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Securing Peace and Prosperity
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

7 DECEMBER 2015

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Inaugural Session	8:45 am – 11:30 am
<p>8:45am – Guests to be seated</p> <p>Welcome Address: Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Introduction: Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Remarks by the Chief Guest: Miftah Ismail, Chairman, Board of Investment, Pakistan</p> <p>Inaugural Remarks: Rajan Bhattarai, Member, Constituent Assembly and Legislative Parliament, Government of Nepal Suraj Vaidya, President-In-Charge SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry.</p> <p>Launch of Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Growth Inclusive, Just and Sustainable in South Asia • Towards South Asia Economic Union • Special Issue of South Asia Economic Journal (SAEJ) • Towards Regional Integration in South Asia: Promoting Trade Facilitation and Connectivity <p>Plenary Title: 10 Years of SAFTA and Way Forward</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Ramay, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Chair: M. Syeduzzaman, Former Finance Minister, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka • Martin Rama, Chief Economist, South Asia Region, The World Bank, India Office • Sonam Tashi, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan • Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand 	
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon

Monday, 07 December 2015		Day One
Concurrent Panel A-1	12 noon – 2:00 pm	
Title: Corridors for Development		
Chair: Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms, Government of Pakistan		
Panel Organisers: Abid Q. Suleri, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Tahir Saeed, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Distinguished Speakers		
Haroon Sharif, The World Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan (Presentation: <i>Emerging Economic Corridors in South, West and Central Asia</i>)		
Ambassador Halil Ibrahim Akça, Secretary General, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Tehran, Iran		
Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Nagesh Kumar, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), India		
Discussion		
Lunch	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-2	12 noon – 2:00 pm
Title: Critical Challenges of Trade Promotion in South Asia and Way Forward	
Special Remarks: Rajan Bhattarai, Member of Constituent Assembly and Legislative Parliament, Government of Nepal	
Moderator and Panel Organiser: Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Shafquat Haider, Director, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Bangladesh	
Nisha Taneja, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), India	
Suraj Vaidya, President-In-Charge SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nepal	
Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Chairperson, SAARC Chamber Women Entrepreneurs Council, Pakistan	
Zubair Ahmed Malik, Executive Member, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan	
Subhashini Abeysinghe, Senior Analyst and Head of Economics, Verite' Research Pvt. Ltd, Sri Lanka	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-3	12 noon – 2:00 pm
<p>Title: Leadership for Sustainable Development: Role of Private Sector</p> <p>Moderator: Iqbal Tabish, Secretary General, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Anam Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Adil Khattak, CEO, Attock Refinery, Pakistan	
M.A. Jabbar, CEO Qaim Filters, Karachi, Pakistan	
Majyd Aziz, Former Chairman, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Karachi, Pakistan	
Iftikhar Ali Malik, Vice President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Muhammad Akram Farid, Vice President, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-4	12 noon – 2:00 pm
<p>Title: Regional Cooperation for Energy Security</p> <p>Chair: Mohammad Younus Dagha, Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Shehryar Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Alias Wardak, Managing Director, New Beginning Network, Afghanistan Branch	
Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, India	
Muhammad Naeem Malik, Director, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Energy Centre, Pakistan	
Arshad S. Abbasi, Senior Advisor, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Selina Irfan, Coordinator-Energy and Low-Carbon Initiatives Programme Development Department, LEAD Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-5	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Sustainable Transportation and Logistics Corridors in South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Syed Naveed Qamar, Chair, National Assembly Standing Committee on Railways, Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Ali Khizar, Head of Research, Business Recorder, Karachi, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Muhammad Adnan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
Prabir De, Professor (Senior Fellow), Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India	
R.B. Rauniyar, Managing Director, Interstate Multi-Modal Transport, Nepal	
Nadia Tahir, Bahria University, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Ajith Wattuhewa, President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka	
Joseph George, Consultant, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India	
Discussion	

