

International CPEC Workshop (ICPECW) - 2019

“China-edge is the new global edge”

**For the Policy Makers & Decision Makers of
Pakistan**

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Introduction

International CPEC Workshop – ICPECW is 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 initiative started with an important question that Obportunity and National Defence University have been trying to address: "What would be a key initiative to help produce the best possible outcome for CPEC?

We found our answer: Developing exclusive learning, networking and policy advocacy platform spread across Beijing, Islamabad and Gwadar, facilitated by visits, seminars, policy discussions, networking events and meetings with top leaders in politics, military, bureaucracy and business. The objective would be to address the communication gap among stakeholders and influence policymaking on CPEC in Pakistan and China to drive positive change.

Based on the philosophy of assembling the best brains at key venues, ICPECW aims to shape the future of CPEC through creating a well-balanced community of **thinkers, innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders** from diverse segments of society to collectively provide policy inputs to key stakeholders focused on the development of CPEC.

ICPECW is a joint initiative taken by Obortunity, Pakistan's premier CPEC-focused firm, and National Defence University, the apex institute on national security and defence. **Spanning across Islamabad, Beijing and Gwadar**, ICPECW is a 2.5 weeks activity comprised of meeting leaders of state institutions in Pakistan and China, including the Planning Ministry, Board of Investment, Armed Forces institutions, Chinese Embassy, Chinese State-owned Enterprises and Chinese Business Associations to gather firsthand policy information and drive critical discourse on policy-making.

Scope

- To study and understand the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its implications on the changing global, regional and national dynamics.
- 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.
- 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.
- To analyze CPEC investment frameworks, Chinese governance, business culture, decision-making under BRI and CPEC, and Chinese financing structures.
- 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; Interservice Public Relations (ISPR), Ministry of Commerce, Chinese Embassy, Chinese SOEs and other state institutions.
- Interact with the high-level national, political and military leadership of Pakistan.

- 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.
- Attend networking dinners in Islamabad, Gwadar and Beijing to shape future policymaking and drive positive change in CPEC.
- To zero-in onto the key challenges facing CPEC in Pakistan and China, and consult and deliberate with key stakeholders to evolve solutions.
- To gain an understanding of how CPEC can progress comprehensively in the short and medium term, and formulate strategies to achieve this progress.
- To raise the profile of CPEC and BRI nationally, regionally and globally, and to enable the development of a narrative that champions CPEC.
- 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) Return Airfare Islamabad-Beijing-Islamabad; Travel, meals and lodging within Beijing for 5 days (Chinese Visa will be issued to the participants of ICPECW).
- 2) Air travel Islamabad-Gwadar-Islamabad, meals and lodging in Gwadar. (Subject to weather conditions and availability of aircraft)
- 3) Travel to state institutions from NDU, lunches during the meetings/visits and lunches during the workshop.
- 4) Networking dinners in Islamabad, Gwadar (subject to weather conditions and availability of the aircraft) and Beijing.
- 5) Please note that lodging in Islamabad will not be covered in the workshop fee.

Workshop Fee

US\$ 3000/- till 15th March 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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