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PROGRAMME

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Organised by:

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Venue: **Margala Hotel, Kashmir Highway**

Islamabad, Pakistan

Tuesday, 04 December 2018	Day One
SAES Inaugural Plenary	9:00am – 11:30am
<p>Title: Re-imagining Connectivity in South Asia and Beyond</p> <p>Welcome Address: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Introduction to the SAES: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Chief Guest: Mr Asad Umar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Keynote Speakers: Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Former Caretaker Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Plenary Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India2. Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework Secretariat, World Trade Organization (WTO), Switzerland <p>Launch of Publications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SDC Anthology: “Seventy Years of Development: The Way Forward”2. SDPI’s <i>Journal of Development Policy, Research & Practice</i>, Volume 2 (2018)3. SDPI’s Annual Report 2017–20184. Proceedings of the Tenth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES), “<i>South Asian Cooperation: Issues Old and New</i>”5. “<i>A Glass Half Full, The Promise of Regional Trade in South Asia</i>” (World Bank Group)6. “The Reform Agenda” by Dr Hafiz A. Pasha7. “Pakistan: Building the Economy of Tomorrow” by Dr Vaqar Ahmed (SDPI) and Mr Abdul Qadir (FES) <p>Plenary Organisers: Mr Ahad Nazir and Mr Talal Akhtar, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Rapporteurs: PR, P Rec: Ms Nageen and Ms Rija Hafeez LR: Ms Zainab Naeem</p>	
Refreshments	11:30am – 12noon

Tuesday, 04 December 2018

Day One

Concurrent Panel A-1

12noon – 2:00pm

Title: Regional and Trans-Regional Integration

Chair: Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Senate of Pakistan

Special Remarks: Mr Hassan Daud, Project Director China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan

Moderator: Mr Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Mr Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan; Ms Aswah Munib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan and Mr Talal Akhtar, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, P Rec: Ms Kanwal Fiaz and Ms Aisha Mehtab

LR: Ms Aisha Mehtab

Speakers

Dr Caroline Freund, Director, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, The World Bank, USA

Mr Zhao Lijian, Deputy Chief of Mission & Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Pakistan

Dr Shazia Ghani, Team Lead, Prime Minister's Performance Delivery Unit, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Pakistan

Presentation: *New Regionalism, Economic Corridors & Global Financial Order*

Mr Nazir Kabiri, Senior Advisor to the Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Discussion

Lunch

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel A-2

12:00noon – 2:00pm

Title: Regional Cooperation for Achieving SDGs in South Asia*Roundtable*

Chair: Mr Riaz Fatyana, Convener of the National Parliamentary Task force on Sustainable Development Goals in the National Assembly

Moderator: Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India

Panel Organisers: Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India; Dr Sajid Amin, Mr Moazzam Bhatti and Ms Maryam Shabbir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Mr Usman and Ms Saamia Batool

LR: Mr Arsalan

Speakers

Mr Shahid Naeem, Chief, Ministry of Planning Development & Reform, Government of Pakistan

Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India

Dr Dushni Weerakon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka

Dr Posh Raj Panday, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Dr Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Ms Rukhsana Naveed, Parliamentary secretary on Climate Change, Government of Pakistan

Ms Sehrish Kauser, Islamabad

Ms Kanwal Shauzab, Parliamentary secretary on SDGs, Government of Pakistan

Mr Hemanta Kharel, President, Nepal Council of World Affairs, Lalitpur, Nepal

Discussion**Lunch**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday, 04 December 2018	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-3	12noon – 2:00pm
<p>Title: Pakistan and India: Tackling Air Pollution Together</p> <p>Chair: Ms Romina Khursheed Alam, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Moderators: Dr Imran Khalid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Ms Rina Saeed Khan, Freelance Journalist/Communications Consultant, Islamabad, Pakistan; Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS), Pakistan; and Mr Hassan Murtaza, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Rapporteurs: PR, PRec: Ms Rija Hafeez and Mr Sibtain Ali LR: Ms Nageen Sohail</p>	
Speakers	
Ms Maryam Shabbir, Project Associate, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan Presentation:	
Mr Siddharth Singh, Lead Country Analyst and Coordinator, Consultant, International Energy Agency (IEA), New Delhi, India <p style="text-align: center;">Book Launch: “The Great Smog of India”</p>	
Mr Ronak Sutaria, Co-founder and CEO, Respires Living Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, India <i>Via Skype</i> Presentation: <i>Building Citizen Science Initiatives towards Air Pollution Monitoring</i>	
Mr Abid Omar, Founder, Pakistan Air Quality Initiative, Karachi, Pakistan Presentation: <i>Breathtaking: Our Air Pollution Problem</i>	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel A-4**12noon – 2:00pm****Title: Building Renewable Energy Supply Chains in South Asia**

Chair: Mr Syed Naveed Qamar, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan; and Member Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Special Remarks:

- Dr Fabian Kreuzer, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations ESCAP, Bangkok Metropolitan Area, Thailand
- Dr Shoaib Ahmad, Deputy Director (Coord), SAARC Energy Centre, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Mr Amer Zafar Durrani, CEO Reenergia-Enhar, Paidartwanai, and Secur Global

Moderator: Mr Ahad Nazir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Mr Ahad Nazir and Mr Wasif Naqvi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Mr Mujeeb and Ms Madiha Komal

LR: Amaaz

Speakers

Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International, Rajasthan, India

