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The four-day summit provides a platform to generate debate and dialogue

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ISLAMABAD: The federal capital gears up to host the eighth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES), to be launched at a local hotel, today (Monday).

The four-day summit provides a regional platform for dialogue and helps generate debate on socio-economic issues faced by South Asian countries. Each year the summit tackles critical issues, develops new insight and generates ideas on policy priorities for consideration of the sub-region's decision makers.



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It is organised by a group of six think-tanks that take turns to organise the event in one of the SAARC countries. This year Sustainable Development Policy Institute is the key organiser, and is working along with Centre for Policy Dialogue Bangladesh, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries, India South Asia Watch on Trade, economics and environment, Nepal Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka.

“In these mega conferences, researchers, academicians, scientists, policymakers, legislators, and experts from different fields will come up with evidence-based policy interventions,” SDPI Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri told *The Express Tribune* and added that they will share best practices and present workable solutions to the emerging challenges people of South Asia face. Case studies and success stories from other regions would also be shared.

Different plenary sessions will be held during the four-day event including Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia, securing peace and prosperity.

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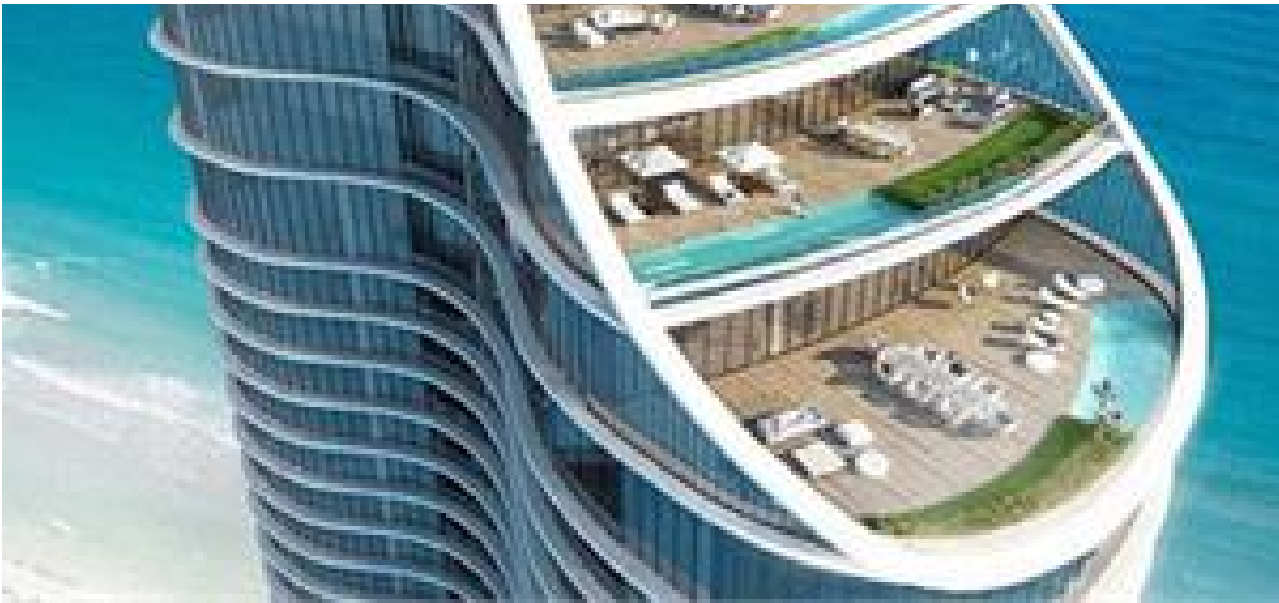


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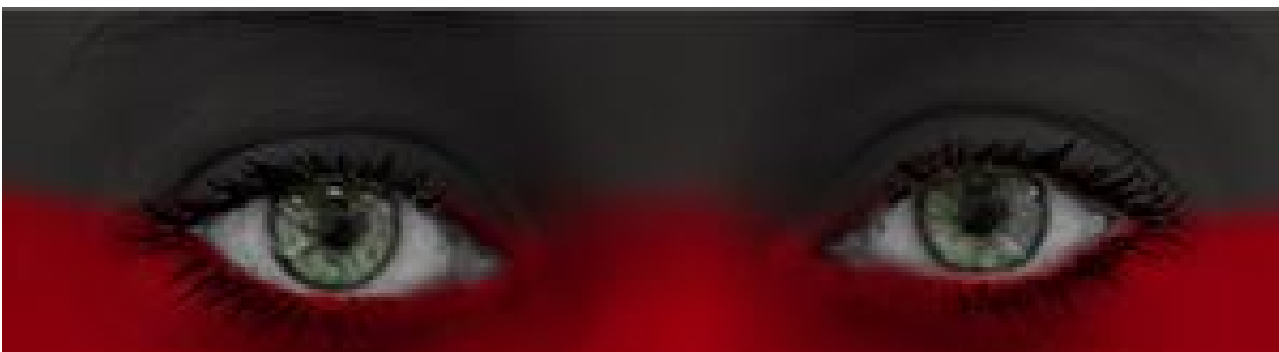




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