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-6	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Macroeconomic Stability and Sustainable Growth: Perspectives from South Asia	
Panel Organiser and Moderator: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Deepak Nayyar, Co-Chair, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies, India	
Shahid Ahmed, Head, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India	
Sakib Sherani, Former Principal Economic Advisor, Government of Pakistan	
Anjum Assad Amin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan	
Michael Dauderstädt, Freelance Writer and Commentator, Germany	
Discussion	

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-7	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Intra-regional Investment and Supply Chains in South Asia	
Moderator: Farrukh Khan Pitafi, Host-Current Affairs Programme, PTV News, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organiser: Samavia Batool, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Mohammad Yonass Hossain, Vice President, Afghanistan, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
Sanjay Kathuria, Lead Economist, South Asia Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, The World Bank, USA	
Samir S. Amir, Director Research, Pakistan Business Council, Karachi, Pakistan	
Discussion	

Monday, 07 December 2015	Day One
Concurrent Panel A-8	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Services Trade in South Asia	
Chair: Nasreen Mahmud Kasuri, Founder and Chairperson, Beaconhouse School Systems, Pakistan	
Panel Organiser: Sajid Amin, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand	
Subhashini Abeysinghe, Senior Analyst and Head of Economics, Verite' Research Pvt. Ltd, Sri Lanka	
Sajid Amin, Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	

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Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Opening Plenary: Securing Peace and Prosperity	
9:00am-11:30am	
<p>8:45am – Guests to be seated</p> <p>Welcome Address: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Introduction: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Remarks by the Guest of Honour: Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Remarks by the Chief Guest</p> <p>Launch of SDPI Publications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>SDC Anthology: Pathways to Sustainable Development</i> 2. <i>Annual Report 2014-2015</i> 3. <i>Human Development in South Asia 2015: The Economy and the People</i> <p>Keynote Plenary:</p> <p>Title: Revisiting South Asian Cooperative Relationship through the Prism of 2030 Global Agenda of Sustainable Development</p> <p>Chair: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh</p>	
Refreshments	11:30am – 12noon

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-1	12 noon – 2:00 pm
Title: SDGs and South Asia: Key Priorities and Implementation Challenges	
Chair: Hafiz A. Pasha, Former Federal Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan	
Panel Organiser: Sajid Amin, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia (ESCAP-SSWA), India	
Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India	
Habil Christian Wagner, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany	
Rajan Bhattarai, Member Constituent Assembly and Legislative Parliament, Government of Nepal	
Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Dushni Weerakoon, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-2	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
<p>Title: Role of Media in Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Chair: Nisar Memon, Former Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Asma Shirazi, Analyst & Anchor Person, 92 News Channel, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Junaid Zahid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Rinzin Wangchuk, Journalist, Kuensel Corporation Ltd, Bhutan	
Umashankar Singh, Foreign Affairs Editor NDTV, India	
Nur ul Kabir, Editor, The Daily New Age, Bangladesh	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-3	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
<p>Title: Role of Women Entrepreneurs in Sustainable Development of South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Chairperson, SAARC Chamber women Entrepreneurs Council, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Fayyaz Yasin, Visiting Researcher, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Yumiko Yamamoto, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangkok, Thailand	
Sunil Motiwal, Chief Executive Officer, SAARC Development Fund, Thimpu, Bhutan	
Pramila Acharya Rijal, President, South Asian Women Development Forum, Nepal	
Hiramani Ghimire, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal	
Roubina Taufiq Shah, Director General, Trade Dispute Resolution Organization (TDRO), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Fayyaz Yasin, Visiting Researcher, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-4	12:00 noon– 2:00 pm
<p>Title: Competition Reforms and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Chair: Ahmed Qadir, Director General, Competition Commission of Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Asad Umar, Member, National Assembly (MNA), Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Anam Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International, India	
Aneel Salman, In-Charge Business Programme, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Nadeem Iqbal, Executive Director, The Network For Consumer Protection, Islamabad, Pakistan.	
Muhammad Adnan, Research Associate, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-5	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Investment in Agriculture in South Asia and Scope for Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Chair: Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Huma Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Hiramani Ghimire, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal	
Simrit Kaur, Professor of Public Policy, University of Delhi, India	
Shakeel A. Ramay, Senior Research Associate, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-6	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Political Economy of Transit Trade in South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Ishrat Hussain, Dean & Director, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Robina Ather, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan; and Khalid Malik, Beaconhouse National Univeristy, Lahore, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Nazir Kabiri, Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan	
Prabir De, Professor (Senior Fellow), Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India	
Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Former Finance Secretary, Government of Nepal	
Haroon Sharif, Advisor, Regional Economic Cooperation (South Asia), The World Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Brendan Vickers, Economic Advisor, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK	
Salamat Ali, Senior Research Associate, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK	
Discussion	