Ms Farzana Yasmin, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch****2:00pm - 3:00pm**

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Day One

Concurrent Panel A-5

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Title: Intra-regional Trade in South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: Dr Aliya H. Khan, Islamabad

Guest of Honour: H.E.Ajay Bisaria, Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan

Moderator: Ms Samar Hasan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Epiphany Harnessing Ideas, Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Ms Rabia Manzoor and Mr Asif Javed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Maryam Hassan and Nayab

LR: Nayab

Speakers

Dr Posh Raj Panday, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu, Nepal

Dr Nisha Taneja, Professor and Project In-charge, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Dehli, India

Mr Sanjay Kathuria, Lead Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr Aneel Salman, Head of Department, Management Sciences, COMSATS University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion

Concurrent Panel A-6**3:00pm – 5:00pm****Title: Competition, IP Regime and E-Commerce in South Asia****Chair:** Dr Tariq Hassan, Chairman, Audit Oversight Board, Pakistan**Special Remarks:** Ms Shandana Gulzar, Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Pakistan**Moderator:** Mr Ahmed Qadir, Director General International Affairs, Competition Commission of Pakistan**Panel Organisers:** Ms Rabia Manzoor and Mr Syed Shujaat Ahmad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Mr Usman and Ms Maham Shirazi

LR: Mr Arsalan

Speakers

Mr Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International and Secretary, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition, Jaipur, India

Engineer M.A. Jabbar, Member Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Ms Saeeda Umar, Consultant, Asian Development Bank Maldives

Discussion

Tuesday, 04 December 2018

Day One

Concurrent Panel A-7

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Title: Prospects of Regional Cooperation for Quality Education in South Asia

Chair: Dr Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan

Special Remarks: Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International, Rajasthan, India

Panel Organiser: Mr Shahid Minhas, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Mr Naufil and Ms Rafia Shamsi

LR: Ms Rafia Shamsi

Speakers

Ms Raheela Saad, Member NDMA, Islamabad

Dr Raj Kumar Dhungana, Governance Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal

Mr Safdar Raza, Country Advocacy Manager, Plan Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

Ms Rabia Tabassum, SDPI Islamabad for - Mr Foyasal Khan, PhD Candidate (Economics), International Islamic University, Malaysia

Presentation: *Integrating Sustainability in TVET: The Case of Bangladesh*

Discussion

Concurrent Panel A-8**3:00pm – 5:00pm****Title: Renewable Energy Landscape of South Asia****Chair:** Engineer Shams ul Mulk, Former Chairman WAPDA and Former Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**Special Remarks:**

- Dr Alice Baillat, Researcher, IRIS (Think Tank) and Associate Professor, CERI at Science Po, Paris
- Dr Sally Benson, Stanford University, California, USA (*via Skype*)

Panel Organisers: Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS) Pakistan; and Mr Muhammad Awais Umer, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Anam Qaiser and Ms Amber Taqdees

LR: Ms Amber Taqdees

Speakers

Ms Nathalie Bernasconi, Group Director, Economic Law & Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Geneva, Switzerland

Via Skype

Mr Simon Nicholas, Energy Finance Analyst, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), Australia

Ms Kanchi Kohli, Researcher, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India

Ms Mome Saleem, Program Coordinator Ecology, Heinrich Böell Stiftung (HBS), Pakistan

Discussion

SAES & SDC Dinner Plenary

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome Remarks by Dr. Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director SDPI

Welcome Remarks by Mr. Zubair Ahmed Malik, Executive Member, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Welcome Remarks by Mr. Ahmed Hassan Moughal, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Remarks by Guest of Honour, Mr. Haroon Sharif Minister of State, Chairman of BOI

Remarks by Chief Guest: Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce, Textile, Industries, Production and Investment

Remarks by SAES Co-Organizers

1. Dr Dushni Weerakon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
2. Dr Paras Kharel, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal
3. Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India

Book Launches

- Handing over of Book **“A Glass Half Full: The Promise of Regional Trade in South Asia”**, by Mr. Sanjay Kathuria Lead Economist World Bank, Washington DC
- Handover book: “Pakistan: Building Economy of Tomorrow” (co-author) by Dr Vaqar Ahmed
- Handover book: SDC Anthology and SDPI Annual Report
- Handing over of Souvenirs by Dr. Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director SDPI
- Handing over of Souvenirs by Mr. Ahmed Hassan Moughal, President ICCI

Dinner

SDC Inaugural Plenary

8:45am – 11:30am

Welcome Address: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Introduction to the SDC: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Guest of Honour: Mr Haroon Sharif, Minister of State and Chairman, Board of Investment, Government of Pakistan

Keynote Speech: Prof Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India

Remarks by Chief Guest: Mr Sartaj Aziz, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan

Launch of Publications:

1. SDC Anthology "Seventy Years of Development: The Way Forward"
2. SDPI's *Journal of Development Policy, Research & Practice*, Volume 2 (2018)
3. SDPI's Annual Report 2017-2018
4. 'Pakistan ki Madri Zabanon ka Lok Bayaniya' by Mr Ahmad Salim and Dr. Humaira Ishfaq
5. "Pakistan: Building the Economy of Tomorrow" by Dr Vaqar Ahmed (SDPI) and Mr Abdul Qadir (FES)

Plenary Organiser: Mr Taimoor Hassan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Zainab and Ms Rija Hafeez

