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Hosted by: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Pakistan Business Council (PBC), International Growth Centre (IGC) and Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR)

Date: 13th January 2020

Venue: Learning Resource Centre, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi

Agenda

Registration	9:15 am – 9:30 am
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Moderated session: Moving from an Inward- to an Outward-looking Economy	9:30 am – 11:30 am
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Introduction

- Dr. Ijaz Nabi – Country Director, IGC (Moderator)
- Dr. Reza Baqir – Governor, SBP

Opening Speeches:

- Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh - Advisor to Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue
- Mr. Asad Umar – Federal Minister on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives
- Mr. Muhammad Mian Soomro – Federal Minister for Privatization

Panelists:

- Mr. Ehsan Malik – CEO, PBC
- Ms. Annabel Gerry – Head of Department for International Development (DFID) Pakistan
- Mr. Gonzalo J Varela – Senior Economist, World Bank

Q&A: 30 minutes

Session 1: Macroeconomic Environment – Setting the Context for Growth	11:30 am – 1:15 pm
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Chair: Mr. 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. Framing the discussion: 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



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Panelists

1. Mr. Khalid Mahmood – Managing Director and CEO, GETZ Pharma
2. Mr. Hasaan Khawar – Development Consultant
3. Mr. Syed Salim Raza – Banker and Former Governor SBP

Q&A: 30 minutes

Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Session 2: Identifying Sectoral Priorities and Opportunities

2:00 pm – 3:45 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. Khwaja 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

3:45 pm – 5:15 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. Mr. Suleman Ghani – Development Consultant
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. Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Abbasi - Director SBP

Q&A: 30 minutes

There will be working tea throughout.