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International Conference

**“Decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) -
Belt & Road Initiative (BRI):
From Vision to Reality”**

24th-25th July, 2023

Islamabad - Pakistan

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I. Time and Venue

Time: July 24, 2023 (0930 - 1900 HRS) & July 25,2023 (1000 - 1600 HRS)

Venue: Sheesh Mahal Hall, Serena Hotel, Islamabad

II. Requirements

1. Please attend in formal attire.
2. Find the seat according to the name tag.
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Introduction

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Secretariate, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (MoPDSI) in Collaboration with Embassy of the People Republic of China are organizing an International Conference on, “Decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) & Belt & Road Initiative (BRI): From Vision to Reality” on 24th - 25th July 2023 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) being a strategic principal component of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) focuses on infrastructure development and Socio-economic cooperation between China and Pakistan. This year marks the successful decade of BRI & CPEC. It is an appropriate moment to reflect on the achievements, challenges, and prospects of this game changer concept. Over the decade, the two countries have developed strong bonds in diverse fields and call themselves “Iron Brothers”. CPEC effectively helped Pakistan in improving its energy security as well as transport networks from north to south and laid foundation for a resilient infrastructure including ports, airports, roads, and railway. In the subsequent phase both countries have strong resolve to advance cooperation in the areas of agriculture, industry, science and technology, information technology, Socio-economic development, and people to people connectivity.

The conference aims to bring together policymakers, scholars, practitioners, and other stakeholders to exchange ideas and insights related to economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical impacts of CPEC and BRI. Furthermore, the conference will explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation, sustainable development, and inclusive growth in the subsequent phase of CPEC.

Research papers, covering the various aspects of CPEC and BRI, are invited on the following themes:

1. Opportunities for Industrial Relocation and Export Promotion
2. Challenges to regional connectivity and integration
3. Socio-economic impacts of CPEC
4. Prospects of regional connectivity through Gwadar port
5. Security and geopolitical implications
6. Green technologies and development
7. Harnessing IR 4.0 (Industrial Revolution 4.0)
8. Artificial intelligence and labor market dynamics
9. Innovation, technology transfer and global value chain
10. Agri innovation for food security
11. Prospects for third party participation in CPEC

The conference will be organized over two days and will feature plenary sessions and panel discussions. The plenary sessions will include keynote speeches by prominent policymakers and thought leaders, providing a broad overview of CPEC and BRI and setting the stage for the discussions. The panel discussions will be organized around the key themes, featuring expert speakers who will present their research findings, share best practices, and engage in in-depth discussions with the audience.

All accepted and presented abstracts will be published in the conference abstract book, while selected papers will be published in the Special Issue of Pakistan Development Review (PDR) Journal after blind peer review and approval of scientific committee. The follow-up activities will include policy dialogues, research collaborations, business matchmaking, and other initiatives to enhance cooperation, connectivity, and development in the region

Two Days International Conference “Decade of CPEC & BRI: From Vision to Reality”

July 24th-25th, 2023 Sheesh Mahal Hall, Serena Hotel Islamabad, Pakistan

Day 1: 24th July 2023 (Monday)
Venue: Sheesh Mahal Hall, Serena Hotel, Islamabad
Timings: 0900 – 1730 HRS

PROGRAM

Time Agenda Items

Opening Session

0900 HRS	Registration, Guests to be seated
0950 HRS	Arrival of Chief Guest
1000 HRS	National Anthem of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and People's Republic of China
1005 HRS	Recitation from Holy Quran
1010 HRS	Welcome Note by Conference Chair Dr. M. Nadeem Javaid, Chief Economist/ Executive Project Director, CPEC, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.
1020 HRS	Opening Remarks Syed Zafar Ali Shah Federal Secretary for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
1035 HRS	Guest of Honour Address Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan
1050 HRS	Chief Guest Address H.E Ms. Pang Chunxue Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of People's Republic of China
1115 HRS	Exchange of Souvenirs/ Group Photo
1120 HRS	Tea Break
Panel Discussion:	Energy Security of Pakistan; Transition to Clean & Green Energy Introduction by Energy Specialist CPEC Secretariat
1145 HRS	Chair and Moderator: Dr. M. Nadeem Javaid, Chief Economist, Govt. of Pakistan Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Khalid Mansoor, Ex-CEO (HUBCO), Ex-SAPM (CPEC)Dr. Sardar Mohazzam, Managing Director, National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA)Dr. Xiaoqing Xie, Director, CPEC Research Center, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, China.Mr. Tauseef Hassan Farooqi, Chairman National Electric Power Regulatory AuthorityMr. Shahjhan Mirza, Managing Director, Private Power Infrastructure Board
1300 HRS	Lunch & Prayer Break

