

**The Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE)**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference**

**December 13-15, 2016**

**“CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR AND REGIONAL  
INTEGRATION”**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a testament to the deep-rooted and enduring friendship between the two countries. This multi-faceted mega project is expected to be a game-changer not only for the people of Pakistan but for the region as a whole by improving cross-country and regional connectivity from Gawadar to Xinjiang. Project priorities include transport and communications, energy infrastructure, industrial parks, special economic zones, and people to people cooperation. The project activities are expected to galvanize Pakistan’s economy and propel it onto a higher growth trajectory by lowering transactions costs, improving productivity, encouraging research and development, and spurring innovation. On the whole, the project will help strengthen the strategic relationship between China and Pakistan and bring lasting prosperity to the peoples of both countries.

In view of the great significance of the project, the PSDE has chosen “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and Regional Integration” as the main theme of its forthcoming 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM & Conference. The aim is to encourage rigorous and evidence based research on the potential benefits of the CPEC for Pakistan and China as well as its regional and global implications. The PSDE invites papers related to the overall theme as well as the following sub-themes:

**Sub-Theme I: Chinese Economy**

**Sub-Theme II: Domestic and Regional Political Economy**

**Sub-Theme III: Role of Connectivity and Infrastructure Development in Regional Integration**

**Sub Theme IV: Dynamics of Labour Market with CPEC**

**Sub-Theme V: Role of Productivity, Quality and Innovations in making CPEC work for Pakistan**

**Sub-Theme VI: Industrial and Urban Development in Pakistan and Trade Integration with China in the Long-term**

**Sub-Theme VII: Socio-Commerce Impacts of CPEC**

**Sub-Theme VIII: Domestic Reform, Development and CPEC**

**Sub-Theme IX: Role of FDI in sustainable Development in Pakistan**

**Sub-Theme X: Energy Sector and CPEC**

**Sub-Theme XI: Challenges in the Agriculture Sector and Role of CPEC**

**Sub-Theme XII: Role of CPEC in promoting linkages with Central Asia.**

**Sub-Theme XIII: Industrial Cities under CPEC – Global Experiences of Chinese Investments.**

Abstracts should be submitted to the PSDE Secretariat, on the prescribed form, latest by **July 29, 2016**. The last date for the receipt of full paper is **September 16, 2016**. Incomplete papers or those submitted after the due date would not be entertained by the PSDE Technical Committee. Authors of accepted papers would be notified by **November 1, 2016**.

A maximum of two submissions are permissible per author/co-author. Papers other than theme/sub-theme will be considered but papers on theme/sub-theme will be given preference. Each submission should clearly identify the Conference theme/sub-theme. Papers accepted to be presented at the Conference will be published in the proceedings volume of the Pakistan Development Review (PDR).

The paper presenters based in Pakistan will be provided financial support for travel and 3 nights stay. Presenters from foreign countries will be provided local hospitality. Papers should be mailed to [psde@pide.org.pk](mailto:psde@pide.org.pk)

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All relevant information about the Conference is available from the PSDE Secretariat and the PSDE's website. Updates will be continually posted on the website.