LR: Ms Nageen Sohail

Refreshments

11:30am – 12noon

Wednesday, 05 December 2018

Day Two

Concurrent Panel B-1

12noon – 2:00pm

Knowledge Connectivity between Asia and Europe

Chair: Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Former Caretaker Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan

Keynote Speech: Mr Ville Varjola, Advisor for Economic Affairs, European External Action Service, Brussels

Panel Organisers: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Mr Wasif Naqvi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Maham Shirazi and Ms Saamia Batool

LR: Ms Saamia Batool

Special Remarks

Mr Imran Shaukat, Special Advisor to Minister for Health Regulations

Ms Anne Kofoed, Head of Sector, Development and Governance, The European Union's Delegation to Pakistan

Dr Safdar Sohail, Director General, National Institute of Management, Government of Pakistan

Mr Waqas Naeem, Country Manager, Ericsson Pakistan

Discussion

Lunch

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, 05 December 2018		Day Two	
Concurrent Panel B-2		12noon – 2:00pm	
<p>Title: Regional Economic Corridors in Central and South Asia</p> <p>Guest of Honour: Senator Noman Wazir Khattak, Senate of Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India (<i>Video Message</i>) • Dr Jagadish Pokharel, Former Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal • Mr Shakeel Ramay, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan • Dr. Aliya H. Khan, Islamabad • H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Lakomov Ambassador of Ukraine, (TBC) <p>Moderator: Ms Anila Fatima, Chief Executive and Director, Alishverish Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Ms Rabia Manzoor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Mr Syed Shujaat Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan and Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Rapporteurs: PR, PRec: Ms Musarrat and Ms Ifra LR: Ms Ifra</p>			
Speaker			
Mr Safdar Pervez, Principal Planning and Policy Economist, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank, Manila			
Discussion			
Lunch		2:00pm – 3:00pm	

Concurrent Panel B-3

12noon – 2:00pm

Title: Avenues for Climate-resilient Development through Shared Research and Policy Initiatives

Guest of Honour: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Moderator: Ms Samavia Batool, Research Associate, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Imran Khalid and Ms Samavia Batool, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Pathways to Resilience in Semi-Arid Economies (PRISE)

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Rija and Ms Nageen

LR: Ms Zainab

Speakers

Dr Eva Ludi, Head of Programme, Water Policy, PRISE Program Lead, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London, UK

Via Skype

Presentation: *PRISE Key Learnings and Highlights in the Context of Collaborative Research. What are some of the Challenges that have Hindered Global Progress in terms of a Resilient Growth?*

Ms Anne Nairuko Mootian, County Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Department of Environment, Energy, Water and Natural Resources, Narok County Government, Kenya

Presentation: *How Research Can Help Support Policymaking? What Role Can Policymakers Play to Reduce Research Policy Gap?*

Ms Nathalie Nathe, Operations and Partnerships Manager - PRISE Consortium, PRISE Program Coordinator, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London, UK

Presentation: *What Lessons Do We have from RiU to make sure that the Research Contributes towards Enhancing Knowledge and Leading towards Impact?*

Dr Babar Shahbaz, Associate Professor, Institute of Agriculture Extension & Rural Development, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan

Mr Kashif Salik, University of South Hampton, UK

Presentation: *How Evidence from Field Translates into Policy Action? What are the Hindrances and How Can they be Overcome?*

Dr Kallur S. Murali, Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, India

Via Skype

Presentation: *Hi-AWARE Key Learnings and Highlights in the Context of Collaborative Research - What Should*

Future Policy Actions and Research Initiatives Focus on in terms of Addressing some of the Regional Challenges?

Discussion

Lunch

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Wednesday, 05 December 2018	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-4	12noon – 2:00pm
<p>Title: Knowledge Corridors for Peace and Development across Silk Road <i>Roundtable</i></p> <p>Chair: Lieutenant General (Retd.) Mr Muhammad Zahir Ul Islam, HI(M), Chairman, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Shakeel Ramay, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan and Ms Aswah Munib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Mr Shakeel Ramay, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan; Mr Waqar Ahmed and Ms Aswah Munib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Rapporteurs: PR, PRec: Ms Nayab and Ms Anam Qaiser LR: Ms Anam Qaiser</p>	
Speakers	
Major General (Retd.) Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery, HI (M), President, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad	
Major General (Retd.) Hafiz Masroor Ahmed, Vice President, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad	
Mr Ashfaq Ahmed Gondal, Senior Member Advisory Board, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad	
Brigadier (Retd.) Akhtar Nawaz Janjua, SI (M), Member Advisory Board, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad	
Ambassador Amjad Majid Abbasi, Member Advisory Board, Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad	
H.E. Mr Sherali S. Jononov, Ambassador of Tajikistan	
H.E. Mr Atadjan Movlamov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan	
H.E. Ihsan M. Yurdakul, Ambassador of Turkey	
Mr Changaiz, Embassy of Azerbaijan	
Mr Furkat A. Sidiqov, Representative, Embassy of Uzbekistan	
H.E. Mr Erik Beishembiev, Ambassador for Kyrgyzstan (TBC)	
Mr Anton Chernov, Deputy Head of Mission, Russia	
Deputy Head of Mission, China	
Mr Ahmad M. Nazar, Third Secretay, Embassy of Afghanistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel B-5

3:00pm- 5:00pm

Title: Readiness of Private Sector to Tap in Business Opportunities in the Central Asian Region

