

# 39<sup>th</sup> AGM & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS

## Mission \$100 Billion

The National Race for Sustainable Export-led Prosperity

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## Call For Extended Abstracts

Pakistan stands at a critical juncture in its economic journey. After decades of stop-start growth, the country faces a historic opportunity and imperative to shift from a fragile, inward-looking economy to a dynamic, export-led engine of sustainable development. Over the past 12 years, Pakistan's economic growth has remained modest, averaging 3.25% annually, far behind its regional peers. The country's over-reliance on protectionism, import substitution, and narrow export baskets have left it vulnerable to external shocks, fiscal crises, and structural stagnation. The COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical tensions, and climate challenges have only deepened this vulnerability. With its trade-to-GDP ratio lagging behind emerging economies and exports overly concentrated in low-value textiles and a handful of markets, Pakistan must now reimagine its global economic footprint.

The urgency to revitalise exports is no longer a policy option; it is a national mission. Building on the URAAN Pakistan vision, this conference calls for applied, reform-oriented research to support the mission of achieving \$100 billion in sustainable exports, positioning Pakistan as a competitive player in global markets.

## Conference Themes

*Based on Export Drivers of URAAN Pakistan*



**Agriculture, Livestock & Agro-based Exports**



**Industrial Development, Manufacturing & SMEs**



**Mining, Minerals & Resource-based Exports**



**Technology & ICT Exports**



**Manpower & Skills for Export Markets**



**Creative & Cultural Industry**



**Blue Economy & Maritime Trade**



**Tourism as Services Export Industry**

## PhD Symposium & Poster Presentation Competition

Poster Presentation Competition with an insightful session on design thinking, critical analysis, and research skills.



Prize of **PKR 150,000** for the best poster presentation

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts **October 15, 2025**

Notification of Accepted Abstracts **October 31, 2025**

Deadline for Final Paper Submission **February 09, 2026**

Notification of Accepted Papers **March 09, 2026**

## Conference Objective

To provide a high-impact, policy-influencing stage for presenting applied research that addresses the structural, institutional, and sectoral challenges impeding Pakistan's export growth and to propose clear, actionable reforms that can help achieve export-led prosperity.

## Best Papers Awards *Where impactful research earns spotlight!*



**First Prize**  
**PKR 300,000**



**Second Prize**  
**PKR 200,000**



**Third Prize**  
**PKR 100,000**

*Travel & logistics of the lead authors will be covered.*



## Submission Criteria

- Proposed research should be in line with the **conference theme(s)**.
- Focus on **micro-level, high-impact, solution-oriented** research.
- Submissions must be **empirical, applied, and policy-relevant**.
- Case studies and policy evaluations are encouraged.
- Research should address **structural impediments** to export growth.
- Provide **evidence-based, actionable recommendations**.

For more details, visit: [psde.pide.org.pk](https://psde.pide.org.pk)

Conference Dates:

**April 07 and 08, 2026 | Tuesday & Wednesday**

Conference Venue:

**Islamabad, Pakistan**

**Dr. Nadeem Javaid (SI)**

Vice Chancellor, PIDE/President, PSDE

**Dr. Faheem Jehangir**

Dean (Policy), PIDE/Secretary, PSDE