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SDPI's Twenty-ninth Sustainable Development Conference (SDC)

"Rethinking Development in an Age of Disruption"

&

Fourth Sustainability Investment Expo (SIE)

"Connecting Ideas, Investment and Impact for Resilient Development"

2–5 November 2026, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), Academic Block, Sector H-8, Islamabad, Pakistan

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☐ Plenary

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Underlined titles link to the panel write-up

DAY 1 Monday, 2 November 2026	
9:30–11:00 am	INAUGURAL PLENARY 1.1 <u>Rethinking Development in an Age of Disruption</u>
11:30 am–1:00 pm	PLENARY 1.2 <i>Sustainability Investment Expo: Awards Plenary & Ribbon Cutting</i> <u>Connecting Ideas, Investment and Impact for Resilient Development</u>
2:00–3:30 pm	PLENARY 1.3 <i>State of Environment Report Launch</i> Strengthening Climate Action: Priorities and Proposals for Effective Implementation
4:00–5:30 pm	PLENARY 1.4 <i>High-level Plenary</i> Rethinking Agriculture through Regenerative Practices: Restoring Soil, Water and Nature's Balance
6:00–7:30 pm	PLENARY 1.5 <i>High-level Plenary</i> Building Climate-Resilient Communities: Linking Nature-Based Solutions and Social Protection

DAY 2 Tuesday, 3 November 2026

	Thematic Session A-1	Thematic Session A-2	Thematic Session A-3	Thematic Session A-4	Thematic Session A-5
10:00–11:30 am	<u>From Skills to Economic Independence: Expanding Opportunities for Women</u>	<u>People-Centred Housing: Sindh's Model for Post-Flood Rehabilitation</u>	<i>Roundtable</i> <u>AI Readiness in Pakistan's Higher Education Sector</u>	<u>Rethinking Development through the Three Es</u>	<u>Strengthening Power Systems for Energy Transition in South Asia</u>
11:30 am–12:30 pm	SI EXPO FIRESIDE CHAT – 1 Owning What We Don't Own: A Conversation on Scope 3 Emissions				
	Thematic Session A-6	Thematic Session A-7	Thematic Session A-8	Thematic Session A-9	Thematic Session A-10
12:30–2:00 pm	<u>From Climate Risk to Resilience: The Private Sector's Role on the Road to COP31</u>	<i>Launch of Provincial Adaptation Plans</i> Pakistan's Adaptation Agenda: From National Framework to Subnational Implementation and Lessons from the Global Practices	<i>Roundtable</i> <u>One Firm, Many Regulators: The Case for Regulatory Harmonisation</u>	<i>Roundtable</i> <u>One Property, Three Values: Is a Common Valuation System the Answer for Pakistan?</u>	<u>Digital Skill Development of Women Entrepreneurs on Enhancing Business Opportunities</u>
2:00–3:00 pm	SI EXPO FIRESIDE CHAT – 2 Driving Circularity in Packaging				

DAY 2 Tuesday, 3 November 2026

	Thematic Session A-11	Thematic Session A-12	Thematic Session A-13	Thematic Session A-14	Thematic Session A-15
3:00–4:30 pm	<i>Roundtable</i> Financing the Future	Rethinking Supply Chains in an Age of Disruption: Sustainability, AI and Resilience	Water Security, Hydro-diplomacy and Regional Peace	Rethinking Tobacco Control in Pakistan: Advancing Fiscal Policy, Environmental Accountability and Regulation of Emerging Nicotine Products	Leaving No Youth Behind in the Age of Disruption / Youth Perspectives on the Post-2030 Agenda
4:30–5:30 pm	SI EXPO FIRESIDE CHAT – 3 Reducing Fossil Fuels Reliance: Driving Climate Action and Business Continuity				
5:30–7:00 pm	PLENARY 2.1 SDPI's Lifetime Achievement Award 2026				

DAY 3 Wednesday, 4 November 2026					
	Thematic Session B-1	Thematic Session B-2	Thematic Session B-3	Thematic Session B-4	Thematic Session B-5
10:00–11:30 am	<i>Roundtable</i> Pakistan's Reform Agenda for Integrated Economic Governance	From Primary Production to Secondary Value: Scaling an Integrated Circular Textile Economy	<i>Roundtable</i> Living with Disasters: Understanding Risks, Anticipatory Planning and Financing for Preparedness	Towards Operationalising Country Platforms for Climate Finance in Pakistan: Readiness & Gaps	<i>Policy Dialogue</i> From Coal to Clean: Towards a Phased and Just Energy Transition
11:30 am–12:30 pm	SI EXPO FIRESIDE CHAT – 4 <i>Title to be confirmed</i>				
	Thematic Session B-6	Thematic Session B-7	Thematic Session B-8	Thematic Session B-9	Thematic Session B-10
12:30–2:00 pm	<i>Podium Discussion</i> Sustainability Governance of China's Overseas Infrastructure Investments: Insights from Pakistan	Environmental Diplomacy for Shared Air and Cryosphere Risks in South Asia	<i>Roundtable</i> Making Tariff Reform Work for Industry and Exports	Reforming Pakistan's Real Estate Sector	<i>Podium Discussion</i> Shifting Geopolitics: Risks, Resilience and Prosperity
2:00–3:00 pm	SI EXPO FIRESIDE CHAT – 5 Preparing for Industry 5.0: Universities, Telecom and the Future of Pakistan's Digital Economy				
	Thematic Session B-11	Thematic Session B-12	Thematic Session B-13	Thematic Session B-14	Thematic Session B-15
3:00–4:30 pm	Digital Lending in Priority Sector Financing	<i>Policy Dialogue</i> Pakistan's Hydrogen Economy: Strategic Priorities Amid Regional Instability	Beyond Climate Commitments: Private Sector Innovation for a Low-Carbon Future	Media and AI in the Age of Influence: Journalism, Public Discourse and Countering Violent Extremism	<i>Roundtable</i> Parliamentary Consultation on Energy Transition

DAY 3 Wednesday, 4 November 2026

	Thematic Session B-16	SI Expo Fireside Chat – 6
4:30–5:30 pm	<i>Book Launch</i> <i>Declassified British/American Secret Documents (1952–58)</i> <i>Tareekhi-e-Sangay Meel</i>	Beyond Degrees: Reimagining Higher Education for Pakistan’s Future
5:30–7:00 pm	PLENARY 3.1 <i>High-level Plenary</i> <u>Circular Economy Transition Beyond 2030: From Policy Ambition to Inclusive Action in South Asia</u>	

DAY 4 Thursday, 5 November 2026

9:30–11:00 am	PLENARY 4.1 <i>High-level Plenary</i> <u>Private Sector Growth and the Fiscal Policy Agenda for 2027</u>
11:30 am– 1:00 pm	PLENARY 4.2 <i>High-level Plenary</i> <u>Transforming Pakistan’s Agriculture and Food Systems in an Age of Disruption: AI for Regenerative and Climate-Smart Farming</u>
2:00–3:30 pm	PLENARY 4.3 <i>High-level Plenary</i> <u>Annual State of Renewable Energy 2026</u>
4:00–5:30 pm	PLENARY 4.4 <u>The Middle East Crisis and Economic Outlook</u>
6:00–7:30 pm	CLOSING PLENARY 4.5 <u>Where Reforms Matter the Most for Growth?</u>