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**PROGRAMME**

**International Conference**

on

**PAKISTAN-CHINA-IRAN: A TRIDENT OF REGIONAL  
CONNECTIVITY**

on

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

**Organized by:  
The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad**

## Inaugural Session

- 1015 hrs: Registration
- 1030 hrs: Recitation from the Holy Quran
- 1035 hrs: Welcome and Introductory Remarks,  
**Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman ISSI
- 1045 hrs: Address by **H.E. Prof. Ahsan Iqbal**, Federal Minister for Interior/Planning, Development and Reform
- 1100-1120 hrs: Tea/Coffee

## Session 1: Pakistan-China-Iran: Analyzing The Prospects of Triangular Cooperation

- Chair:** **H.E. Ambassador Yao Jing**, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan
- Speakers:**
- 1120 hrs: **Mr. Lin Minwang**, Research Fellow, Fudan University, Shanghai
- 1130 hrs: **Ambassador Alireza Bikdeli**, Senior Expert, Institute of Politics and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran
- 1140 hrs: **Dr. Ashfaqe Hasan Khan**, Principal and Dean S3H, NUST, Pakistan
- 1150 hrs: Q&A
- 1220 hrs: Concluding Remarks by the Chair
- 1230-1330 hrs: Lunch

## Session 2: Pakistan-China-Iran: Initiatives for Regional Connectivity

- Chair:** **H.E. Ambassador Mehdi Honardoost**, Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan
- Speakers:**
- 1330 hrs: **Dr. Muhammad Jafar Javadi Arjmand**, Assistant Professor, University of Tehran
- 1340 hrs: **Dr. Rong Ying**, Vice President, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Beijing
- 1350 hrs: **Dr. Syed Rifaat Hussain**, HOD, Department of Government & Public Policy, NUST, Pakistan
- 1400 hrs: Q&A
- 1430 hrs: Concluding Remarks by the Chair
- 1440-1445 hrs: Stretch Break

## Session 3: Challenges to Trilateral Cooperation & The Way Forward

- Chair:** **Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman ISSI
- Speakers:**
- 1445 hrs: **Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour**, Head, Centre for International Research & Education (CIRE), Tehran
- 1455 hrs: **Dr. Wang Yiwei**, Director, Institute of International Affairs, Renmin University, Beijing
- 1505 hrs: **Ambassador Javid Husain**, Pakistan
- 1515 hrs: Q&A
- 1545 hrs: Concluding Remarks by the Chair
- 1555 hrs: Tea/Coffee