Technical Session-1 Socio-Economic Impacts of CPEC

Chair: Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, Institute of Business Administration (IBA)

Discussant: Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Senior Research Economist, PIDE

Venue: Sheesh Mahal Hall- 3

Papers to be Presented:

- i. Socio-Economic Impacts of China- Pakistan Economic Corridor
Dr. Muhammad Asif
- ii. Prospects for Regional Integration Through Gwadar
Dr. Muhammad Aslam
- iii. On the influence of China- Pakistan Economic Corridor in Pakistan's Development
Dr. Li Jingfeng
- iv. Balochistan's Potential under CPEC: Opportunities and Challenges
Mr. Dost Barrech
- v. An Insight into Tourist-Host Led Human Capital Development and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from China BRI Projects
Mr. Aamir Shahzad
- vi. Sufism and Confucianism: Role in Regional Connectivity in South Asia –
Mr. Fida ur Rahman
- vii. Exploring Opportunities, Challenges and Social Economic Benefits of China Pakistan Economic Corridor: From the Perspective of Pakistan
Miss. Munazza Jabeen
- viii. Assessing the Energy Security, Just Energy Transition Partnership Potential, and SWOT Analysis of CPEC Power Plants in Pakistan
Mr. Khalid Waleed

Technical Session-2 Prospects of Regional Connectivity Through Gwadar Port

Chair: Dr. Safdar A. Sohail, Dean National Institute of Public Policy

Discussant: Dr. Abdul Sattar, Director, Pak-China Study Centre, BUISTEM

Venue: Shamadan Hall-1

Papers to be Presented:

- i. Gwadar Port: Empowering Regional Trade and Connectivity
Mr. Muhammad Qadeer Ashraf
- ii. Prospects of a Developed Gwadar Port in promoting regional connectivity: a comprehensive evaluation from the lens of complex interdependence theory
Miss. Hira Sajid
- iii. CPEC and Socio-Economic Development in Balochistan: Pitfalls and Future Roadmap
Mr. Bakht Noor Khan
- iv. Gwadar Port's Role in Enhancing Regional Railway Connectivity: Opportunities and Challenges
Dr. M. Asim
- v. Roadblocks to Prosperity: Challenges in Regional Connectivity through CPEC's Gwadar Port
Miss. Memoona Nasir
- vi. CPEC: an alternative route to Arabian Sea for reverse trade between China & KSA
Dr. Inayatullah Bhatti
- vii. Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Implications of Gwadar Port for Regional Power Dynamics in the Context of BRI
Dr. Sami Ullah
- viii. Significance of the Gwadar Port and its prospects for regional connectivity
Mr. Shehroz Shahbaz

Tea Break
(1520 - 1550 HRS)

Technical Session-3**Opportunities for Industrial Relocation and Export Promotion**

Chair: Prof Tang Mengsheng, Director, Center for Pakistan Studies at Peking University

Discussant: Dr. Sheraz Mustafa, Assistant Professor of Economics at Sukkur IBA University

Venue: Shamadan Hall-2

Papers to be Presented:

- i. Regional Connectivity with Reference to the Geostrategic Significance of Pakistan and China
Dr. Inayatullah Bhatti
- ii. An In-depth Analysis of the Citrus Industry in Pakistan: Production, Market Structure, and the Impact of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
Mr. Muhammad Waleed Tufail
- iii. Opportunities for Industrial Relocation and Export Promotion
Dr. Erfa Iqbal
- iv. An Econometric Analysis of Economic Growth and Global Value Chain Spillovers: Evidence from SAARC Countries
Miss. Bushra Mushtaq
- v. Opportunity for Industrial Relocation and Export Promotion
Mr. Muhammad Gulzar
- vi. Weaving a New Future: The Role of CPEC Projects in Revolutionizing Pakistan's Textile Industry
Mr. Waqas Nawaz Khan
- vii. Will collaboration with China improve Pakistan's track record with SEZs?
Mr. Socrat Aman
- viii. Pakistan-China Bilateral Socio-economic Relations in new era.
Miss. Mushra Hanif

