Emerging Methods in Policy Engagements and Public Private Dialogue*

Manifestos not only directly reflect the economic, political, social and cultural agenda of a particular party, but also highlight how they perceive contemporary problems of a nation. In Pakistan, there is hardly any political party with pre-election preparation and agenda on all policy issues ranging from social to economic, domestic to regional and regional to global.

Unfortunately, political parties are first hit by the private sector due to lack of vision, insight and research base in the commitments made by them towards economic reforms in their manifestos. Most segments of the private sector, particularly those represented by Pakistan Business Council, and Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, have expressed their concerns regarding lack of economic reforms package in political parties’ manifestos. Equally important is their concern about not being consulted by the political parties regarding their business facilitation needs and initiatives.

To fill this gap in public-private policy engagement, SDPI is hosting this panel with participation from political representatives, the business community and other stakeholders from across the country to bridge the gap between the private sector and political parties.

* This panel is not open for abstracts.

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