



# **Islamabad Policy Research Institute**

**Upcoming International Conference  
on  
Pakistan's Strategic  
Environment: Post-2014**

**Serena Hotel, Islamabad  
28-29 May 2014**

## The Institute

Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) is an autonomous think tank. It is dedicated to undertaking analyses and evaluations of important national and international politico-strategic issues and developments affecting Pakistan and the region. One of the prominent areas of activity of the institute is organizing national and international seminars/conferences. To know more about IPRI, you may visit our website, [www.ipripak.org](http://www.ipripak.org)



### International Conference Pakistan's Strategic Environment: Post-2014



## Conference Outline

Pakistan, a nation of 180 million is on the path to democracy and development. More than half of the population is under 22 which creates a huge reservoir of human resource. A vibrant parliament representing the will of the people debates and decides issues of national importance. Media is freer than ever. Judiciary is totally independent. All private and public sector institutions are strong and a robust civil society takes keen interest in policy matters.

Pakistan's post 2014 strategic environment has many missing dots, that are all linked to the

way Afghanistan shapes up after the draw-down of the US-led presence. Economic and political stability of Afghanistan will have major impact on the situation in Pakistan which is already home to 3 million Afghan refugees. Besides Afghanistan, Pakistan's immediate concerns which emanate from its economic and internal law and order situation are being addressed by the government.

Since 9/11, Pakistan has stood with the international community in the struggle against terrorism. Pakistan's institutional as well as national resolve has all along been firm. Material and military support extended by the international communities has been very meager as compared to the task at hand. Moreover, issues of sovereignty and collateral damage arising out of drone attacks have, at times, made it difficult to carry the public opinion along.

It is important to identify the financial, logistical and ideological trails of most of the extremist and terrorist outfits operating in Pakistan. Security challenges, both in the traditional as well as non-traditional domains, need a concerted and comprehensive response in the form of policy reviews and structural reforms. In this regard, a National Security Policy has already been announced by the government of Pakistan.

As all regional countries are scheduled to complete electoral processes in 2014, this year might become epochal. Due to a longer term availability of political counterparts all over the region, political as well as economic planning horizons will widen, and the opportunity to engage constructively in order to strengthen diplomacy and employ it as first option for resolving the irritants and settling the disputes is likely to be brighter. This could also facilitate formulation of joint strategy amongst the regional countries for tackling common issues including trans-border security, drug trafficking, organized crime etc. Moreover, regional players may be able to focus on improving connectivity,

trade and commerce, and collectively address the challenges of climate change and disaster management.

In this backdrop, IPRI together with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), Germany's Pakistan office in Islamabad, is organizing a two-day international conference on "*Pakistan's Strategic Environment: Post-2014*" at Serena Hotel, Islamabad on 28-29 May 2014.

**IPRI has invited six scholars from China, Russia, Germany, France, India, Singapore and NATO Secretariat. They will present their papers in various sessions of the conference. Another six prominent scholars, professionals and intellectuals from within Pakistan will also be speaking at the conference. The proceedings of the conference will be published in the form of a book by IPRI.**

**Participation is through invitation only.**

## **Sessions of the Conference**

- Inaugural Session (Keynote address by the Chief Guest: **Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs**, on May 28, 2014 at 1000 hrs)
- Post-2014 Afghanistan: Implications for Pakistan
- Global Perspective of Post-2014 Pakistan
- Regional Dynamics
- The Way Forward
- Concluding Session (Keynote address by the Chief Guest: **General (R) Ehsan ul Haq, Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee**, on May 29, 2014 at 1325 hrs)

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