

39th Annual General Meeting of PSDE & International Conference

Mission \$100 Billion: The National Race for Sustainable Export-Led Prosperity



October 14-15, 2026



Marriott, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Legacy of PSDE

Established in **1982**, the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is the only professional body of economists and social scientists in the country. Hosted by the **Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)**, the Society has, for over four decades, provided a vibrant and prestigious platform for high-level policy discussions, scholarly exchange, and evidence-based policymaking. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference stands as a milestone event, bringing together leading economic thinkers, global experts, and policymakers to address the most pressing challenges of the era.

The 39th AGM: A Vision for Prosperity

Pakistan currently faces a historic imperative to transition toward a dynamic, export-led engine of sustainable development. Building upon the **URAAN Pakistan** vision, this year's conference is dedicated to the national mission of achieving **\$100 billion in sustainable exports**. The event will facilitate the exchange of empirical research and global best practices to enhance national competitiveness in international markets.

Conference Format

The conference is structured to ensure a rigorous & multifaceted intellectual exchange through a strategic mix of

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High-level panel discussions

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Special memorial lectures

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Technical sessions

24

Paper presentations

50

Poster Presentations

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PhD Symposium

Three Distinguished Memorial Lectures

The conference will feature keynote addresses from world-renowned international experts and Nobel Laureates as part of its prestigious lecture series:

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The Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Lecture

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The Mahbub ul Haq Memorial Lecture

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The Allama Iqbal Memorial Lecture

Three Thematic Panel Discussions

The event will host three core panel discussions featuring international experts & industry leaders to deliberate on the **8 key conference themes**.



**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

A dedicated symposium will feature 50 shortlisted national and international PhD scholars who will present their original research findings. This competition serves as a premier stage for doctoral candidates to showcase evidence-based solutions for export-led growth to a scientific committee of eminent academicians and practitioners.

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