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Our Publication:

[Cyber Security: Where Does Pakistan Stand?](#)

With the increasing use of internet and its free for all availability, the cyber space is expanding making it easier for attackers to target infrastructure and services. In order to ward off attacks from cyber space, CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team) implementation plans annexation to the PEC (Prevention of Electronic Crimes) Act is a must. Organizations should aim at resilient and “Intrusion Tolerant” computer networks. Intra-agency and inter-agency intelligence sharing and coordination must be ensured.

[Capacity Development Challenges in the way of SDGs implementation in Pakistan](#)

The study underlines the fact that coordinated and well-planned efforts are essential to improvise the policy agendas of capacity building initiatives that are rational to some extent and viable for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The study identifies and examines the challenges of capacity building which are coming in the way of materializing SDGs in Pakistan.

[Pakistan-China Financial Market Integration](#)

This study examines how the greater financial market integration can be promoted between China and Pakistan. Based on secondary data and stakeholders’ interviews, the study explores the possible opportunities and key challenges arising due to financial market integration. Over time, both the countries have made efforts to develop and integrate several financial market segments. The study analyzes the macro-economic dependence, volatility, current liquidity, efficiency and integration level of key financial market segments-money, equity, forex and government securities.

[Urdu Khabarnama “Dharti”](#)

SDPI’s Urdu newsletter Dharti Vol. 19, No. 4, Issue October-December 2018

Our Articles:

[Opportunities to increase foreign exchange through non-resident Pakistanis](#)

The government should offer these skill development short courses at the college level, as it is observed that eighty percent of college students do not complete their education and enter the labour market.

[Changes in tax policy likely to benefit agriculture sector and exports](#)

There might be a shortfall of around PKR 7 billion [in tax collection] in the short term due to tax exemptions given to SMEs, agriculture sector and due to release of funds to exporters. But the government assumes that the private sector will flourish due to tax exemptions and the resultant growth will lead to an increase in overall tax revenue. So they have adopted a long-term approach and whether it is successful or not remains to be seen.

[Why Pakistan will go to the IMF again, and again and again – Part II](#)

The government is making a decision based on whether people will be more hurt due to market uncertainty or by the IMF conditions.

[Adversity ought to be temporary](#)

Our biggest hope is the youth of Pakistan. They must play their part. We need an honest, selfless, upright, bold, trustworthy and competent leadership. Unless such a leadership is elected in the next general elections, we will be doomed to become a failed state or at the most a banana republic at the mercy of our enemies and foreign superpowers. The latter has already misused us for its own interest. Let enough be enough. Let us refuse to be helpless.

[Finance Act 2019 and Doing Business](#)

The current government, did tried on encouraging the businesses and investment to flow in and take into consideration these offerings which should be the starting point, but for the long run focus should be on reduction of compliance cost, reduction in the tax numbers, clarifying the difference between filers, non-filers and seasonally employed people in the labor force and bringing in harmonized tax policy.

[Cybersecurity Threats: Policy gaps, challenges and way forward](#)

A recent study titled ‘Understanding the Cybersecurity Threat Landscape in Asia Pacific: Securing the Modern Enterprise in a Digital World’, commissioned by Microsoft revealed that the potential

economic loss across Asia and the Pacific region as a result of cyber-attacks can hit a staggering USD 1.745 trillion, which is more than seven percent of the region's total GDP.

[Next 5 years of CPEC likely to help Pakistan tackle trade deficit](#)

In order to bring prosperity, new research in agricultural products along with enhancing per-acre yield, producing high value-added products and linking farmers with the economic corridor are the measures that need to be taken.

[Time to reimagine Pakistan-Saudi economic ties](#)

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has brought to Pakistan what is being called a “record investment package” to provide welcome relief for its cash-strapped ally. He also hopes to address regional geopolitical challenges.

[An infrastructural face-lift for Pakistan](#)

Prime Minister Imran Khan gave a detailed, at times personal speech at the World Government Summit in Dubai on Sunday, detailing his vision for a Pakistan built on accountability, justice, and meritocracy.