Chair: Dr Ashfaque Hasan Khan, Professor, Development Studies, NUST, Islamabad

Moderator: Ms Aswah Munib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Mr Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Chief Operating Officer, Zalmi Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan;
Mr Talal Akhtar, Mr Waqar Ahmed and Ms Aswah Munib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Hamra Tariq and Ms Nimra Ashfaq

LR: Ms Nimra Ashfaq

Speakers

Mr Imtiaz Gul, Executive Director, CRSS, Islamabad

Mr Zubair Tufail, Chief Executive Officer, Tufail Chemical Industries, Karachi, Pakistan

Mr Zahid Malik, Former President, Chairman of Standing Committee, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI), Rawalpindi

Mr Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Former Federal Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan

Dr Jahangir Achakzai, Quetta

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-6

3:00pm- 5:00 pm

Title: Fiscal Policies in South Asia: Why is Revenue Mobilization so Challenging?**Chair:** H.E. Barrister Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue, Government of Pakistan**Moderator:** Mr Hammad Siddiqui, Country Director, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Pakistan Office, Karachi**Special Remarks:**

- Dr Dushni Weerakon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
- Dr Hamza Ali Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Panel Organisers: Mr Robert Carl Michael Beyer, Economist, South Asia Office of the Chief Economist, The World Bank, Washington D.C, USA; Dr Vaqar Ahmed and Mr Ahad Nazir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Amaaz and Ms Madiha

LR: Mr Mujeeb

Speakers

Dr M. Ashfaq Ahmed, Chief International Taxes, Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Robert Carl Michael Beyer, Economist, South Asia Office of the Chief Economist, The World Bank, Washington D.C, USA

Engr. Ahad Nazir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-7

3:00pm- 5:00 pm

Title: Connecting for Trade and Development: Issues and Prospects of Land Transport Corridors of South Asia**Chair:** Mr Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, Federal Minister for Railways, Government of Pakistan**Panel Organisers:** Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India; and Mr Hassan Murtaza, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Aisha and Aalashan

LR: Aalashan

Speakers

Dr Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India

Mr Joseph George, Research Associate, Sub-regional Office for South and South-West Asia, UNESCAP, New Delhi, India

Ms Hussan-Bano Burki, Chief of Party, Pakistan Regional Economic Integration Activity (PREIA), Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Paras Kharel, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Mr Nazir Kabiri, Senior Advisor to the Finance Minister, Government of Afghanistan

Mr Guntur Sugiyarto, Principal Economist, Asian Development Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International, Rajasthan, India

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-8

3:00pm- 5:00pm

Title: Blue Economy in South Asia: Prospects for Cooperation**Chair:** Mr Patchamuthu Illangovan, Country Director, World Bank, Pakistan**Moderator:** Dr Imran Khalid, Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Panel Organisers:** Dr Imran Khalid and Ms Samavia Batool, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Nageen and Ms Hiba Javed

LR: Ms Hiba Javed

Speakers

Mr Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India

Dr Pawan Patil, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C, USA

Dr Saira Ahmed, CUST University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Muhammad Abbas Hassan, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad

Discussion

Journalism Awards Plenary
Role of Media in Building Knowledge Corridors for Sustainable Development
Wednesday, 05 December 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Moderator: Ms. Sahar Basharat, Executive Officer, SDPI

Welcome Remarks and Summary of Two days: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, SDPI

Background of SDPI's Journalism Award: Dr. Shafqat Munir, Research Fellow/Head Resilient Development Programme, SDPI.

Chief Guest: Mr. Naeem ul Haq, Special Adviser to PM on Political Affairs.

Co-organizer: Shakeel Ramay, COO, Zalmi Foundation.

Keynote Addresses: Ms. Moneeza Hashmi, Creative and Media Head of KASHF Foundation and Mr. M. Ziauddin, Senior Journalist, former editor of Dawn and The News

Plenary Organizer: Ms. Aswah Munib and Mr. Talal Akhtar, SDPI.

Concurrent Panel C-1

9:30am - 11:30am

Title: Harnessing the Potential of Agriculture Value Chains in South Asia**Chair and Guest of Honour:** Dr Pervez Tahir, Bank of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan**Special Remarks:**

- Dr Iqrar Ahmed, Centre for Excellence on Food Security, Agriculture University, Faisalabad, Pakistan
- Dr Manzoor Thakur, Lahore (TBC)

Moderator: Dr Nadia Farooq, Consultant, Asian Development Bank, Pakistan**Panel Organisers:** Mr Asif Javed and Mr Syed Shujaat Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Mr Usmaan and Ms Musarrat

LR: Ms Musarrat

Speakers

Mr Gonzalo Varela, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Washington D.C, USA

Dr Posh Raj Panday, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Dr Usman Mustafa, Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan

Mr Zubair Ahmed Malik, Member Executive Committee, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Islamabad

Mrs Robina Ather, Member National Tariff Commission, Islamabad

Discussion**Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel C-2

9:30am- 11:30am

Role of Women's Home Journals and the Development of Female Education in South Asia

Chair: Ms Khawar Mumtaz, Chairperson, National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), Islamabad, Pakistan

Special Remarks: Mr Harris Khaliq, Development Practitioner, Poet and writer, Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Humaira Ishfaq, Mr Shahbaz Tufail and Mr Ahmed Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, Prec: Ms Fatima and Ms Marium Hassan

