Designing Better Federal and Provincial Tax Reforms

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and The Asia Foundation (TAF) are jointly organizing a session for a policy discussion on the future of tax system reforms in Pakistan. The session will draw on the experience of other economies in the region who may have undertaken such reforms. In the past, the initiatives that have contributed to reforming the tax system include the Tax Administration Reform Project 2005-11, followed by the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for accelerating growth and reforms. Most approaches have been multifaceted, but have dealt predominantly with supply-side bottlenecks at the various national and sub-national tax authorities. SDPI and TAF are hoping to explore ways in which:

a) Supply-side initiatives can be further strengthened; and,

b) Future initiatives may be augmented through demand-side (i.e. community-led and private sector-led) measures.

The discussion will help SDPI and TAF put-up a more responsive tax reforms agenda for future and also support the work of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and provincial revenue authorities in a better way. This session will also help those development partners currently designing or implementing their own tax reforms support initiatives.

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