khalid and Sofia Ikram
Read our content on:

- **Review of Export Development Fund and Analysis based on Private Sector Experiences** by Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Asif Javed, Wasif Naqvi and Misbah Talib
- **A Road Map to Implement Second Phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor** by Shakeel Ahmed Ramay, Ayesha Ilyas and Ifra Baig

We wrote articles in Pakistan’s leading English newspapers to reach wider audience on various topics.

Read blogs [here](#) on governance, climate change, health, economy, COVID-19, gender, CPEC & technology

- Structural or rhetoric governance
- Beyond the Blame-Game: Investigating the Tragedy of PIA Flight 8303
- Avoiding a national catastrophe
- Meeting the mental health challenges during COVID-19
- Economic Crisis with New Characteristics
- An Overwhelming Role of ICTs in Post-COVID Era
- Impact of COVID-19 on Women’s Mental Health
- The Interplay of Environment and Economy in Post COVID-19 Era
- Re-Imagining Economy
- Fiscal implications
- COVID 19, the state and the neoliberal international system
- Cooptation or back to pre-Westphalia period
- Human Capital: Role of Women?
- The art of giving
- Food security and safety
- CPEC: Relevance for Middle East
- Paved Paradise: Our Race to the Bottom
- Making Women Visible
- Ensure your charity is going in the right hands
- Clear Blue Skies, But, For How Long?
- COVID-19 and Expansion of CPEC
- Un-Planed (Visionless) Planning
- Role of information technology and social media in deadly COVID-19 crisis
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