LR: Ms Nabgha

Speakers

Dr Kiran Ahmad, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *Attachment, Articulation and Agency: A Glimpse into the World of Women Digest Writers in Pakistan*

Dr Humaira Ishfaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Ahmed Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion**Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel C- 3

9:30am – 11:30am

Title: Redefining the Role of Civil Society Organisations in South Asia**Chair:** Ms Moneeza Hashmi, KASHF Foundation, Lahore, Pakistan**Special Remarks:**

- Mr Mohammad Tahseen, Executive Director, SAP-PK Lahore
- Ms Shireen Najeeb Khan, Writer and Author, Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Nathalie Reynolds and Mr Junaid Zahid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Ifra and Ms Aqsa

LR: Ms Aqsa

Speakers

Dr Nathalie Reynolds, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Urs Geiser, Associate Senior Researcher, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Presentation: *Civil Society as Corridor to Development? Conceptual Challenges and Empirical Complexities – Insights from Rural Sindh, Pakistan*

Dr Shafqat Munir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *The State of Civil Society Organisations in Pakistan*

Mr Bilal Khan, Assistant Chief (CP-II)/Operations, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Commission, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Empowerment Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

Presentation: *Role of Civil Society in Promoting Welfare of Children at Risk and Protecting them from Violence***Discussion****Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel C-4**9:30am – 11:30am****Title: Effective Strategies to Combat Extreme Climate Change Impacts in South Asia**

Panel Organisers: Mr Mohsin Kazmi and Mr Talal Akhtar, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan and National Rural Support Programme, Islamabad

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Rabia and Ms Anam Qaiser

LR: Ms Anam Qaiser

Speakers

Dr Zeeshan, Senior Scientific Officer, NARC, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Barkat Ali, Senior Scientific Officer, NARC, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Meher Tarar, Islamabad

Dr Nisar Cheema, Islamabad

Ms Munawara Munir, Member National Assembly, Islamabad

Dr Jabir Hussain

Prof. Dr Athar Hussain, Head, Center for Climate Research and Development, COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Zaigham Abbas, Assistant Professor, COMSATS University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Ashiq Muhammad Director, Ecotoxicology Center, National Agriculture Research Center, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Rashid Bajwa, CEO National Rural Support Programme, Islamabad

Mr Ghaffar Paras, Dept. Programme Manager, National Rural Support Programme, Islamabad

Dr Muhammad Munir Ahmad, Director Climate Change, Alternate Energy and Water Resources Institute

Ms Romina Khursheed Alam, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan

Discussion**Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel C-5**12noon – 2:00pm****Title: The Climate Risk and Food Security Analysis****Chair:** Ms Romina Khurshid Alam, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan**Moderator:** Dr Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Special Remarks:**

- Mr Qaim Shah, Country Programme Officer, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Islamabad, Pakistan
- Dr Muhammad Azeem Khan, Member Climate Change and Food Security, Planning Commission, Islamabad
- Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
- Mr Aftab Alam Khan, Deputy Executive Director, PODA - Pakistan

Panel Organisers: World Food Programme, Pakistan; and Mr Ahmed Khaver, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Nageen and Mr Sibtain Ali

LR: Ms Rija Hafeez

Keynote Speaker:

Mr Cristiano Mandra, Country Head, World Food Programme (WFP), Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch****2:00pm-3:00pm**

Concurrent Panel C-6

12noon - 2:00pm

Title: Role of Judiciary in Promoting Women's Access to Justice in South Asia*Dedicated to (late) Ms Asma Jahangir***Opening Remarks:** Ms Munizae Jahangir, AAJ TV, Islamabad, Pakistan and Mr I.A. Rehman, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), Lahore, Pakistan**Chair and Guest of Honour:** Ms Khawar Mumtaz, Chairperson, National Commission on the status of Women (NCSW), Islamabad, Pakistan**Special Remarks:** Dr Ehtisham Anwar, DC Muzaffargarh**Introductory Remarks:** Ms Saman Ahsan, UNWomen, Pakistan Office**Panel Organisers:** Ms Saman Ahsan, UNWomen, Pakistan Office; Ms Imrana Niazi and Ms Rabia Manzoor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Nabgha and Ms Fatima

LR: Ms Fatima

Speakers

Mr Apurba Khatiwada, Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty of Law (Nepal Law Campus), Tribhuwan University, Nepal

Ms Malsirini de Silva, Deputy Head, Legal Research, Verité Research, Sri Lanka

Ms Victoria Pierre, New Brunswick, Canada

Presentation: *Addressing Gender Based Violence Against Women in Malaysia: The Impact of CEDAW's Concluding Observations***Discussion****Lunch**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel C-7

12 noon – 2:00pm

Title: Social Reconstruction: Corridors of Knowledge and Power in Perceptions of State**Chair:** Mr Ignacio Artaza, United Nations Development Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan**Special Remarks:**

- Mr Miangul Adnan Aurangzeb, Former Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan
- Dr Urs Geiser, Associate Senior Researcher, University of Zurich, Switzerland and Visiting Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Shehryar Khan and Ma Rabia Syed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad and Ms Aoife McCullough, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London, UK**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Rimsha and Ms Aiza Zafar

LR: Ms Aiza Zafar

Speakers

Dr Shehryar Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

Ms Rubab Syed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

Ms Aoife McCullough, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London, UK

