

# **PROGRAMME**

National Conference

on

## **Pakistan-China Economic Cooperation: Next Level**

March 6, 2019

Organized by  
**China-Pakistan Study Centre**  
**Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)**

### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

- 0930 hrs Registration
- 1000 hrs Recitation from the Holy Quran
- 1005 hrs Welcome and Introductory Remarks - **Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry**, *Director General, ISSI*
- 1010 hrs Keynote Speaker - **H.E. Mr. Yao Jing**, *Ambassador, People's Republic of China to Pakistan*
- 1020 hrs Address by the Chief Guest - **H.E. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi**, *Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs*
- 1040 hrs Tea/Coffee Break

### **SESSION 1: Next Level of Economic Cooperation**

- 1100 hrs Session-I starts
- Chair:** **Dr. Safdar Sohail**, Director General, National Institute of Management
- 1110 hrs *Special Economic Zones: Opportunities and Challenges*  
**Dr. Fazal-ur-Rehman**, University of Sargodha
- 1120 hrs *Reviewing Pakistan-China Bilateral Trade: Opportunities and Challenges*  
**Dr. Nadia Farooq**, Asian Development Bank
- 1130 hrs *CPEC: Progress and Prospects*  
**Mr. Yasir Masood**, CPEC Centre of Excellence, Islamabad
- 1140 hrs *Gwadar Port and Prospects of Blue Economy*  
**Mr. Muhammad Abbas Hassan**, ISSI
- 1150 hrs **Q&A**
- 1220 hrs Concluding Remarks by the Chair

## **SESSION 2: Leveraging Regional Connectivity for Development**

1230 hrs Session-II starts

**Chair:** **Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum**, Member of Senate

1240 hrs *Regional Connectivity: Imperative for Economic Development*  
**Dr. Huma Baqai**, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

1250 hrs *CPEC Extension to Third Countries*  
**Dr. Zahid Anwar**, University of Peshawar

1300 hrs *CPEC and Regional Integration*  
**Dr. Ghulam Akbar Mahesar**, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

1310 hrs *CPEC and Social Structure of the Region*  
**Dr. Fida Mohammad Bazai**, University of Balochistan, Quetta

1320 hrs **Q&A**

1350 hrs Concluding Remarks by the Chair

1355-1455 hrs Lunch

## **SESSION 3: Realizing Socio-Economic Development**

1500 hrs Session-III starts

**Chair:** **Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri**, Executive Director, SDPI

1510 hrs *CPEC: Politico-Economic Benefits and Challenges for Pakistan*  
**Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt**, Government College University, Lahore

1520 hrs *Socio-Economic Impact of Hydro Power Projects on Economy of Pakistan*  
**Dr. Samina Sabir**, Azad Jammu & Kashmir University

1530hrs *Tourism Potential vis-à-vis CPEC: A Case of Gilgit-Baltistan*  
**Dr. Saranjam Baig**, Karakorum International University

1540 hrs *Poverty Alleviation: Learning from Chinese Experience*  
**Mr. Syed Tanvir Abbas Jafri**, COMSATS University, Islamabad

1550 hrs **Q&A**

1625 hrs Concluding Remarks by the Chair

1635 hrs Vote of Thanks by **Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman BoG, ISSI

1640 hrs Tea/Coffee