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-7	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Women in South Asia</p> <p>Chair: Khadija Haq, President Mahbub-ul-Haq Human Development Centre, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Rabia Manzoor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Thinley Lham, EC Member, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry , Bhutan	
Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Chairperson, SAARC Chamber Women Entrepreneurs Council, Pakistan	
Dharshani Premaratne, Researcher, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka	
Aisha Anees Malik, Associate Professor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan	
Rabia Manzoor, Research Associate, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	

Tuesday, 08 December 2015	Day Two
Concurrent Panel B-8	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Management in South Asia</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Shakeel A. Ramay, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Shafqat Munir, Oxfam GB, Islamabad</p>	
Speakers	
Kamble Mahesh, Assistant Professor, TATA Institute of Social Science, India	
Saeed Aleem, Former Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Asish Subedi, Research Officer, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal	
Usman Mustafa, Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Athula Senaratne, Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka	
Discussion	

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Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Panel C-1	9:15 am –11:30 am
<p>Title: Climate Change Adaptation and Migration in Semi-Arid and Mountainous Regions</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Nisar A. Memon, Chairman, Water Environment Forum, Pakistan; and Former Federal Information Minister & Senator, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Dr. Bernard Cantin, International Development Research Centre, Canada; and, Dr. Khatau Mal Thari, Tharparkar, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Mr. Kashif Majeed Salik, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Dr. Anjal Prakash, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal</p>	
Speakers	
Mr. Kashif Salik, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan and Dr. Fahad Saeed, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Prof. Abdulhamid Kayumov, Tajik Branch of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), Kazakhstan	
Dr. Amina Maharjan, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal; and, Dr. Giovanna Gioli, ICIMOD, Nepal	
Refreshments	11:30 am-12 noon

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	DayThree
Concurrent Panel C-2	9:15 am – 11:30 am
Title: Rising Inequality in Asia and Role of Fiscal Policies to Reduce Inequalities (Podium Discussion)	
Chair: Hafiz A. Pasha, Former Federal Minister of Finance, Government of Pakistan	
Special Remarks: Mr. Mustafa Talpur, Oxfam GB, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organisers: Mr. Mustafa Talpur, Oxfam GB, Islamabad, Pakistan; Ms Sadaf Liaquat, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Dr. M. Syeduzzaman, Former Finance Minister, Member Board of Directors, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh	
Ms Ayla Majid, Business Advisory Services at Khalid Majid Rehman Chartered Accountants and CEO at CAMCO (Pvt) Limited, Pakistan.	
Syed Abdul Khaliq, Institute for Social & Economic Justice (ISEJ), Lahore, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-3	9:15 am – 11:30 am
Title: Voice and Accountability Index	
Chair: Mr. Naeem uz Zafar, Member Social Sector, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, Government of Pakistan	
Special Remarks: Mr. Harris Khalique, AAWAZ-DAI, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Mr. Aamir Goraya, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organisers: Ms Shirin Gul, AAWAZ-DAI, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Mr. Muhammad Sohaib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Ms Shirin Gul, AAWAZ-DAI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Mr. Minhaj ul Haque, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Ms Fauzia Yazdani, United Nations Development Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon

Wednesday, 09 December 2015		Day Three
Concurrent Session C-4		9:15 am – 11:30 am
<p>Title: Food Security in Pakistan: Current Situation and the Way Forward</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Seerat Asghar Jaura, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Mr. Patrick Evans, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Islamabad; Ms Lola Castro, World Food Programme (WFP), Islamabad; Malik Zahoor, National Coordinator, Zero Hunger and Family Farming Programme, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad;</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Dr. Krishna Pahari, World Food Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Ms Rabia Manzoor, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>		
Speakers	Titles	
Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	Food security policy and the way forward in Pakistan	
Mr. Aslam Gill, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Government of Pakistan	Pakistan food security analysis 2015	
Ms Sarah Hamidi and Dr. Krishna Pahari, World Food Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan	Evolving trends on climate change and food security	
Dr. Golam Rasul, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) Kathmandu, Nepal	Food-water-energy nexus as an approach for adaptation to climate change and achieving Sustainable Development Goals	
<i>Documentary: Way Forward on Food Security in Pakistan</i>		
Discussion		
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon	

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-5	12 noon – 2:00pm
Title: Political Economy of Managing Water Variability in a Changing Climate (Presentation and Podium Discussion)	
Chair: Mr. Shams ul Mulk, Former Caretaker Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organisers: Ms Sadia Ishfaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; Dr. Imran Khalid, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Dr. Imran Khalid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Ms Sadia Ishfaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan;	
Dr. Guy Jobbins, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK	
Ms Simi Kamal, Aurat Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Dr. Kallur Submmanyam Murali, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, India	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-6	12 noon – 2:00pm
<p>Title: Human Development and Governance for Inclusive and Sustainable Development (Presentation and Podium Discussion)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Rural Support Programmes Network, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Government of Balochistan, Quetta, Pakistan; Dr. Shekhar Shah, National Council of Applied Economics Research, New Delhi, India; and, Dr. Tariq Banuri, University of Utah, USA</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Ramay, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speaker	
<p>Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan (<i>via Skype</i>) (Presentation: <i>Rethinking Growth Framework</i>)</p> <p>Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, United Nations Development Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-7	12 noon – 2:00pm
Title: South Asian Women Parliamentarians for the Rights of Women (Roundtable Discussion – CLOSED DOOR SESSION)	
Moderator: Ms Mome Saleem, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organisers: Ms Mome Saleem, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Mr. Shakeel A. Ramay, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Ms Andrea Fleschenberg dos Ramos Pinéu, Islamabad, Pakistan <i>(Presentation)</i>	
Ms Veena Sikri, South Asia Women's Network (SWAN), India	
Ms Lalitha Kumaramangalam, National Commission for Women, Government of India, India	
Ms Shinkai Karokhail, Women Parliamentary Network and Women Caucus in Parliament, Afghanistan	
Ms Shah Gul Rezai, Member Parliament, Afghanistan	
Ms Manizha Ramizy, Youth Delegate, Afghanistan	
Ms Romina Khurshid, Member National Assembly, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Ms Farzana Yaqoob, Kashmir, Pakistan	
Dr. Farzana Bari, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Ms Shaista Malik, Chairperson, SAARC Chamber of Commerce Women Entrepreneurs Council (SCWEC); and, Member National Assembly, Pakistan	
Ms Shazia Marri, Member National Assembly, Sindh, Pakistan	
Ms Azma Zahid Bukhari, Member Provincial Assembly, Lahore, Pakistan	
Ms Arfa Khalid, Member National Assembly, Lahore, Pakistan	
Ms Faiza Ahmed Malik, Member Provincial Assembly, Lahore, Pakistan	
Dr. Shahida Rehmani, Member National Assembly, Sindh, Pakistan	
Ms Sajida Khan, Member National Assembly, Peshawar, Pakistan	
Ms Maliha Khan, Member Provincial Assembly, Lahore, Pakistan	
Ms Aisha Syed, Member National Assembly, Pakistan	
Ms Nikhat Shakeel, Member National Assembly, Pakistan	
Mrs. Saman Jaffery, Member National Assembly, Pakistan	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 09 December 2015		Day Three
Concurrent Session C-8		12 noon – 2:00pm
<p>Title: Energy Security of Pakistan</p> <p>Chair: Engr. M. A. Jabbar, Member SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Karachi, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Mr. Arshad Abbasi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Ms Asma Samir Khwaja, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser and Moderator: Mr. Arshad Abbasi, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>		
Speakers	Titles	
Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan, COMSTECH, Islamabad, Pakistan	Nuclear, Coal and Hydro Power Generation for Energy Security	
Mr. Tahir Basharat Cheema, Former MD PEPCO, Lahore, Pakistan	Electricity Distribution and challenges	
Dr. Gulfraz Ahmad, Former Secretary Petroleum, Ministry of Petroleum & NR, Islamabad, Pakistan	Role of Regulatory Bodies and Energy Crisis in Pakistan	
Ms Maariyah Wasim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	Energy Governance and Efficiency of Thermal Power Plants	
Discussion		
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Wednesday, 09 December 2015		Day Three
Concurrent Session C-9		3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Opportunities for Cotton Supply Chains		
Chair: Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan		
Special Remarks: Mr. Bashir Ali Mohammad, Chairman Gul Ahmed Textile Mills, Karachi		
Panel Organiser: Ms Samavia Batool, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Titles	
Mr. Muhammad Saleem Ashraf, In-Service Agricultural Training Institute, Sargodha, Pakistan	Climate change and cotton supply chain conundrum in Pakistan: An analysis of the present for the future	
Dr. Elizabeth Carabine, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK (<i>via Skype</i>)	Overview of PRISE and Cotton Value Chain Project	
Dr. Fahad Saeed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	Impact of climate change on cotton sector in Pakistan	
Ms Samavia Batool, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	Cotton supply chain in Pakistan: Its composition, governance and climate impacts	
Discussion		