Technical Session-4**Green Technologies and Development**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Noreen Mujahid, Director, Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi

Discussant: Dr. Xiaoqing Xie, Director of CPEC Research Centre, China University of Geosciences

Venue: Shamadan Hall-3

Papers to be Presented:

- i. Leveraging the CPEC for Sustainable Blue Economy and Coastal Growth
Dr. Hassan Daud Butt
- ii. Development of the BRI Countries using Green Technologies: Circular Economy for the Industries, Innovative Technologies for Energy and Transport
Dr. Seema Mallick
- iii. Quasi solid-state dye-sensitized solar Cells/Modules: A potential photovoltaic technology for powering Internet of Things (IoT) Applications.
Dr. Umer Mehmood
- iv. Preliminary Potential Evaluation of Rare Earth Elements Along the Framework of CPEC, Pakistan. A Review
Miss. Gul Fatima
- v. Green Development in Pakistan: Exploring Chinese Green Development to Navigate Pakistan's Sustainable Growth
Mr. Usama Khalid
- vi. Green Technologies for Socio-economic Impacts of CPEC
Mr. Muhammad Zarar
- vii. CPEC and the Road to Sustainable Economic Growth: Pathways for Pakistan's Industrial and Innovation Policies Å la China
Dr. Muhammad Shafique
- viii. Governance of Cross-Border Regions & SEZs: The Case of Gwadar Under CPEC
Mr. Ghammaz Husnain

Tea Break
(1520 - 1550 HRS)

Panel Discussion: II **Expansion of Manufacturing Base and Integration with Global Value Chain**
Introduction by Investment & SEZ Specialist CPEC Secretariat

1730 HRS

Chair and Moderator:

Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

Panellists:

- **Prof. Tao Yitao**, Director China Centre for SEZ Research, Shenzhen University
- **Mr. Asad Rehman Gilani**, Secretary Board of Investment
- **Mr. Asim Saeed**, Member Private Sector, Planning Commission of Pakistan
- **Mr. Kashif Anwar**, President Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- **Mr. Zafar ul Hasan**, Joint Chief Economist (EP), Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

1900 HRS

Welcome by **Prof. Ahsan Iqbal**, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

1930 HRS

Dinner and Networking

Four Parallel Technical Sessions (1000 – 1300 HRS)

Technical Session-5
Security and Geopolitical Implications

Chair: Prof. Dr Azhar Ahmad, Bahria University, Islamabad

Discussant: Dr. Liu Zongyi, Director Research Institute for International Strategic and Security Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

Venue: Sheesh Mahal Main Hall

Papers to be Presented:

- i. CPEC & BRI Regional Game Changers: Security and Geopolitical Implications in Pakistan
Mr. Usman Anwar
- ii. The Security and Geopolitical Implications of CPEC and BRI in Pakistan's Relations with Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti
Mr. Tariq Khan
- iii. CPEC, BRI and the Indian Ocean: Emerging Security Challenges
Mr. Rashid Ahmad Khan
- iv. Security Dilemma in Sino-Indian, Indo-Pak, and Pak-Afghan Relations: A Challenge for Regional Integration and Connectivity
Dr. Muhammad Azam
- v. Exploring the Security and Geopolitical Dimensions of China Pakistan Economic Corridor
Mr. Abdul Rehman
- vi. Prospects for Iran's Participation in CPEC: An Appraisal
Miss. Shabnam Fazal
- vii. Prospects for Third-Party Participation in CPEC: Either Iran or Afghanistan –
Miss. Rashida Anis
- viii. Between Geopolitics and Geoeconomics: Analyzing Pakistan's New Narrative in the Emerging Geopolitical Competition in South Asia
Mr. Mehmood Hussain

Technical Session-6
Innovation, Technology and Global Value Chain

Chair: Dr. Wang Shida, Director Institute for South Asian Studies at The China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)

Discussant: Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Pro-Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar

Venue: Shamadan Hall-1

Papers to be Presented:

- i. Strategic Ambidexterity Needed for Innovativeness in Agriculture and Livestock farming in Pakistan: Implications for Sectoral Integration into CPEC
Mr. Azhar Abbas
- ii. The impact of China-Pakistan Energy Cooperation on Poverty Reduction in Pakistan: Empirical Analysis Based on the Early CPEC Program
Mr. Xiaoqing Xie
- iii. An experience of dealing with large scale power outage of metro rail transit in Lahore: Assessment of emergency responses to an energy challenge
Dr. Qamar Mahboob
- iv. Exploring the Role of SMEs Resilience and its Integration within the Context of CPEC Development
Mr. Talha Zubair Ahmad Khan
- v. Statistical Modeling Using MLR Technique of CPEC Route for precipitation variation and the Effect of climate change
Dr. Erum Aamir
- vi. Inclusive Economic Growth Prospects of CPEC and BRI under Bilateral Debt Swap Policy
Mr. Umar Suffian Ahmad
- vii. China-Pakistan Agricultural Cooperation under the Framework of CPEC
Prof Tang Mengsheng

Tea Break
(1120 - 1150 HRS)

Technical Session-7**Challenges to Regional Connectivity and Integration**

Chair: Prof. Abdul Jalil, National Defence University, Islamabad

Discussant: Dr. Hasan Daud Butt, Associate Professor, Former CEO KP BoIT

Venue: Shamadan Hall-2

Papers to be Presented:

- i. The Impact of Railway Development on Economic Growth Through CPEC
Dr. Abida Naurin
- ii. In the Shadow of Obstacles: Addressing the Geostrategic Challenges of CPEC for Sustainable Regional Integration
Mr. Muhammad Tanvir
- iii. Pakistan-Iran Economic Relations: Challenges and Opportunities
Miss. Maria Mansab
- iv. Optimum Currency Area Arrangements among ASEAN+3+3 Countries: Connectivity Prospects for Pakistan
Mr. Jamshaid ur Rehman
- v. US Rebalancing Strategy vs China's BRI: Implications for Pakistan
Mr. Mubashra Shaheen Gondal
- vi. Fast-Tracking CPEC: Addressing Impediments and Mapping Policy Actions for Pakistan
Miss. Sabina Babar
- vii. Building Bridges for Prosperity: Pakistan and Central Asia Regional Connectivity and Stability through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)
Miss. Hira Sarwar
- viii. External and Internal Challenges for CPEC from Pakistan's Perspective
Mr. Khalid Manzoor Butt

Technical Session-8**Artificial Intelligence and Labour Market Dynamics**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Samina Khalil, Research Professor, Former Director, Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi,

Discussant: Dr. M. Athar Siddiqui, Dean Faculty of Management Science, University of Central Punjab

Venue: Shamadan Hall-3

Papers to be Presented:

- i. The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Labor Market Dynamics: Challenges and Opportunities
Mr. Muhammad Hasanat Khan
- ii. USA Chip Decoupling Against China: Implications on BRI Initiative
Miss. Haadia Riaz
- iii. Improved Reliability and performance enhancement in manufacturing and energy sector of CPEC by harnessing fourth industrial revolution
Miss. Ijlal Raheem
- iv. Enhancing Women's Participation in Green Sectors: Strategies for Inclusive Human Resource Development Under CPEC
Miss. Sobia Khursheed
- v. Socioeconomic Externalities of CPEC
Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq
- vi. China's Port City Development Strategies A Case Study of Gwadar
Mr. Muhammad Jawad Akhtar
- vii. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Opportunities and Challenges for Local Inhabitants in Gwadar
Mr. Zahid Ali

Tea Break
(1120 - 1150 HRS)

1300 HRS

Lunch & Prayer Break

1410 HRS

Takeaways from Technical Sessions

Dr. M. Muzammil Zia, Conference Secretary, CPEC Secretariat

1430 HRS

Award distribution for Technical Session Chair/ Group Photo

Panel Discussion - III:

CPEC, BRI and Harmonious Civilization

Introduction by Socio-Economic Development Specialist CPEC Secretariat

1435HRS

Chair:

Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

Moderator:

Dr. M. Nadeem Javaid, Chief Economist, Govt. of Pakistan

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- **Dr. Li Jingfeng**, Director of Regional and Strategic Research Office of Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences
- **Dr. Xiaoqing Xie**, Director of CPEC Research Centre, China University of Geosciences

Closing Ceremony

1520 HRS

Key Note Address by Chief Guest:

Prof Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

1600 HRS

Exchange of Souvenirs followed by note of thanks by Conference Chair

Networking Tea



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