





39th 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

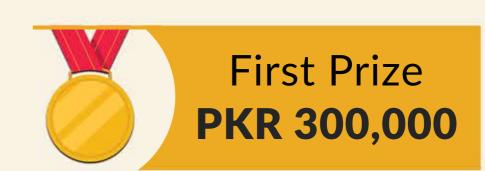
Notification of Accepted Abstracts
Deadline for Final Paper Submission
Notification of Accepted Papers

October 31, 2025 February 09, 2026 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!







Travel & logistics of the lead aurthors 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

Conference Dates:

April 07 and 08, 2026 | Tuesday & Wednesday Conference Venue:

Islamabad, Pakistan

Dr. Nadeem Javaid (SI)Vice Chancellor, PIDE/President, PSDE

Dr. Faheem JehangirDean (Policy), PIDE/Secretary, PSDE









