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CDPR hosted a roundtable on "Water Governance and Sustainability" on 15th September 2022 from 4:00PM to 6:30PM (PKT).

The Discussion was held in Four Blocks

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Block 4

Research/Policy Interventions

Measuring **Impact**

Block 1

Block 3

The Panelists For Each Block Were

Understanding Trends/Patterns

How Can We Respond?

Suleman Ghani (Fellow, CDPR)

Moderator

Ali Tauqeer Sheikh (Consultant, World Bank)

Block-1

Block-3

Maira Hayat (Assistant Professor of Environment and Peace Studies,

Rafay Alam (Environmental Lawyer, Saleem, Alam and Company)

Dr. Ijaz Nabi

Executive Director,

Policy Research;

Dr. Asim Ijaz Khwaja Director of the Center for International Development at Harvard University

Dr. Faisal Bari Associate Professor,

State Bank of Pakistan

Dr. Umair Javed

Assistant Professor of Politics and Sociology,

LUMS

1.1 Trade

1.3 Prices

1.2 Balance of Payments

Insights For Change

Department of Economics, LUMS

Consortium for Development

Basharat Saeed (Water Resources Specialist, World Bank)

University of Notre Dame)

Imran Durrani (Deputy Managing Director, WASA Quetta)

How Can We Respond?

Understanding Trends/Patterns

YoY % Change in Prices

■ 20kg Wheat Flour Bag ■ Potatoes (1kg) ■ Onions (1kg) ■ Tomatoes (1kg)

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Monthly Review on Price Indices

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INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE

CDPR's latest 'Insights for Change' series attempts to take an analytical approach to devising action-oriented policy solutions. They are authored by economists and practitioners who are experts in their field.

Prioritizing Climate Action through a Health and Vulnerability Lens

In this article, Dr. Kulsum Ahmed (Principal Investigator; Director, Integrated Learning Means (ILM), and former World Bank Sector Manager) and Dr. Sanval Nasim (Assistant Professor, Colby College) analyze the health burden of deteriorating air quality, and how it significantly increases the risk of mortality and morbidity and affects the low-income households disproportionately more. The article describes a six-point policy agenda to tackle air pollution that also overlaps with the

POLICY ANALYSIS

Recent Developments in Climate Finance

This report has been prepared by the International Growth Center (IGC) and the Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR). The Principal Investigators were William P. Mako (CDPR fellow, former Lead Specialist, World Bank) and Ijaz Nabi (IGC Country Director and CDPR Executive Director)

The Government of Pakistan (GoP) has ambitious plans for reducing 2030 greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of baseline projected levels. These plans anticipate USD 151 billion of investment just for energy sector mitigation projects by 2040. In the GoP's view, any 50% reduction below baseline projected emissions should be financed by 15% from domestic sources and 35% from international sources. International financing should be mostly on a concessional basis. Despite Pakistan's relatively high emissions and relatively low GDP per capita, accessing concessional international climate finance (CF) will require meeting stringent qualifying criteria. Globally, the volume of concessionary finance is modest. Of the total CF of USD 632 billion in 2019- 20, USD 65 billion was concessionary finance by multinationals to East Asian economies, and only USD 20 billion was granted to the poorest countries. The Ukraine war clouds prospects for a substantial increase in the overall volume of funds. This suggests developing a strategy to target private external CF both for RE and for other climate change

with support from Amna Mahmood (IGC Country Economist) and Shehryar Khan (CDPR RA).

Dr. Sanval Nasim

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Choice of Exam System

Life is a Struggle

5.2 **Dr. Riaz Riazuddin** Our Living Standards Our Exchange Rate Woes

Ali Hasanain (Associate Professor of Economics, Lahore University

Abdullah Khan Sumbal (Chairman P&D, Government

Amen Jalal (PhD Candidate, London School of Economics)

of Management Sciences)

Research/Policy Interventions

Ghazi Ghazan Jamal (MPA, Government of KP)

Measuring Impact

Dr. Kulsum Ahmed

broader efforts to tackle climate change.

300

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Price of Vegetables

Simi Kamal (Chairperson, Hissar Foundation) Zaheer Gardezi (Former Director, ERRA) Imran Saqib Khalid (Director Governance and Policy, WWF) Ali Habib (Managing Partner, HIMA^Verte) Nasir Javed (Urban Development Expert) Rafiullah Kakar (Director Strategic Planning and Reforms Cell) **Ayesha Salma** (Group Head, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund) Saleem Ali (Chair Department of Geography and Spatial Sciences, Delaware University)



Realizing Pakistan's Potential

that much time in the life of a nation.

SEVENTY-FIVE years seems like a long time. Three generations of a family. Time for so much to be achieved – or to be lost. And while the present seems overcast, with the countless challenges we are facing in Pakistan, including the current devastating floods amidst ongoing fears of a deep and debilitating crisis, it is important to remind ourselves that three-quarters of a century isn't all

On Different Trajectories I HAVE been spending some time in the company of education experts from Kenya, Brazil and Pakistan this week. I've also had the chance to visit a rural school in Sobral, Brazil and interact with parents, students, teachers, principals and some education administrators of the area. It has brought out for me even more starkly the difference between where we are right now and where we should really be if we are serious about educating our children in Pakistan. Here are some preliminary reflections. I will try to deepen some of these thoughts

over the next few articles.

Our Economic Potential

Insularity and Breakdown

Pakistan's political system.

should ask you: Tell me, what is your intent?' Iqbal wanted every person to develop their 'self' to realise their individual and collective potential. If only they could invest their time and energies in elevating themselves through Dr. Riaz Riazuddin continuous struggle. Deputy Governor of the Read More >>

"LORD, we know what we are, but know not what we may be." Shakespeare alludes to human potential which is always higher than its present condition.

Allama Iqbal elaborated on this idea in his famous couplet that translates to 'elevate yourself so high that even God, before issuing every decree of destiny,

THERE'S something surreal about party politics appearing as business as usual while large swathes of the country remain submerged in floodwater. The spectacle of jalsas, party representatives bickering at press conferences, and social media swipes over pictures taken or not taken at a multilateral diplomatic event seems to have no relationship to any actual country. It is almost entirely consumed by its own benchmark of one-upping political opponents politicians, party activists, or a cousin who supports a different party. And it is enough to flip even the most hardened optimists about the evolution of

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