CAP-SDI

CENTRAL ASIA-AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

60–80 INVITED DELEGATES

REGIONAL FLAGSHIP CONVENING 2026

Islamabad Regional Dialogue on SDG Implementation, Regional Cooperation & Investment

"From Regional Commitments to Practical Action"

DATES	LOCATION	GEOGRAPHY	OFFICIAL PORTAL
19–20 October 2026	Islamabad, Pakistan	7 Regional Nations	www.cap-sdi.org

1 STRATEGIC CONTEXT & RATIONALE

The Central Asia-Afghanistan-Pakistan Sustainable Development Initiative (CAP-SDI) is a structured platform dedicated to connecting policy, public capital, private investment, and technical innovation across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The sub-region faces deeply shared ecological and developmental priorities—including transboundary river basins, glacier preservation, clean energy grids, transit corridors, and young workforce mobilization—that transcend sovereign borders and require joint solutions.

Reinforcing the institutional context established by the United Nations Regional Centre for the SDGs for Central Asia and Afghanistan in Almaty (2025), CAP-SDI offers a neutral, multi-stakeholder platform translating high-level policy convergence into bankable cross-border pipelines and operational public-private partnerships.

2 CORE THEMATIC PILLARS

I. Water, Climate & Mountain Resilience

Transboundary water resource governance, glacier protection, mountain climate adaptation, loss and damage response, and clean energy transitions.

II. Connectivity & Sustainable Infrastructure

Green transit corridors, regional trade facilitation, border modernization, digital customs integration, and multi-modal logistics links.

III. Food Security & Climate Agriculture

Arid-zone farming systems, irrigation modernization, agri-supply chain preservation, and rural livelihood stability.

IV. Digital Public Tech & AI Innovation

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), cross-border data systems, and applied AI tools for environmental and public service monitoring.

V. Youth Entrepreneurship & Green Jobs

Technical skill harmonization, cross-border youth mobility, green enterprise incubation, and regional innovation ecosystems.

VI. Blended Finance & Bankable Pipelines

Structuring sovereign green instruments, concessional de-risking mechanisms, and public-private project pre-feasibility facilities.

Special Dedicated Track: Afghanistan in the Regional Development Matrix

A constructive, people-centered track examining essential livelihoods, agriculture, water-climate resilience, women and human rights, and youth employment, anchored in practical humanitarian-development linkages.

3 CONCRETE TANGIBLE DELIVERABLES

1	**Islamabad Regional Communiqué**	A high-level consensus document signed by participating delegations outlining policy alignment and formalizing designated national focal points.
2	**Bankable SDG Investment Pipeline**	A curated portfolio of pre-screened cross-border and scalable national projects eligible for blended and multilateral financing.
3	**Regional Monitoring Dashboard**	A unified digital platform hosting regional SDG indicators, best practices, and policy databases without duplicating national VNR reporting.
4	**Youth Leadership & Innovation Network**	An institutional framework connecting young climate innovators, tech entrepreneurs, and researchers to capital and regional mentors.

4 12-MONTH POST-DIALOGUE OPERATIONAL ROADMAP (2026–2027)

The 19–20 October 2026 dialogue serves as an operational launchpad triggering an ongoing technical workstream:

01	02	03	04	05
OCT 2026	**NOV–DEC 2026**	**JAN–MAR 2027**	**APR–JUN 2027**	**OCT 2027**
Dialogue Convening (19–20 Oct) & Communiqué Adoption	Thematic Working Groups Activated	Indicator Baselines & Dashboard Setup	Pipeline Pre-Feasibility Technical Reviews	CAP-SDI Annual Summit & Flagship Report

5 PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION MODALITIES

Track Co-Hosting
Lead or co-chair a thematic pillar aligned with your agency's strategic mandate (e.g., Water, Clean Tech, or Blended Capital).

Expert Nominations
Nominate senior economists, technical SDG specialists, or institutional leadership to shape outcome declarations.

Programmatic Sponsorship
Support technical background papers, delegate participation facilities, or regional digital dashboard infrastructure.

6 PARTICIPATION & ROOM DYNAMIC

To ensure candid policy engagement and tangible deal-flow, in-person attendance is strictly capped at **60–80 accredited leaders** across: Senior Government Leadership & SDG Focal Points • Ambassadors & Bilateral Development Envoys • Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) & UN Country Directors • Impact Investors & Infrastructure Executives.

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