Our External Engagements/High Level Meetings



A roundtable meeting of the Network of Economic Think-tanks was organized by SDPI and Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in Karachi on 4th February 2019. The meeting was attended by Parliamentary Secretary, MNA Ghazala Saifi, MNA Shahida Rehmani (PPP-P), members of business community, academia and business associations



Dr. Vaqar Ahmed delivering a talk on "CPEC: Impact on Pakistan's Economic Growth and Development" organized by Strategic Vision Institute



Dr Imran Khalid presented his research at a multistakeholder seminar, titled "Imperatives of Climate Change: Coal, Communities and Renewable Energy" at the Islamabad Press Club on 4th February 2019. The event was organized by National Development Organization.

Our Events:

Watch our events at our YouTube by clicking on the active links

[Open Data Systems for Development Effectiveness in Pakistan](#)

Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) rules have a lot of shortcomings and lack comprehensiveness which requires a thorough revision for enhance competition and improved development effectiveness. There are some clauses in PPRA rules, such as rule 10, which prevent open competition. Also, at federal and provincial levels, there is a need to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness in outlays of development budgets.



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Mr. Rehan Hyder and Mr. Ahmed Qadir During Special Seminar on “Open Data Systems for Development Effectiveness in Pakistan” Organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad.

[Toward New Global Governance” By Emeritus Professor of Political Sciences, Bertrand Badie](#)

The global governance system of multilateralism failed to resolve the very social issues such as food security, inequality, migration, and climate change mainly due to lack of social solidarity and social integration. There is need to give priority to social issues over strategic issues, hence, promoting social solidarity and integration amid growing inequality to tackle global challenges is need of the hour.



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Prof. Bertrand Badie and Mr. Sebastien Cartier During Special Lecture on "Toward New Global Governance" Organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad

Watch our special report:

[Private Financing for the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)

Watch our show on

[Air pollution knows no borders with international guest](#)

SDPI in Mainstream Media (Electronic)

[سعودی عرب انوسٹمنٹ میں لوہینگ اور لونگ ٹرم فروٹس کون سے ہیں؟ ڈاکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری کا ہم نیوز پر تجزیہ](#)

[سعودی عرب کون کون سے سیکٹرز میں انوسٹ کرنے جا رہا ہے؟ ڈاکٹر عابد دنیا نیوز پر تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے](#)

[گواڈرائل ریفائنری اور دیگر سعودی پرجیکٹس... کتنا وقت لگ سکتا ہے؟ ڈاکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری کا کرانوں پرنس کے دورے کے حوالے سے ڈان نیوز پر تجزیہ](#)

[سعودی ولی عہد کے پاکستان دورہ سے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان کیا کیا معاہدے ہونگے؟ ڈاکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری کا تجزیہ](#)

[ہمارے گروٹھ سٹریکچر کے اندر مسئلے ہیں](#)

[سال 2019 میں اکانومی کیسی رہے گی؟ جاننے ڈاکٹر ساجد امین جاوید سے](#)

معشیت اتنی اچھی بھی نہیں ہے جتنی حکومت بتا رہی ہے اور اتنی بڑی بھی نہیں جو ایوزیشن بتا رہی: ڈاکٹر ساجد امین جاوید

[Watch interview of our researcher Ahad Nazir on social entrepreneurship in Pakistan](#)

SDPI in Print Media:

Business Recorder Islamabad, February 18, 2019

[Boosting Sindh economy!](#)

Dawn Islamabad, February 14, 2019

[Experts want revision of PPRA rules to increase competition](#)

The Express Tribune Islamabad, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for effective development process](#)

Daily Times, Islamabad, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for revising PPRA rules to enhance competition](#)

Pakistan Observer Islamabad, February 14, 2019

[PPRA rules lack competitiveness, need complete overhaul](#)

Pakistan Point, Lahore, February, 14, 2019

[Experts For Revising PPRA Rules To Enhance Competition, Development Effectiveness](#)