Ms Pheobe White, Department for International Development (DFID), Pakistan

Presentation: *Case study from Sri Lanka***Discussion****Lunch**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Thursday, 06 December 2018	Day Three
Concurrent Panel C-8	12noon – 2:00pm
Title: Economy of Tomorrow: Future Drivers of Economic Growth and Job Creation	
Chair and Guest of Honour: Mr Sartaj Aziz, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan	
Moderator: Mr Abdul Qadir, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Pakistan	
Keynote Speaker: Dr Hafiz A. Pasha, Chairman, Advisory Panel of Economists to the Planning Commission, and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore, Pakistan	
Panel Organisers: Mr Abdul Qadir, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Pakistan; and Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Rapporteurs:	
PR, PRec: Amaaz	
LR: Ms Anam Qaiser	
Panellists	
Mr Rolf Paasch, Resident Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Pakistan	
Ms Subhanshi Abhisnghe, Research Director, Verité Research, Colombo, Sri Lanka	
Dr Biswo Poudel, Associate Professor, Kathmandu University, Nepal	
Dr Khaqan Najeeb, Director General, Economic Reforms Unit, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan	
Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00pm – 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel C-9

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Title: Knowledge and Technology Transfer under CPEC*Podium Discussion*

Guest of Honor/Chair: Kanwal Shauzab, Parliamentary Secretary, Planning, Development and Reforms, Government of Pakistan

Moderator: Dr Sajid Amin, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Opening Remarks: Dr Fahd Amjad, Center of Excellence (CoE), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan

Special Remarks/Vote of Thanks: Dr Shahid Rashid, Executive Director, Center of Excellence (CoE), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Sajid Amin and Mr Wajid Ali, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Dr Fahd Amjad, Center of Excellence, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Aqsa and Ms Ifra

LR: Ms Ifra

Speakers

Dr Safdar A. Sohail, Director General, National Institute of Management (NIM/NCRD), Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Shahzad Alam, Chairman, Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR), Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Athar Osama, Member Science and Technology and ICT, Ministry of Planning Development and Reform (MoPDR), Government of Pakistan

Dr. Gonzalo Varela, Trade Economist, World Bank Group Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, Washington D.C.

Ms Huma Fakhar, ACCA, Islamabad, Pakistan

Prof Tao Yitao, Executive President, Belt and Road Research Institute for International Cooperation and Development, Shenzhen

Discussion

Concurrent Panel C-10**3:00pm – 5:00pm****Title: Strengthening Voices of Minorities: Countering Hate and Violence**

Guest of Honour: Ms Anne Marchal, Minister Counselor and Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to Pakistan

Chair: Prof Dr Qibla Ayaz, Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

Special Remarks:

- Ms Romina Khurshid Alam, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan
- Dr Khataumal, Mithi, Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan
- Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India

Panel Organisers: Dr Shafqat Munir and Ms Uzma T. Haroon, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Rabia and Ms Nayab

LR: Ms Nayab

Speakers

Dr Anita M. Weiss, Professor, Department of International Studies, University of Oregon, USA

Presentation: *The Potential of Non-State Actors to Counter Violent Extremism in Pakistan: Innovative Efforts to Promote Interfaith Harmony, Understanding and Development*

Dr Nathalene Reynolds, Visiting Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *Hindu Nationalism and the Muslim Minority in India*

Ms Sadia Bokhari, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *Pluralistic Identities Reduce Violence against Women*

Mr Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Visiting Researcher, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *Paradoxes of Philosophical Conceptions of Tolerance: Rise of the Religious Right in India*

Ms Ayesha Salman, Author and Writer, UK

Via Skype

Presentation: *Transgender Communities in Pakistan: Unravelling Perceptions and Moving Forward*

Discussion

Concurrent Panel C-11

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Title: Pakistan’s Shared Water Resources: Time for Solutions

Moderator: Mr Imran Khalid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan **Panel**

Organisers: Mr Imran Khalid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Nestle Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Nageen and Ms Rija

LR: Ms Zainab

Speakers

Mr Waqar Ahmed, Nestle, Pakistan

Dr Ghazala Mansuri, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA

Ms Simi Kamal, Hissar Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion

Concurrent Panel C-12**3:00pm – 5:00pm****Title: Creating Shared Value – Private Financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)****Chair:** Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Former Caretaker Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan**Special Remarks:**

- Mr Fuad Hashimi, Executive Director, Centre of Excellence in Responsible Business (CERB), Karachi, Pakistan
- Ms Shazia Amjad, Executive Director, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), Islamabad, Pakistan
- Dr Naeem uz Zafar, Sindh (*Via Skype*)

Panel Organisers: Mr Bernhard Hartleitner, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Islamabad, Pakistan; Ms Amna Sandhu, Dr Sajid Amin and Dr Shafqat Munir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Aisah Mehtab and Ms Kanwal

LR: Ms Kanwal

Speakers

Mr Bernhard Hartleitner, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Hamid Masood, Deputy Team Lead, GIZ LoGo and Ms Komal Shakeel, Consultant, GIZ LoGo, Islamabad

Presentation: *Introduction to Financing Sustainable Development program*Mr Alejandro Manriquez, Technical Advisor, GIZ LoGo, Brazil (*Via Skype*)**Presentation:**

Dr Ambreen Waheed, Founder & Advisor, Responsible Business Initiative (RBI), Lahore, Pakistan

