Panel: Leveraging CPEC for Regional Cooperation in Energy and Transport Infrastructure

This session aims to inform the audience regarding key developments in improving Pakistan’s connectivity and energy related infrastructure through China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) and related regional programmes. Pakistan has recently made progress towards engaging with Central Asian Economies, Iran and has also offered these countries linkages with CPEC. Similarly other development partners and private sector also aims to pour funding in several components of CPEC and CAREC.

The session aims to deliberate on ways and means through which provincial governments can tailor their development strategies so that benefits of CPEC can reach the poorest of the poor especially in western parts of Pakistan. Similarly we will also look into spill-over opportunities for the private sector to engage in longer term infrastructure projects on public private partnership basis or build-operate-transfer basis.

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