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-10	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Governance and Empowerment in South Asia	
Anchor: Ms Sana Mirza, Jaag TV, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Panel Organiser: Mr. Muhammad Adnan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Syed Naveed Qamar, Former Defence Minister, Karachi, Pakistan	
Ms Shaista Malik, Chairperson, SAARC Chamber of Commerce Women Entrepreneurs Council (SCWEC); and, Member National Assembly, Pakistan	
Dr. Shekhar Shah, National Council of Applied Economics Research, New Delhi, India	
Discussion	

Wednesday, 09 December 2015	Day Three
Concurrent Session C-11	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<p>Title: Shared History of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh: How to Overcome the Controversies? (Narratives)</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Karamat Ali, Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER) . Karachi, Pakistan</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Humera Ishfaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Mr. Ahmad Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
Dr. Navsharan Singh, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, India	
Ms Munima Sultana, The Financial Express, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
Mr. Ahmad Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Mr. Harris Khalique, AAWAZ - Voice and Accountability Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Unnayan Onneshan, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
Discussion	

Wednesday, 09 December 2015		Day Three
Concurrent Session C-12		3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Title: Victimology of Crime and Terrorism: Lessons for South Asia		
Chair: Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Suddle, National Police Bureau, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Special Remarks: Prof. Dr. Marc Groenhuijsen, Tilburg Law School, Netherlands; Dr. Syed Kalim Imam, Former IG, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Panel Organiser and Moderator: Mr. Shahid Minhas, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers	Titles	
Ms Gulnaz Anjum, International Max Planck Research School, Jena, Germany; and, Dr. Mudassar Aziz, National Institute of Psychology, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	Youth's opinion about United States viz a viz proposals of reparations to the victims of U.S. drone strikes: A survey from Islamabad and Peshawar, Pakistan	
Mr. Athar Waheed, University of Minnesota, USA	Policy framework for victims of crime and terrorism in South Asia	
Prof. Michael O'Connell, Commissioner for Victims' Rights, Adelaide, Australia	Rights of victims of terrorism: Perspective of South Australia's Commissioner for Victims' Rights	
Mr. Ejaz Haider, Capital TV, Islamabad		
Discussion		