Urdu Point Lahore, February 13, 2019

[Experts For Revising PPRA Rules To Enhance Competition, Development Effectiveness](#)

The World News, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for effective development process](#)

Voice of Public, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for revising PPRA rules for enhanced competition, improved development effectiveness](#)

Aalmeen News Middle East, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for revising PPRA rules for enhanced competition, improved development effectiveness](#)

Media on Line Today in on Facebook, February 14, 2019

[Experts call for revising PPRA rules for enhanced competition, improved development effectiveness](#)

Dawn Islamabad, February 13, 2019

[Metro Events: Panel discussion](#)

NIKKEI Asian Review, Japan February 13, 2019

[China-backed coal projects raise heat in Pakistan](#)

Business World, (A publications of AZM Media Group), January 26, 2019

[Govt to unveil medium-term economic framework next week](#)

The News Islamabad/Rawalpindi, January 28, 2019

[Govt. to announce medium-term economic framework next week](#)

Pakistan Observer Islamabad, January 27, 2019

[Pakistan to present 'Medium-Term Economic Framework' next week](#)

Dawn Islamabad, January 26, 2019

[Indirect taxes to be cut further, says Hammad](#)

The Nation January 26, 2019

[Govt. to announce medium-term economic framework](#)

Pakistan Observer Islamabad, January 26, 2019

[Gov't to announce medium-term economic framework next week](#)

The Express Tribune Islamabad, January 26, 2019

[Govt. to unveil medium-term economic framework next week](#)

Urdu Point, Lahore, January 25, 2019

[Gov't To Announce Medium-term Economic Framework Next Week, Hammad Azhar](#)

Voice of Public, January 25, 2019

[Govt. To Announce Medium-Term Economic Framework In Next Week, Hammad Azhar](#)

Pakistani Post, January 25, 2019

[Government to announce medium-term economic framework in next week, says Revenue Minister](#)

Profit: Weekly Magazine Pakistan Today Islamabad, January 26, 2019

[Govt. to announce medium-term economic framework in coming week: Hammad Azhar](#)

Daily The Nation Islamabad, February 14, 2019

[**Democracy by the Global south**](#)

The Express Tribune Islamabad, February 12, 2019

[**Social, not power integration key to progressive systems**](#)

Urdu Point Lahore, February 11, 2019

[**Experts Urge To Promote Social Solidarity, Integration To Tackle Global Challenges**](#)

Dawn Islamabad, February 11, 2019

[**Metro Event Lecture:**](#)

The Express Tribune Islamabad, February 12, 2019

[**Social, not power integration key to progressive systems**](#)

Urdu Point Lahore, February 11, 2019

[**Experts Urge To Promote Social Solidarity, Integration To Tackle Global Challenges**](#)

Daily Jang Karachi, February 5, 2019

[**سندھ میں کاروباری برادری کے ساتھ تعاون کیلئے تیار ہیں، غزالہ سیفی**](#)

Dawn Islamabad, Web Edition, February 7, 2019

[**Govt. urged to motivate Chinese businessmen to invest in Pakistan**](#)

Pakistan Observer Islamabad, February 6, 2019

[**SDPI, IBA meet think tanks to discuss economic growth in Sindh**](#)

The News Karachi Edition, February 6, 2019

[**SDPI, IBA meet think tanks**](#)

Dawn Islamabad, Web Edition, February 7, 2019

[**Govt. urged to motivate Chinese businessmen to invest in Pakistan**](#)

Pakistan Observer Islamabad, February 6, 2019

[SDPI, IBA meet think tanks to discuss economic growth in Sindh](#)

The News Karachi Edition, February 6, 2019

[SDPI, IBA meet think tanks](#)

The News Islamabad/Rawalpindi, February 3, 2019

[Network to manage water use stressed](#)

Upcoming Event:

Foreign Policy of Pakistan in the Context of Strategic Coercion

28th February, 2019; 9:00am to 5:30PM

Sheesh Mahal Hall, Serena Hotel Islamabad