

# CPEC at 10: A critical assessment of its achievements and challenges

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"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day  
Teach him how to fish and you feed him for  
a lifetime." [Chinese philosopher LAO TZU]. The CPEC  
Project is the fishing hook of Pakistan economy  
that allow the country to feed its development  
for ages. A decade ago CPEC was launched  
with ambitious goal of transforming Pakistan's economy  
and infrastructure. By creating Industrial cooperat-  
ion and special economic zones that will provide  
jobs opportunities to the lower population of the  
country, China provide major investment in  
development of transport, agriculture and technolo-  
gical sector. But this game changer project has  
faced major upheaval due to political instability  
and severe security threat. The delayed  
implementation of the project caused weak  
financial and technological management has  
major consequences to the economy of the country.  
However these issues can be resolved ~~to be~~  
~~ensuring~~ of ensuring transparency and commit-  
ment of Pakistani government and stakeholder.  
Although CPEC has made significant progress  
in the decade since its launch, however it still  
faces number of challenges in its robust  
development steps.

~~The~~ Historically, CPEC is a transform-  
ative infrastructure project initiated in 2013, marking



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a significant chapter in bilateral relation between China and Pakistan. The idea was proposed by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and endorsed by Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The project work began after the Chinese president Xi Jinping visit in Pakistan in 2015. The corridor initially valued at \$47 billion but later on increased to \$62 billion of investment. They created special economic zones (SEZs), energy pipelines to connect China's port of Gwadar with Pakistan industrial zones, ~~and~~ ML1 project and infrastructure projects. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a big project with different phases from 2015-2030. Notable milestones include the development of Gwadar port, the construction of highways and railways. The CPEC project were divided into the short, medium and long terms ~~and four phases~~ and project to be done by 2020, 2025 and 2030 respectively. These three terms are further divided into four phase out of which phase one projects has been completed and second phase is in progress.

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has sparked massive infrastructure development in railways (US \$8.6 bn), ~~highways~~ with Main Line 1 or ML1 in Karachi, ~~havelian~~ and Peshawar. In highways with largest ever investment in transportation of Pakistan i.e. of \$15.5 bn including Motorways from Khunjerab to Buzhan, from Gwadar to Basima, and



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From Multan, Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur. In Seaports or in overall CPEC project the most notable project in development of Gwadar port that is a major hub for trade for China. These transportation infrastructure developments are facilitating efficient transportation of goods and are fostering economic growth. As a result CPEC not only transforming physical infrastructure but also strengthens economic ties.

¶ In addition to this, the establishment of Industrial Cooperation and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is a focal aspect of CPEC. These economic zones promote economic growth by attracting local and foreign investments. Well-known examples include the Rashakai Economic zones and Atkema Industrial city. These zones offer incentives such as tax breaks and streamlined regulation, encouraging businesses to thrive. CPEC's emphasis on SEZs promotes the development of a resilient industrial sector, ultimately revitalizing the economic spheres of both China and Pakistan.

Moreover, in its decade long journey the CPEC has another achievement, with a noteworthy success being the enhancement of ~~skills~~ ~~being~~ skills and training for workers. Through collaborative efforts, vocational



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Uttarakhand Motorway faced delays due to financial constraints and land acquisition challenges. These ~~have~~ setback hinders the timely completion of projects critical for CPEC's transformative goals. So these ongoing obstacle of project implementation delays continues to pose a substantial challenges.

Despite that another continual challenge faced by CPEC is Lack of institutional capacity. This constraint hinders the effective management of the corridor's complex and extensive projects. Notably, instances of administrative bottlenecks and slowed decision making processes have been observed. For example the need for enhanced regulatory frameworks in various sectors has often outpaced the existing institutional capabilities. Because of these CPEC continues to face the obstacles of insufficient institutional reforms.

To address these challenges, one of the most important way forward is to ensuring transparency and addressing concerns effectively is very important for CPEC achievement. Regularly scheduled forums for open communication can promote a clearer understanding of project goals and uphold the potential concern. This transp



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Training center in Canada skills crucial for the post's development. This investment take care of the long term need for a qualified staff in addition to meeting the demands of the projects. As CPEC marks 10 years in operation, the good effect on workforce development jumps out as a noteworthy accomplishment in sector specific expertise.

An other critical milestone that CPEC has achieved is modernizing the agriculture sector. This transformation involves advanced technologies and techniques. Some of the examples including the implementation of precision farming and establishment of demonstration farms. These initiatives has enhanced the productivity, improve crop yields, and ensured sustainable agriculture practices. Justifying the ~~CPEC~~ integration of modern in agriculture sector's method not only address the immediate food security concern but also laid down long term agriculture foundation. and this emerges as a key contributor to sustainable development.

However, even CPEC has celebrated it 10 years completion, the persisting challenges of delays in project implementation remain a significant hurdle. These delays often result from political instability, funding issues and logical complexities. For Example Multan-



can be enhanced by promoting online information ~~referrals~~ platforms, proactive engagements with stakeholders including public opinion as well. So prioritizing transparency and addressing concern through inclusive communication can play pivotal role for the sustainable success of CPEC project.

In conclusion, CPEC faces both promising opportunities and some challenges. Despite notable progress in infrastructure, industrial development, renewable energy and job creations, persistent issues such as political instability and concern about transparency and financial constraint demanded careful solutions. That can be mitigated by developing robust financial management establishment of export oriented industrial linkage and strategic course can overcome these issues.

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