

5TH SOUTH ASIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT
MAKING GROWTH INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE IN SOUTH ASIA
11-13th September 2012, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad

Day 1
11th September 2012

(9:00am – 10:30am)

Inaugural Session

Chair: Syed Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Defense, Pakistan

Welcome Address: Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan

Inaugural Remarks:

- Sham L. Bathija, Minister Senior Adviser for Economic Affairs to the President of Afghanistan
- Rajiva Wijesinha, Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka
- Madhu Raman Acharya, Former Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal
- Suhrab Hossain, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Pakistan
- Sharat Sabharwal, High Commissioner of India in Pakistan
- Statement by the Chair

Report / Book Launch Event

- Launch of MHHDC 2012 South Asia Human Development Report on Governance for People's Empowerment - Mahbubul Haq Human Development Centre, Pakistan
- Book Launch: Economic Crisis, Pakistan and Sustainable Development – Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
- Book Launch: Global Recovery, New Risks and Sustainable Growth: Repositioning South Asia – Center for Policy Dialogue Bangladesh
- Book Launch: Regional economic integration: Challenges for South Asia during turbulent times - South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal
- Book Launch: Foreign Aid in South Asia: Emerging Scenario – Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
- Book Launch: The Poor Half Billion in South Asia
- Report Launch: Pakistan Power Sector Outlook: Appraisal of the Karachi Electricity Supply Company (KESC) in Post Privatization Period

Refreshments 10:30am – 11:00am (Marquee)

11:00am – 12:45pm

Plenary-I: Beyond MDGs and Post Rio Outlook: South Asian Goals towards Sustainable Development (Marquee)

Chair: Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Sikkim, India

Invited Speakers:

- Khalid Malik, Director, Human Development Report, United Nations Development Program, New York
- Tariq Banuri, Former Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs
- Priya Shyamsundar, Program Director, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)

Special Comments:

- Debapriya Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
- Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
- Yeshey Selden, Head, Corporate Performance Monitoring, Druk Holding Investments, Bhutan

Lunch (12:45pm – 2:00pm) (Marquee)

2:00pm – 3:45pm

A1: Regional Trade Agreements in South Asia: Current Outlook and Way Forward (Kohinoor)

Chair: Nagesh Kumar, Director, UN-ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, and ESCAP Chief Economist

Invited Speakers:

- Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
- Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), India
- Safdar Sohail, Director General (Trade Policy), Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan

Special Comments:

- Sonam Tashi, Head of Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan
- Ismail Nashid, Maldives Customs Service, Maldives

A2: Food Security: Challenges and Way Forward in South Asia (Marquee)

Chair: Syeduzzaman, Former Finance Minister, Bangladesh

Invited Speaker:

- David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC
- I. N. Mukherji, Professor and Senior Advisor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

Special Comments:

- Sumith Nakandala, DG, Economic Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Sri Lanka
- Mirwais Rahimzai, Executive Director, Civil Society Coordination Center (CSCC), Afghanistan
- Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
- Kamalesh Adhikari, Ph.D. Scholar, The Australian National University, Canberra

A3: Regional Cooperation for Energy Security (Crystal Ball Room)

Chair: Kalpana Kochhar, Chief Economist, World Bank (South Asia)

Invited Speakers:

- Dipak Gyawali, Chairman, Interdisciplinary Analysts, Nepal
- Deepti Mahajan, The Energy Research Institute (TERI), India

Special Comments:

- Singye Dorji, Managing Director, Quod Erat Demonstrandum (QED), Bhutan
- Hilal A. Raza, Director, SAARC Energy Center, Pakistan
- Faisal Jameel, Energy Specialist, Planning Commission, Pakistan

Working Hi-Tea in All Rooms

4:00 – 5:45pm

A4: Regional Trade in Agriculture: Prospects for South Asia (Marquee)

Chair: Mr. Annisul Huq, Chairman & CEO Mohammadi Group, Bangladesh

Invited Speakers:

- Rashmi Banga, Unit of Economic Cooperation & Integration Among Developing Countries, UNCTAD, Geneva
- Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Special Comments:

