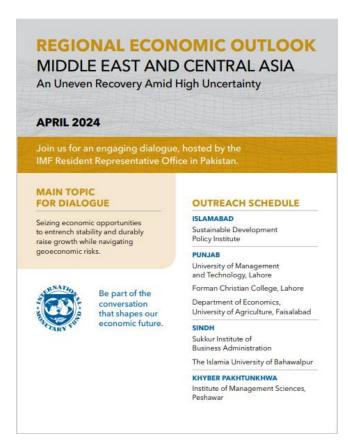
REO Outreach Mission to Pakistan

IMF Resident Representative Office in Pakistan, April 29-May 7, 2024

The Res Rep office conducted outreach on the 2024 Regional Economic Outlook for the Middle East and Central Asia, engaging academic establishments and think tanks in Bahawalpur, Islamabad, Lahore, Faisalabad, Peshawar, and Sukkur. Over 500 participants attended, with counterparts acknowledging the relevance and rigor of the economic impact of conflicts.

The discussions touched upon monetary policy continuing in bringing down inflation and protecting real incomes; the significance of trade diversification and rerouting land and shipping corridors in seizing new global market opportunities, building on the positive experience in the Caucasus and Central Asia countries; the complementarity between economic stabilization and growth in Pakistan; and policies to move Pakistan from economic stabilization to strong, inclusive, and resilient growth. Key priorities include domestic revenue mobilization through fairer taxation while scaling up spending for human capital, social protection, and climate resilience; improve public service provision by rightsizing and modernizing state-owned enterprises; and promote private sector development by securing a level-playing field for investment and stronger governance. Participants highly appreciated the IMF's efforts in scaling up policy dialogue, capacity development, and financing in the region to help our membership adapt to evolving needs.



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