

International CPEC Workshop (ICPECW) – 2019

17th April- 3rd May 2019

Introduction

A landmark learning, networking and policy advocacy platform spanning across Islamabad, Beijing and Gwadar to understand BRI and CPEC, and build capacity to complement policy making for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and consequently enhance Pakistan's economic potential.

Background

The multi-trillion dollars "Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)" is the largest transcontinental project ever conceived in modern human history. Fortunately, the "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor" has been termed as the flagship project of the BRI. Therefore, an important question that Obortunity and NDU have been trying to address is "What would it take to ensure the best possible outcome from CPEC?"

To find the solution, both institutions studied transformative public-private partnerships around the globe and designed the first-of-its-kind problem-solving platform, "International CPEC Workshop". Based on the philosophy of assembling the best brains at key venues, ICPECW aims to shape the future of CPEC through engaging leaders in the government, business, academia, media, youth and civil society to embark on a journey of positive change and push Pakistan's economic growth into double digits.

Scope

- a. To study and understand the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its implications on the changing global, regional and national dynamics.
- b. To understand role of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the BRI and emerging opportunities in the field of diplomacy, culture, business, and trade for Pakistan.
- c. To comprehend the scale of new avenues emerging from the initiation of the 2nd phase of CPEC, termed as "Industrial Cooperation" and understand the participation of private and state actors in the development of Special Economic Zones.
- d. To analyze CPEC investment frameworks, Chinese governance, business culture, decision-making under BRI and CPEC, and Chinese financing structures.
- e. To meet and engage with leaders in key institutions involved in the development of CPEC and understand the long-term impact of CPEC such as the Ministry of Planning,

Development and Reforms; Board of Investment; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Ministry of Commerce, Chinese Embassy, Chinese SOEs and other state institutions.

- f. Interact with the high-level national, political and military leadership of Pakistan.
- g. Interaction with leaders from the Chinese government, state-owned enterprises, think tanks and business community in Islamabad and Beijing to understand the Chinese perspective on BRI and its flagship project, CPEC.
- h. Attend networking dinners in Islamabad, Gwadar and Beijing to shape future policymaking and drive positive change in CPEC.
- i. To zero-in onto the key challenges facing CPEC in Pakistan and China, and consult and deliberate with key stakeholders to evolve solutions.
- j. To gain an understanding of how CPEC can progress comprehensively in the short and medium term, and formulate strategies to achieve this progress.
- k. To raise the profile of CPEC and BRI nationally, regionally and globally, and to enable the development of a narrative that champions CPEC.
- l. To mainstream CPEC so that all stakeholders raise their level of communication, improve information dissemination. The workshop serves as a vehicle to greatly enhance the success of CPEC.

Expense Coverage:

- 1) Travel, meals and lodging in Beijing for 4 days (Chinese Visa will be issued to the participants)
 - 2) Travel, meals and lodging in Gwadar. (Subject to weather conditions and availability of the aircraft)
 - 3) Travel to state-institutions and lunches during the workshop.
 - 4) Networking dinners in Islamabad, Gwadar and Beijing
 - 5) Lodging in Islamabad will not be covered.
- **Workshop Fee:** US\$ 3000/- till 24th February 2019. The fee needs to be paid through a bank draft in PKR, converted at the USD/PKR Open Market Forex Rate at the start of the day on which the bank draft is made.

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