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ISLAMABAD REGIONAL DIALOGUE 2026

On SDGs Implementation, Regional Cooperation & Sustainable Investment

19–20 October 2026 | Islamabad, Pakistan

Convened by:
Central Asia–Afghanistan–Pakistan Sustainable Development Initiative (CAPSDI)

ISLAMABAD REGIONAL DIALOGUE

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1. Background

The **Islamabad Regional Dialogue 2026** is the first major regional dialogue convened under the **Central Asia–Afghanistan–Pakistan Sustainable Development Initiative (CAPSDI)**.

The Dialogue will bring together parliamentarians, government representatives, diplomats, United Nations and international organizations, development partners, private-sector leaders, investors, academics, women leaders, youth representatives, climate experts and technology specialists.

The Dialogue aims to create a practical platform connecting **Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia** around shared priorities for sustainable development, regional cooperation, investment and innovation.

Regional Focus

- Pakistan
- Afghanistan
- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan

DAY 1 — MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session
10:00–10:30	***Registration & Welcome Coffee***
10:30–11:00	**Opening Ceremony** ● Welcome by CAPSDI ● Opening remarks by senior government/parliamentary representative ● Remarks by diplomatic representatives ● Introduction to the Islamabad Regional Dialogue 2026
11:00–12:00	**HIGH-LEVEL SESSION I** **Pakistan, Central Asia & Afghanistan: A Shared Vision for Sustainable Development** **Focus:** ● Regional SDG priorities ● Economic and development cooperation ● Connectivity and shared challenges ● Peace, stability and sustainable development ● Opportunities for regional partnerships
12:00–13:00	***Lunch & Networking***

Time	Session
13:00–14:00	**HIGH-LEVEL SESSION II** **From SDG Commitments to Action: Parliament, Government & Institutions** **Focus:** ● SDG localization ● Parliamentary oversight and accountability ● National and regional implementation ● Policy coordination ● Institutional partnerships ● Strengthening the role of legislatures and local institutions
14:00–14:15	***Short Break***
14:15–15:15	**Women's Leadership & Inclusive Development** **Focus:** ● Women's participation in decision-making ● Entrepreneurship and economic empowerment ● Women in climate action ● Education and digital inclusion ● Women's leadership and governance ● Regional cooperation for inclusive development
15:15–15:45	***Tea/Coffee & Networking***
15:45–16:45	**REGIONAL POLICY PANEL** **Central Asia–Afghanistan–Pakistan Cooperation: From Dialogue to Partnership** **Focus:** ● Regional policy cooperation ● Trade and investment ● Sustainable connectivity ● Knowledge exchange ● Cross-border development initiatives ● Building a long-term regional partnership platform
16:45	***Close of Day One***

DAY 2 — TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session
10:00–10:15	***Welcome Coffee & Networking***
10:15–11:15	**Climate Resilience, Water Security & Sustainable Development** **Focus:** ● Climate adaptation and resilience ● Glacier and water security ● Mountain and rural communities ● Sustainable agriculture ● Renewable energy ● Climate finance and regional cooperation
11:15–12:15	**Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation & the SDGs** *Harnessing AI for Sustainable Development and Regional Cooperation* **Focus:** ● AI for public policy and governance ● AI in education and healthcare ● Smart agriculture and climate solutions ● Digital economy and youth employment ● Responsible and inclusive AI ● Regional digital cooperation ● Bridging the digital divide
12:15–13:15	***Lunch & Networking***
13:15–14:15	**Sustainable Investment & Private-Sector Partnerships for the SDGs** **Focus:** ● Sustainable investment opportunities ● Public-private partnerships ● Climate and SDG financing ● Regional investment cooperation ● Green businesses and innovation ● Connecting investors with development priorities
14:15–14:30	***Short Break***

Time	Session
14:30–15:30	**Regional Partnership Roundtable** *Turning Dialogue into Action* **Participants will identify:** ● Priority areas for cooperation ● Potential regional partnerships ● Investment and project opportunities ● Institutional mechanisms ● Immediate follow-up actions
15:30–16:00	***Tea/Coffee & Networking***
16:00–16:45	**CLOSING HIGH-LEVEL SESSION** **Islamabad Regional Cooperation Framework & Islamabad Communiqué 2026** The closing session will present the principal outcomes of the Dialogue and seek endorsement/adoption of the: **ISLAMABAD COMMUNIQUÉ 2026** The Communiqué will capture shared priorities, policy recommendations and commitments emerging from the Dialogue, including: ● SDG Implementation & Localization ● Pakistan–Afghanistan–Central Asia Regional Cooperation ● Climate Resilience & Water Security ● Women's Leadership & Inclusive Development ● AI, Digital Transformation & Innovation ● Sustainable Investment & Private-Sector Partnerships ● Youth Participation & Leadership ● Knowledge, Policy and Institutional Cooperation ● Long-Term Regional Dialogue and Partnership Mechanisms The session will also introduce the Islamabad Regional Cooperation Framework as a longer-term platform for continued regional engagement under CAPSDI.
16:45	***Closing Remarks & Conclusion of the Islamabad Regional Dialogue 2026***

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

01

Islamabad Communiqué 2026

A high-level outcome document reflecting shared priorities, commitments and recommendations emerging from the Dialogue.

02

Islamabad Regional Cooperation Framework

A longer-term framework for policy dialogue, institutional cooperation, partnerships and regional SDG implementation.

03

SDG Implementation & Policy Cooperation

Strengthened cooperation among parliamentarians, governments, institutions and development partners.

04

Climate & Water Cooperation

Greater collaboration on climate resilience, glacier and water security, sustainable agriculture and vulnerable mountain communities.

05

Women & Inclusive Development

Greater emphasis on women's leadership, economic participation, digital inclusion and decision-making.

06

AI & Digital Cooperation

Promotion of responsible AI, digital transformation, innovation and regional digital cooperation.

07

Sustainable Investment

Connecting regional development priorities with investors, businesses, financial institutions and development partners.

08

Youth Participation

Creating meaningful opportunities for young people to contribute to policy, innovation, entrepreneurship and regional cooperation.

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Long-Term CAPSDI Platform

Establishing the Dialogue as a continuing regional platform for policy exchange, partnerships, investment, SDG implementation and sustainable development cooperation.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

- Parliamentarians and parliamentary committees
- Federal and provincial/member countries government representatives
- Diplomatic missions
- United Nations and international organizations
- Development partners
- Private-sector leaders and investors
- Financial institutions
- Women leaders and entrepreneurs
- Youth leaders and organizations
- Academics and researchers
- Climate and water experts
- Technology and AI experts
- Civil society organizations
- Media and development professionals

STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Islamabad Regional Dialogue 2026 seeks to move beyond discussion toward **practical regional cooperation, investment and implementation**.

Through the Islamabad Communiqué and Islamabad Regional Cooperation Framework, CAPSDI will seek to establish a continuing platform connecting **policy, diplomacy, sustainable investment, innovation and grassroots development** across Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

The Dialogue will therefore serve as a foundation for future CAPSDI initiatives, regional consultations, investment partnerships, policy forums and SDG-focused programs.

Preliminary program — session themes, speakers, moderators and timings are subject to final confirmation by the organizing committee.