- Pradeep Kumar Shrestha, Managing Director, Panchakanya Group, Nepal
- Cherian Mathews, Deputy Regional Director, Oxfam GB Asia, Bangkok, Thailand
- Bhim Raj Gurung, Agriculture Marketing Specialist, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan

A5: Climate Change and South Asia – Examining Empirical Evidence (Kohinoor)

Chair: Priya Shyamsundar, Program Director, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)

Invited Speakers:

- Heman Lohano, Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan
- Muhammad Iftikharul Husnain, Federal Urdu University, Pakistan
- Prakash Karn, Heifer International, Nepal
- Joyashree Roy, Economics Department, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India
- Saudamini Das, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, India

<p>A6: Regional Cooperation on Water: Opportunities for South Asia (Crystal Ball Room) Chair: Saeed Shafqat, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divas Basnyat, Executive Director, Nepal Development Research Institute, Nepal • Anjal Prakash, Executive Director, SasiWaters, India • Shakeel A. Ramay, Senior Research Associate, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan <p>Special Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gem Tshering, Director, Transmission Wing, Bhutan Power Corporation, Bhutan • Khondaker Azharul Haq, Executive Member, Global Water Partnership, Bangladesh
<p>Dinner 8:00pm (Marquee)</p>
<p>Hosted by SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Special Remarks: Saeed Shafqat, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan Iftikhar Malik, Vice President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan Remarks by Chief Guest: Qamar Zaman Kaira. Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Pakistan</p>
<p>Day 2 12th September 2012</p>
<p>9:00 – 10:40am</p>
<p>Plenary-II Post Economic Crisis Outlook of South Asia: Moving towards Inclusive Growth & Sustainable Development (Marquee) Chair: Nadeem Ul Haque, Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nagesh Kumar, Director, UN-ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, and ESCAP Chief Economist • Kalpana Kochhar, Chief Economist, World Bank (South Asia) <p>Special comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posh Raj Panday, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal • Fareeha Shareef, Chief Executive Officer, FJS Consulting, Maldives • Vaqar Ahmed, Head (Economic Growth Unit), Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
<p>Refreshments 10:40 – 11:00am (Marquee)</p>
<p>11:00 - 12:45pm</p>
<p>B1: Transport & Logistics Corridors: South Asian Outlook (Marquee) Chair: Jahangir Tareen, Senior Vice President, Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prabir De, Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India • R.B. Rauniyar, Managing Director, Interstate Multi-Modal Transport, Nepal <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muhammad Umer Daudzai, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan • Anushka Wijesinha, Research Economist, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka • Ghulam Samad, Research Economist, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan • Thinley Palden Dorji, Vice President, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Bhutan
<p>B2: Economic Growth without Welfare and Sustainable Development: The Case of South Asia (Crystal Ball Room) Chair: Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Bangladesh Invited Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akmal Hussain, Distinguished Professor (Economics), Forman Christian College and Beaconhouse National University, Pakistan • Aynul Hasan, Chief, Development Policy Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haroon Sharif, Head (Economic Growth Group), Department for International Development, UK • Anuradha Rajivan, Team Leader, Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction Unit, UNDP-Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

