



APPLIED ECONOMICS RESEARCH CENTRE UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI **CALL FOR PAPERS**



The Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi, is organizing a three-day International Conference in Karachi. The main theme is;

“Central Asian Regional Economic Integration and CPEC: Prospects, Challenges and the Way Forward, (CAREIC-PCWF)”

Unlocking the Potential of Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Central Asia, the AERC international conference, 2018 aims at investigating the state of economic integration in Central Asia and identify potential areas of CPEC for further strengthening sub regional linkages between Pakistan and Central Asia. The CAREIC Institute initiative is a milestone in promoting economic integration and centrality of countries in Central Asia along with CPEC, but it alone is insufficient for the institute to retain relevance in an increasingly multi-polar world. Central Asian countries, **including Pakistan and Afghanistan**, need an ambitious plan for economic integration beyond their borders to achieve its economic development aspirations.

The conference will explore and evaluate the scope, broad principles, and characteristics of Central Asian countries economic relationships and cooperation at the regional level. It will address the broad issue of whether Central Asian efforts for regional cooperation and integration have been compatible with similar arrangements elsewhere or with an open multilateral trading system at the global level. The conference will also focus on the changing dynamics of regional integration and its future prospects and will explore the possibilities and implications of Central Asian integration for Pakistan through CPEC and the rest of the world.

You are invited to submit your contributions towards identifying practical strategies for improving inclusive governance and improving efficient institutions processes for the forthcoming international conference 2018. The researchers can also submit their research contribution to the following sub-themes:

- **Regional Integration and Infrastructure**
- **Economic Integration and Communication Technology**
- **Trade Facilitation and CPEC**
- **Environment and Disaster Risk Management**
- **Agriculture and Food Security**
- **Financial Development**
- **Gender and Human Development**
- **Governance and CPEC**
- **Energy and Industrialization**
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**
- **Population, Migration and Urbanization**
- **Socioeconomic Development**

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10, 2018

Submission of Abstracts

Sept 15, 2018

Submission of full Papers

Nov 26, 2018

Notification of Papers Acceptance

December 18-20, 2018

Conference Dates

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Note:

- There are no limitations to the themes
- Registration process will start from November 15, 2018 and close on December 15, 2018.