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Thursday, 10 December 2015	Day Four
Concurrent Session D-1	9:15 am – 11:30am
<p>Title: Securing Livelihoods: Revival of Markets in Post-Conflict Situations</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Khalid Aziz, Former Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Chairman Regional Institute of Policy Research and Training, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Mr. Aadil Mansoor, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Islamabad; and Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti, Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Panel Organiser: Ms Huma Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Speakers	
<p>Ms Danielle Huot, Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU), Kabul, Afghanistan (<i>via Skype</i>) (Presentation: <i>Researching livelihoods and services affected by conflict - “90% real” The rise and fall of a rentier economy: Stories from Kandahar, Afghanistan</i>)</p> <p>Dr. Babar Shahbaz, Institute of Agriculture Extension & Rural Development, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad; and, Ms Huma Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
Mr. Kamran Akbar, The World Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan	
Mr. Mohsin Aziz, Vice President, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Board of Investment, Government of KPK	
Discussion	
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-2		9:15 am – 11:30am
<p>Title: Water, Sustainability, Equity, and Security</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Nisar A. Memon, Chairman, Water Environment Forum, Pakistan; and Former Federal Information Minister & Senator, Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Special Remarks: Mr. Hasan Nasir Jamy, Ministry of Water & Power National Project Director, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Mr. Khalid Mohtadullah, Senior Advisor, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <p>Panel Organisers: Dr. Tariq Banuri, University of Utah, USA; Prof. M. Aslam Chaudhry, University of Utah, USA; and, Prof. Bakhshal Lashari, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan</p>		
Speakers	Titles	
Prof. M. Aslam Chaudhry, University of Utah, USA	Transition towards the post-2015 water agenda: Issues and challenges	
Dr. Kapil Ghosh, Rajiv Gandhi University, India	Characterisation of groundwater dynamics and its potential availability: A study on Dhalai District, Tripura, India	
Dr. Suleman Tahir, University of Gujrat, Pakistan	Treatment and recycling of textile (paper) industrial wastewater in Faisalabad, Pakistan	
Prof. Bakhshal Lashari, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan	The Indus Basin system: Efficiency, sustainability and equity	
Discussion		
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon	

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-3	9:15 am – 11:30am	
Title: Role of Development Partners in a Changing South Asia <i>(Podium Discussion)</i>		
Moderator: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Panel Organiser: Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers		
H.E. Ms Renate Pors, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Netherlands to Pakistan		
Mr. Bernard Francois, Political Director and the Foreign Secretary, Embassy of European Union to Pakistan		
Dr. Werner Liepech, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Haroon Sharif, The World Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Dr. Anindya Chatterjee, Asia Regional Director, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), India		
Mr. Marc-Andre Franche, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Leon Waskin, Deputy Mission Director, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Philipp Kauppert, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Discussion		
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon	

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-4	9:15 am – 11:30am	
Title: Data and Evidence for Informed Policy-making and Planning in Social Sectors		
Chair: Mr. Neil Buhne, Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Guest of Honour: Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Government of Pakistan		
Panel Organiser: Ms Saadiya Razzaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and Ms Hira Mirza, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers		
Ms Saadiya Razzaq, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan <i>(Introduction to Data and Evidence for Informed Policymaking and Planning in Social Sectors)</i>		
Dr. Pervez Tahir, Former Chief Economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Dr. Ashfaq H. Khan, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Ms Sehar Saeed, Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi, Lahore, Pakistan		
Mr. Mosharaff Zaidi, Alif Ailan, Islamabad Service, Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Arif Cheema, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Dr. Nadeem Javed, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Dr. Assad Hafiz, Ministry of National Health, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Nasir Amin, Academy of Educational Planning and Management, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, United Nations ESCAP, Thailand		
Discussion		
Refreshments	11:30 am – 12 noon	