<p>B3: Liberalization of Services Trade in South Asia (Kohinoor) Chair: Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Center for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilli Raj Khanal, Chairman, Institute for Policy Research and Development, Nepal • Zafar Mehmood, H.E.C Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mir Tanzim NurAngkur, Research Associate, South Asia Network for Economic Modelers, Bangladesh • Chhime Tshering, Chief Trade Negotiator, Department of Trade, Bhutan • Haji Raheemudin, Deputy Director of Afghanistan Advisory Board of National Entrepreneurs, Afghanistan • Kosala Wickramanayaka, Vice President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sri Lanka
Lunch 12:45 – 2:00pm (Marquee)
2:00 - 3:45pm
<p>B4: Competition Law & Policy in the South Asia (Marquee) Chair: Khalid Aziz Mirza, Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), India • Joseph Wilson, Member, Competition Commission of Pakistan • IqbalTabish, General Secretary, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammed Abdullah Raihan, Chairman, Redwan International Limited, Bangladesh • ParasKharel, Research Coordinator, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal
<p>B5: Migration across South Asia: Emerging Trends & Opportunities (Crystal Ball Room) Chair: Ashfaque Hasan Khan, Dean, NUST Business School, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madhu Raman Acharya, Executive Director, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies(SACEPS), Nepal • S. Irudaya Rajan, Professor (International Migration), Centre for Development Studies, India <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dushni Weerakoon, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka • Mome Saleem, Senior Researcher, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan • Tridivesh Singh Maini, Independent Foreign Policy Analyst, India
<p>B6: Social Accountability as catalyst for Inclusive development in South Asia (Kohinoor) Chair: Naimur Rehman, Chief Operating Officer, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability, India Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Suresh, Director of Public Affairs Centre, India • Nuzat Jabeen, Manager Operations, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA), Bangladesh <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rizwan Khair, Head, Institute of Governance, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Bangladesh • Sameer Hamid Dodhy, Vice Chairperson, SHEHRI, Pakistan • Sriyanie Wijesundara, Coordinator, Governance & Anti-Corruption Programme Centre for Policy Alternatives, Sri Lanka
Working Hi-Tea in All Rooms 4:00 – 5:45pm
<p>B7: Costs of Economic non-cooperation to Consumers in South Asia (Marquee) Chair: Sanetor Haji Adeel, Senior Vice President, Awami National Party, Pakistan Moderator: Gareth Aicken, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, Pakistan Presentation: Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), India Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syed Munir Khasru , Chairman, Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance, Bangladesh • Qasim Shah, Director Programs, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan • Paras Kharel, Research Coordinator, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal • Roubina Athar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan

<p>B8: Potential Supply Chains in South Asia: Identification & Prospects (Crystal Ball Room) Chair: Tariq Saeed, Former President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammad A. Razzaque, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK • Ali Khizar, Head of Research, Business Recorder, Pakistan <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sujeiva Samaraweera, Secretary, National Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka • Khalid Mahmood, Executive Director, Centre for Enterprise, Trade and Development (CEETAD), Pakistan • Raniya Sobir, Vice President, Total Synergy Consulting, Maldives
<p>B9: Regional Tourism Potential in South Asia (Kohinoor) Chair: Amin Hashwani, Co-Chairman, India-Pakistan CEO's Business Forum, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmed Naseer, Former Minister for Finance, Maldives • Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Sikkim, India • Ali Akber, General Manager, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Pakistan <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinley Wangdi, Corporate Performance Division, Tourism Council of Bhutan • Prachanda Man Shrestha, Former CEO, Nepal Tourism Board, Nepal
<p>Day 3 13th September 2012</p>
<p>(9:00 – 10:40am)</p>
<p>Plenary-III Development Agenda for a New South Asia (Marquee) Chair: Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka • Malalai Shinwari, Former Member of Parliament, Afghanistan • Khadija Haq, President, Mahbubul Haq Human Development Center, Pakistan • Jagadish C Pokharel, Former Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal • Ratin Roy, Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Manager, United Nations Development Program
<p>Refreshments 10:40 – 11:00am (Marquee)</p>
<p>11:00am – 12:45pm</p>
<p>C1: Trade Normalization between India & Pakistan: Prospects for South Asia (Kohinoor) Chair: Khurram Dastgir Khan, Member of National Assembly and Chairman, National Assembly Standing Committee on Commerce, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikramjit Singh Sahney, President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, India • Huma Fakhir, Managing Director, MAP Services Group, Pakistan <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahid Ahmed, Professor (Economics), Jamia Millia University, New Dehli, India • Amin Hashwani, Co-Chairman, India-Pakistan CEO's Business Forum, Pakistan • Mian Waqas Masud, Director Fazal Industries, Pakistan
<p>C2: Development Agenda for a New South Asia: Perspectives from Development Partners (Crystal Ball Room) Chair: Donya Aziz, Member of Parliament, Pakistan Invited Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas Fornage, Country Director for Pakistan, French Development Agency • Stephen Commins, UCLA School of Public Affairs, USA <p>Special Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Garroway, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), South and South-West Asia Office • Sumeet Saksena, Fellow, The East-West Center

C3: Climate Change Challenges for Sustainable Development (Marquee)

Chair: Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Planning Commission of Pakistan