Discussion

Dinner Plenary: Charter of Economy

Opening Remarks: Mr Sajjeed Aslam, Head, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Pakistan
Moderator: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan and Mr Ali Khizer, Business Recorder, Lahore

Panellists:

1. Hon. Senator Nouman Wazir, Senate of Pakistan
2. Hon. Senator Shibli Faraz, Leader of House
3. Hon. Mr Rana Afzal, Former Federal Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan
4. Hon. Senator Robina Khalid
5. Hon. Senator Qurratulain Marri
6. Hon. Senator Ayesha Farooq Raza

Plenary Organisers:

Rapporteurs:

Concurrent Panel D-1

9:00am – 11:00am

Title: Intra-regional Investment Cooperation in South Asia for SMEs Development**Chair:** Mr Muhammad Rana Afzal, Former Finance Minister**Panel Organisers:** Mr Wasif Naqvi and Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Mr Naufil and Ms Rija

LR: Ms Nageen Sohail

Distinguished Panellists

Dr Bina Pradhan, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Kathmandu, Nepal

Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International, Rajasthan, India

Dr Shimmil Daud, Maryam Memorial Hospital

Ms Meher Shah, Karandaaz, Pakistan

Ms. Tayaba Batool, DAI, USAID

Discussion**Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel D-2

9:00am – 11:00am

Title: Role of Private Sector in Climate Action**Chair:** Mr. Nisar A. Memon, former Federal Minister & Senator; Chairman Water Environment Forum, Pakistan**Special Remarks:** Ms Ayesha Khan, Country Director, Hashoo Foundation, Pakistan**Keynote Speaker:** Dr Shaukat Hameed Khan, (Retd.) Chairman Comstech**Panel Organisers:** Mr Arif Rehman, Hashoo Foundation and Mr Waqar Ahmad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Saamia Batool and Sibtain Ali

LR: Ms Maham Shirazi

Keynote Speaker

Mr Naeem Zamindar, Former Chairman, Board of Investment, Government of Pakistan

Ms Shazia Maqsood Amjad, PCP

Mr Omer M. Malik, Energy Trading Team, PITCO

Discussion**Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel D-3

9:00am – 11:00am

Title: Poverty Reduction through Social Mobilisation in South Asia**Chair:** Dr Tariq Banuri, Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad, Pakistan**Special Remarks:** Mr Ejaz Rahim, Advisor, Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) Board, Pakistan; Mrs Munawar Humayun Khan, Chairperson, Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP); and Dr Tariq Husain, Senior Development Consultant & Evaluation Expert**Panel Organisers:** Ms Shandana Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Mr Muhammad Awais Umer, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Mr Arsalan and Mr Usmaan

LR: Mr Usmaan

Speakers

Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chairman, Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *The Pakistan RSPs, their Genesis, Scale-Up Experience and the 'Connectivity' Experience under SAPAP*

Mr P. Sampath Kumar, Indian Administrative Service (IAS), State of Meghalaya, India (via Skype)

Presentation: *On Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Vikas Pariyojna (RGMVP), Adapting Social Mobilisation by the Rajiv Gandhi Trust*

Mr Koshif Rijabekov, Civil Society Officer, Aga Khan Foundation, Tajikistan

Mr Rajsekhar, Society for the Elimination of Rural Poverty and National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Government of India.

Presentation SERP/NRLM Adaptation of Social Mobilisation**Discussion****Refreshments**

Concurrent Panel D-4**9:00am - 11:00am****Title: Achieving SDGs through Citizen-centric Health Reforms****Chair:** Nausheen Hamid, Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Pakistan**Chief Guest:** Dr. Hisham Inam Ullah Khan, Minister for Health, KP, Government of Pakistan (TBC)**Panel Organisers:** Dr Abid Suleri, Mr Moazzam Bhatti, Mr Rana Nazir, Ms Nabila Kanwal, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Palladium**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Ms Nayab and Maryam Hassan

LR: Ms Maryam Hassan

Speakers

Cap (R) Zahid Saeed, Federal Secretary Health, Government of Pakistan

Dr. Asad Hafeez, Director General Health, Government of Pakistan

Dr Nisar Cheema, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan

Dr. Saeed Ellahi, Chairman, Pakistan Red Crescent Society

Brig. Dr. Amir Ikram, Executive Director, National Institute of Health

Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan, Head of Department of Health Management, Federal Health Services Academy,

Dr. Ashok Kumar, Senator, Health Standing Committee, Government of Pakistan

Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Senator, Health Standing Committee, Government of Pakistan

Dr. Jamal Nashe, Coordinator, Health System development, World Health Organization, Pakistan

Finbar Curran, Director, World Food Programme

Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Chief Health, Scaling up Nutrition

Dr. Munir Ahmed, Director General Health Punjab, Government of Pakistan, (TBC)

Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Director General Health KP, Government of Pakistan, (TBC)

Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (TBC)

Miss Uzma Riaz, Member National Assembly, Government of Pakistan (TBC)

Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Associate Professor, Health Services Academy, (TBC)

Dr Najma Afzal Khan, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) of Punjab, Faisalabad, Government of Pakistan

Mr Rana Nazir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr. Farooq Jamil, Secretary Health KP

Ayesha Ehsan, Chief Health, Planning and Development,

Miss Mehr Taj Roghani, Senator, Health Standing Committee
Mr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi, Senator, Health Standing Committee
Mehmood Jan, Deputy Speaker KP Assembly
Mr Qasim Ali Shah, Deputy Mayor, Peshawar
Dr. Fayyaz Ahmed, Team Leader, Palladium
Discussion
Refreshments

