

INTERNSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE POST

Title:	Intern
Sector of assignment:	Policy Support – Belt and Road Initiative
Organizational unit:	Development Policy Unit
Country and Duty Station:	Islamabad, Pakistan
Internship duration:	6 months
Supervisor's name:	Shakeel Ahmad
Supervisor's title:	Assistant Resident Representative

II. CORPORATE BACKGROUND:

UNDP works in about 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

UNDP is working to strengthen new frameworks for development, disaster risk reduction and climate change. We support countries' efforts to achieve the new Sustainable Development Goals, which will guide global development priorities through 2030. The key 2030 Agenda principle of leaving no one behind and stamping out inequality is at the core of everything we do.

UNDP focuses on helping countries build and share solutions in three main areas:

- Sustainable development
- Democratic governance and peacebuilding
- Climate and disaster resilience

In all our activities, we encourage the protection of human rights and the empowerment of women, minorities and the poorest and most vulnerable.

III. INTERNSHIP OFFICE BACKGROUND:

UNDP works with the Government of Pakistan to achieve Sustainable Development Goals through policy support that aims to balance the three pillars of development; social, economic and environment. UNDP in its role as a development partner to the Government of Pakistan has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at supporting Government counterparts in developing targeted policies and pro-poor initiatives to achieve sustainable development.

The Development Policy Unit (DPU) operationalizes UNDP Pakistan's support to the Government in evidence based public policy formulation and advocacy for informed decision making. One of the key areas that the DPU works to strengthen is the role of Government of Pakistan in the Belt and Road Initiative and how it can be leveraged to achieve SDGs in Pakistan. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is one of the leading projects of the Belt and Road Initiative in Pakistan. The project is based on a long-term framework, with multiple sectoral projects aiming to revitalize infrastructure and industrial development. It consists of a diversified portfolio, including energy and infrastructure, knowledge and technology, as well as cultural exchange, among many other aspects of potential cooperation.

As Pakistan transitions from infrastructure to industrial development, the boost in economic activity will also have an impact on social and environmental development. While CPEC is expected to create employment opportunities, reduce poverty and improve the standard of living along the economic corridor, its social and environmental impact can be enhanced through provision of public services, skills development and initiatives that promote use of clean energy to mitigate environmental damage. Such initiatives will also help accelerate Pakistan's efforts in achieving SDGs through cross-sectoral impact. UNDP Pakistan is undertaking a number of research studies that explore issues related to industrial and infrastructure development expected from CPEC and how it can be leveraged to achieve SDGs.

To support the ongoing initiatives on CPEC, UNDP is seeking the services of an intern to assess the opportunities available for UNDP to leverage CPEC for progressing sustainable development and achieving SDGs in Pakistan.

III. DUTIES:

The intern will assist in the following duties and responsibilities:

No	Duties and responsibilities	% of time
<i>In this section list the primary responsibilities and tasks of the position. (Include percentages for each duty.)</i>		
1	<p>Contribute to research and exploratory studies on CPEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the ongoing research on CPEC by including an assessment of Chinese industrial landscape and how it may evolve from trade and partnership with the Government of Pakistan Explore how Pakistan can leverage CPEC initiatives for SDGs vis a vis the expected change in industrial growth and competitive advantage Undertake research to identify how other partner countries of China are leveraging BRI to accelerate social impact 	45%
2	<p>Support UNDP Pakistan in advocating for the opportunities provided by CPEC for Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop concept notes, project briefs and presentations to articulate UNDP's role in supporting CPEC's development vis a vis the principles of sustainable development Facilitate organization of any dialogue/public forum or meetings with regard to CPEC's role in SDGs Handle all communication tasks to increase awareness about UNDP Pakistan's role in CPEC and the ongoing initiatives Facilitate the process of engaging experts and development partners for advancing the work on CPEC Facilitate engagement and partnership with the Chinese institutions in the government and non-government sectors concerned with CPEC both within and outside Pakistan. 	35%
3	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support other activities related to Development Policy and SDGs as seen relevant and needed. 	20%

IV. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Candidates must meet the following educational requirements:

- have graduated no longer than 1 year ago from a master's degree or equivalent studies.

Field of study: Economics, Public Policy, Development Management or equivalent.

IT skills:

- Knowledge and a proficient user of Microsoft Office productivity tools;
- Working knowledge of basic software to develop presentations and documents, as required.

Language skills:

- English required;
- Knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage.

Other competencies and attitude:

- Interest and motivation in working in an international organization;
- Good analytical skills in gathering and consolidating data and research for practical implementation;
- Outgoing and initiative-taking person with a goal oriented mind-set;
- Communicates effectively when working in teams and independently;
- Good in organizing and structuring various tasks and responsibilities;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Responds positively to feedback and differing points of view;
- Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude.

V. INTERNSHIP CONDITIONS

- UNDP internships are not remunerated. All expenses connected with the internship will be borne by the intern or her/his sponsoring entity;
- UNDP accepts no responsibility for costs arising from accidents and/or illness or death incurred during the internship;
- Interns are responsible for obtaining necessary visas and arranging travel to and from the duty station where the internship will be performed;
- Interns are not eligible to apply for, or be appointed to, any post in UNDP during the period of the internship;
- Interns must provide proof of enrolment in health insurance plan;
- Interns are not staff members and may not represent UNDP in any official capacity;
- Interns are expected to work full time but flexibility is allowed for education programmes;
- Interns need to obtain financing for subsistence and make own arrangements for internship, travel, VISA, accommodation, etc.