Moderator: David Orden, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC

Invited Speakers:

- Antoine Bouet, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC
- Munawar Saeed Bhatti, Additional Secretary, United Nations & Economic Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
- Biplove Choudhary, Program Specialist, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Special Comments:

- Fahmida Khatun, Head of Research, Center for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
- Puspa Sharma, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Lunch 12:45 – 02:00pm

2:00 – 3:45pm

Plenary-IV: Inclusive & Sustainable South Asia: Options for a Collective Response (Marquee)

Chief Guest: Hina Rabbani Khar, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

Summary of Recommendations: Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan

Special Remarks:

- Sham L. Bathija, Minister Senior Adviser for Economic Affairs to the President of Afghanistan
- Nihal Rodrigo, Former Secretary General, SAARC, Sri Lanka
- Vikramjit Singh Sahney, President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, India
- Ahmed Naseer, Former Minister of State for Finance, Maldives
- Muchkund Dubey, Co-Chairman, SACEPS & President, Council for Social Development, India
- Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
- Remarks by Chief Guest

Vote of Thanks: Vaqar Ahmed, Head (Economic Growth Unit), Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan

Refreshments 4:30pm (Marquee)

SUMMIT SPECIAL

South Asia's Gender Gap - Implications for Sustainable Development

12 September 2012

11:00am-12:45pm Ambassador-III Hall

Chair: Daniyal Aziz, Former Minister and Chairman, National Reconstruction Bureau (NRB), Pakistan

Invited Speakers:

- Farzana Bari, Head, Gender Studies Department, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan
- Aisha Anees Malik, Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Iqra University, Pakistan

Special Comments

- Harris Khalique, Team Leader (Aawaz Project), DAI Pakistan
- Syeda Maria Hossain, Senior Researcher, Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance, Bangladesh

Compared with their male counterparts, women in South Asia lag behind in almost all walks of life. While generally we see men seizing and exploiting all the opportunities available to them, women tend to be sidelined from fields ranging from politics to employment market. According to the estimates of “Gender Inequality Index” gathered by Human Development Report 2010, the South Asian region is facing an average loss of 74 percent due to prevalence of such level of gender inequality.

This gender inequality is not confined to the opportunities to work for economic independence only; rather, it also reflects its presence vis-a-vis issues including public sector service delivery – with health being most vital, as well as the violation of their several other basic human rights.

There are no two opinions about the fact that the gender equality is at the heart of sustainable development. Without women’s complete participation, the essence of development objectives always remains unattained. Thus, in order to ensure sustainability of the development process, women need to be emancipated from all exploitative bondages and be empowered economically and politically. Unless this is done, the development potential of the South Asian region cannot be fully exploited, nor can the region be among its progressive counterparts in rest of the world.

BOOK LAUNCH SEMINAR

Manufacturing Enterprise in Asia: Size Structure and Economic Growth

13th September 2012, 11:00am – 12:45pm
Margalla Hall

Moderator: Edgard R. Rodriguez, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC Canada

Invited Speakers:

- Alakh Sharma, Institute for Human Development (IHD)
- Nagesh Kumar, Director, UN-ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, and ESCAP Chief Economist
- Rashid Amjad, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
- Tridivesh Singh Maini, Independent Foreign Policy Analyst, India

Issues relating to the size of firms in manufacturing are central to the discussion of development strategies. This book offers an interpretation of growth trajectories in selected Asian economies in terms of the size-structure of enterprises in the manufacturing sector of these economies.

The book presents a comparative survey of distribution of enterprises by size across Asia, including India, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, Bangladesh and Vietnam. A broad survey of official data on the size structure of manufacturing helps to identify three distinct patterns of manufacturing sector development and makes the connection between enterprise development and the overall impact on the economy. The book goes on to investigate the problem of the peculiar dual size structure of manufacturing in India, with its two modes at the low and high end of the size distribution and conspicuous 'missing middle', and the effect that this has on the economy. This pattern is contrasted with the 'East Asian, model with a more even size distribution, and the more recent experience of the newly developing countries of Asia with size distribution skewed to the right. It is an important contribution to studies on Asian Economics and Manufacturing Industries.