Concurrent Panel D-5**11:30am – 1:30pm****Title: Practicing Fiscal Decentralisation: Gaps and Challenges**

Chair: Dr Ishrat Hussain, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Institutional Reforms and Austerity of Pakistan, National Assembly Secretariat, Government of Pakistan

Special Remarks: Dr Hafiz A. Pasha, Chairman, Advisory Panel of Economists to the Planning Commission, and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Mr Christian Seiler, Support to Local Governance (LoGo) Program, Technical Advisor Strengthening Local Governance, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Islamabad, Pakistan; Dr Shafqat Munir and Ms Rabia Tabassum, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Maham and Ms Saamia Batool

LR: Ms Saamia Batool

Speakers

Mr Sanjeev Pokharel, Chief Technical Advisor (AV), Capacity Development of New Municipalities (CD-Mun) Project, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Kathmandu, Nepal

Dr Jan Werner, Professor, Cologne Business School (formerly Goethe University), Frankfurt, Germany

Dr Kaiser Bengali, Economist, Chairman, Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Karachi, Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch****1:30pm – 3:00pm**

Concurrent Panel D-6**11:30am – 1:30pm****Title: Right-sizing the Health WARNING: Tobacco Control Initiative in Pakistan****Guest of Honour:** Dr Nausheen Hamid, Parliamentary Secretary on Health, Government of Pakistan**Chair:** TBC**Special Remarks:** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh, Chairperson for Committee on National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Senate of Pakistan**Panel Organisers:** Mr Waseem Iftikha Janjua and Mr Wasif Naqvi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan**Rapporteurs:**

PR, PRec: Mr Naufil

LR: Ms Raafia Shamsi

Speakers

Mr Nadeem Javed, CEO, The Network for Consumer Rights Protection in Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr Ziauddin Islam, Health Economist, Tobacco Control Cell, Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch****1:30pm – 3:00pm**

Concurrent Panel D-7

11:30am – 1:30pm

Title: Pakistan's Changing Energy Market - Transition to New Realities

Moderator: Dr Fatima Khushnud, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Independent Power Producers Association (IPPA), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Mr Ahad Nazir, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Dr Fatima Khushnud, Independent Power Producers Association (IPPA), Islamabad, Pakistan

Closing Remarks: Mr Nadeem Babar, Chairperson, Prime Minister's Taskforce on Energy Reforms, Government of Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Mr Mujeeb, Amaaz

LR: Ms Madiha Komal

Speakers

Mr Simon Nicholas, Energy Finance Analyst, The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), Sydney, Australia

Mr Omer Haroon Malik, Central Power Purchasing Authority, Islamabad

Mr Abid Latif Lodhi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Central Power Purchasing Authority, Islamabad, Pakistan

Mr Ashruff Hassan Rana, Bridge Factor, Pakistan

Mr Khalid Mansoor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Hub Power Company, Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Concurrent Panel D-8

11:30am - 1:30pm

Title: Whither Left Politics in South Asia? Past, Present and Future in the 21st Century

Chair: Mr Ibn Abdur Rehman, Secretary General, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), Lahore, Pakistan

Special Remarks:

- Mr Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International, Rajasthan, India
- Mr Karamat Ali, PILER, Karachi

Introductory Remarks: Mr Ahmed Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Panel Organisers: Dr Humaira Ishfaq, Mr Ahmed Salim, and Mr Shahbaz Tufail, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec: Ms Nabgha and Ms Fatima

LR: Ms Nabgha

Speakers

Dr Nathalie Reynolds, Visiting Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Presentation: *The Communist Party of India (Marxist) in power: A Bruising Experience*

Mr Raza Naeem, Assistant Professor, Management Sciences, COMSATS University, Lahore, Pakistan

Presentation: *Lenin for Sale? A 'Factional' Account of the Rise and Fall of the Left in Pakistan*

Mr Gregor Enste, Heinrich Böell Stiftung (HBS), Germany

Presentation: *Left Politics in Germany and Core Member States of the European Union - A Tale of Legacy, Urgency and Prospects*

Dr Humaira Ishfaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion**Lunch**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

SDC Closing Plenary**3:00pm - 5:00pm****H.U. Beg Memorial Lectures**

Introduction of Keynote Speakers & Welcome to Chief Guests: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Chair: Dr Ishrat Hussain, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Institutional Reforms and Austerity of Pakistan, National Assembly Secretariat, Government of Pakistan

Remarks by Guest of Honour: Mr Ruwan Edirisinghe, President, SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industries

Keynote Speakers:

- Senator Sherry Rahman, Senate of Pakistan
- Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Member National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan

Launch of Publications:

1. SDC Anthology "Seventy Years of Development: The Way Forward"
2. SDPI's *Journal of Development Policy, Research & Practice*, Volume 2 (2018)
3. SDPI's Annual Report 2017-2018
4. "Pakistan: Building the Economy of Tomorrow" by Dr Vaqar Ahmed (SDPI) and Mr Abdul Qadir (FES)

Summary of SAES and SDC Days: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

SDPI's Lifetime Achievement Award**Vote of Thanks**

Plenary Organisers: Mr Talal Akhtar and Ms Rabia Manzoor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Rapporteurs:

PR, PRec, LR: Ms Nageen, Ms Zainab and Ms Riya