Firms and Growth
Disseminating policy research

Hosted by: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), International Growth Centre (IGC), Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR) and Pakistan Business Council (PBC)
Date: 13th January 2020
Venue: Learning Resource Centre, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi

Agenda

Registration **9:15 am – 9:30 am**

Moderated session: **Moving from an Inward- to an Outward-looking Economy** **9:30 am – 11:00 am**

Introduction: Dr. Ijaz Nabi – Country Director, IGC (Moderator)

Opening Speeches:
- Dr. Reza Baqir – Governor, SBP
- Mr. Asad Umar – Federal Minister on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives
- Mr. Hammad Azhar – Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Panelists:
- Mr. Ehsan Malik – CEO, PBC
- Ms. Annabel Gerry – Head of Department for International Development (DFID) Pakistan
- Mr. Illangovan Patchumathu – Country Head, World Bank

Q&A: 30 minutes

***Session 1*: Macroeconomic Environment – Setting the Context for Growth** **11:00 am – 12:45 pm**

Chair: Jameel Ahmed – Deputy Governor, SBP

Session 1A – Launch of the Joint PBC and CDPR Study on Preliminary Analysis of Pak-China FTA Phase II

Introduction & Background by: Mr. Ehsan Malik
Presentation by: Ms. Nazish Afraz – Faculty, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

Session 1B – Presentations
1. Pakistan's Chronic Fiscal Deficit
   Presentation by: Dr. Ijaz Nabi & Dr. Anjum Nasim – Senior Fellow, Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAS)
2. Improving Pakistan's Competitiveness
   Presentation by: Dr. Naved Hamid – Resident Director, IGC

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Afzal Latif – Federal Secretary Industries

Panelists

1. Mr. Khalid Mehmood – Managing Director, Getz pharmacy
2. Mr. Hasaan Khawar – Development Consultant
3. Mr. Syed Salim Raza – Banker and Former Governor SBP

Q&A: 30 minutes

Lunch ***12:45 pm – 1:45 pm***

***Session 2*: Identifying Sectoral Priorities and Opportunities** **1:45 pm – 3:30 pm**

Chair: Mr. Ehsan Malik – CEO, PBC

Presentations

1. Potential Sector for Export Growth
   Presentation: Mr. Fayyaz Hussain – Economist, Monetary Policy Department, SBP
2. Pakistan's Readymade Garments Sector: Challenges and Opportunities
   Presentation: Ms. Nadia Mukhtar – Faculty, LUMS
3. Boosting the Auto Industry
   Presentation: Dr. Faisal Bari – Director, IDEAS

Panelists

1. Ms. Naheed Memon – CEO, Oracle Power
2. Ms. Gillian Rogers – Team Lead, Finance, Markets and Jobs (DFID-Pakistan)
3. Mr. Khawja Munir Mashooqulla – President, Synergies Worldwide
4. Mr. Saquib H. Shirazi – CEO, Atlas Honda Ltd.

Q&A: 30 minutes

***Session 3:* The Role of SMEs as Drivers of Growth** **3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Chair: Mr. Syed Samar Husnain – Executive Director, Development Finance Group, SBP

Presentations

1. Redirecting Focus Towards SMEs – A New SME Policy for Pakistan
   Presentation: Mr. Usman Khan – Faculty, LUMS
2. Constraints to Bank Lending/Incentive Pay to Enhance Productivity in SME Type Set-up
   Presentation: Dr. Ali Choudhary – Research Advisor and Executive Director, SBP

Panelists

1. Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri – Executive Director, Sustainable Policy Development Institute (SDPI)
2. Ms. Nadia Jahangir Seth – Policy Director, Small Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA)
3. Ms. Jehan Ara – President, PASHA (Pakistan Software House Association for IT)
4. Director IH&SME Department, SBP

Q&A: 30 minutes

There will be working tea throughout.