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-5	12 noon – 2:00pm	
Title: Religious Minorities in South Asia		
Chair: Mr. Tariq C. Qaiser, Member National Assembly (PML-N), Sargodha, Pakistan		
Special Remarks: Dr. Navsharan Singh, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, India; Ms Romina Khurshid, Member National Assembly, Government of Pakistan; and, Ms Roshan Khursheed Bharucha, Member Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan, and Former Minister and Senator, Quetta, Pakistan		
Panel Organiser: Ms Mome Saleem, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Book Launch: <i>Islam, Minorities and Sustainable Development</i> (SDPI - Urdu Publication)		
Speakers		
Ms Mome Saleem, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Islamabad, Pakistan Mr. Ahmad Salim, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and,		
Mr. Sanaullah Rustamani, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan (Presentation: <i>Discrimination against religious minorities: An analysis of the textbooks of Sindh, Pakistan</i>)		
Ms Ayesha Salman, Editor and Author, UK (via Skype)		
Mr. Mohammad Tahseen, South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP-PK), Lahore, Pakistan		
Discussion		
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-6	12 noon – 2:00pm	
Title: Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Water Management		
Chair: Dr. Tariq Banuri, University of Utah, USA		
Special Remarks: Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Panel Organisers: Dr. Fahad Saeed, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Ms Ayesha Qaisrani, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers		
Mr. Mujib Ahmad Azizi, Afghan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU), Afghanistan (Presentation: <i>Developing transboundary water resources: Perspectives for co-operation between Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan</i>)		
Dr. Muhammad Khurshid, South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), Colombo, Sri Lanka (Presentation: <i>South Asian Seas Programme</i>)		
Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti, Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Kathmandu, Nepal		
Discussion		
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Thursday, 10 December 2015	Day Four
Concurrent Session D-7	12 noon – 2:00pm
Title: Trade Policies of South Asian Countries and Regional Integration <i>(Presentation and Podium Discussion)</i>	
Chair:	
Guest of Honour: Senator Shibli Faraz, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, Government of Pakistan	
Panel Organiser: Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Ramay, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan	
Speakers	
Ms Munima Sultana, The Financial Express, Bangladesh <i>(Presentation: Regional Connectivity through the BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement: Gain or loss for South Asia?)</i>	
H.E. Dr. TCA Raghavan, High Commissioner of India to Pakistan	
H.E. Mr. Suhrab Hossain, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Pakistan	
H.E. Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal, Ambassador of Nepal to Pakistan	
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Saleem, High Commissioner of Maldives to Pakistan	
H.E. Mr. Janan Musazai, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan	
Dr. Shekhar Shah, National Council of Applied Economics Research, New Delhi, India	
Discussion	
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday, 10 December 2015		Day Four
Concurrent Session D-8	12 noon – 2:00pm	
Title: Business Associations and Conflict		
Chair: Mr. Majyd Aziz, Former President Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Karachi, Pakistan		
Special Remarks: Mr. Naeem Mirza, Aurat Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan; and, Ms Safiya Aftab, AAWAZ-DAI, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Panel Organisers: Mr. Jamal Janjua, AAWAZ- DAI, Islamabad; and Mr. Muhammad Sohaib, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan		
Speakers		
Mr. Umair Javed, Visiting Faculty, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan <i>(Presentation: The bazaar-mosque relationship in Punjab: Mapping political and social alliances)</i>		
Dr. Chaudhry Kashif, All Pakistan Tajir Ittehad, Rawalpindi, Pakistan		
Ms Simbal Khan, Planning Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Mr. Zubair Iqbal Ghauri, Expert in Peace and Conflict, National Defence University, Islamabad, Pakistan		
Discussion		
Lunch	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Thursday, 10 December 2015**Day Four****Closing Plenary****3:00 pm – 5:30 pm****H.U. Beg Memorial Plenary****Remarks by the Chief Guest****Speakers**

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

(Role of Women Empowerment in Securing Peace & Prosperity for Sustainable Development in South Asia)

Hon. Mr. Shamsul Mulk, Former Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Pakistan

(Role of Knowledge in Securing Peace & Prosperity for Sustainable Development in South Asia)

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