

Regional organization, SCO.
 In 1996, SCO was started
 'Shanghai five', due to five
 initial members. Later, in 2001,
 Uzbekistan also joined and
 was renamed as SCO.
 Moreover, Pakistan and India
 also became member of SCO
 in 2007 and recently Iran
 is became the 8th
 member of SCO.

1996 → SCO as 'Shanghai Five'

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 Uzbekistan — '2001'
 (became member)

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 2007 - India and Pakistan

2022 - Iran

'FlawChart of SCO'

3- Significance of Shanghai Cooperation
 Organization (SCO) for Pakistan

Following are significan-
 ces for Pakistan ↓

a)

Agriculture free trade

Pakistan is an agriculture country. But, unfortunately, Pakistan import almost 30% of its agriculture.

"Pakistan imported agriculture grain of \$711 million from Russia in 2021."

(- Economic Survey, 2021)

Therefore, Pakistan get access to fast trade due to regional cooperation of SCO.

b)

Import of Energy from Russia

Moreover, Pakistan imports energy needs from Russia due to near and time saving partner. Pakistan is energy deficient country and depends on imported energy for its needs. According to a survey

"Pakistan imported 30% of its energy from Russia in

2021 for energy needs."

Hence, Pakistan benefits from SCO in energy context, too.
(- Energy Crisis, Farid Bani, 2022)

c) Security concerns and co-operation

Further, Pakistan has been facing a wave of terrorism. In fact, several attacks are done on Pakistan that is a threat to Pakistan's security.

"SCO leads to joint exercise for military cooperation, to share intelligence in order to counter terrorism and insurgency from region."

(- SCO Mandate, Ishtiaq Hussain 2022)

Therefore, Pakistan also gets security benefits from SCO.

d) A chance to improve broken bilateral Relations

Furthermore, Pakistan has an opportunity to improve bilateral

relations with its neighbour, India.
In fact, Pakistan and India
are revolving in a cycle
of bleak relations since
the crippling of SAARC in
2019.

«Pakistan should avail
an opportunity of SCO
to enhance and
improve relations with
India»

(- Mubeenullah 2022)

Therefore, SCO is a platform
in improving relations of
India and Pakistan.

c) Regional Connectivity and Unity

Besides above, Pakistan
has also benefit of connectivity
and unity with regional countries.
In fact, Pakistan can elaborate
prevailing regional issue and
can settle disputes for
regional development and prosperity.

«In 2022, Samarkand
Meeting enhanced

connectivity of member
countries for regional
development."

(- Sumitranand 'SCO' Meeting, 2012)

Hence, Pakistan can avail this
opportunity to profit from set
goods.

f) Respect for environment in
the region

SCO also focus on respect
for environment. Pakistan can
also get profit with respect
to environmental issues.

"SCO has potential to
contain environmental
travels - as

"Save us, save you."

(- Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, 2012)

Therefore, Pakistan can get
maximum cooperation in order
to deal environmental issues.

g) Economic cooperation - trading
in currencies

Pakistan can also
get profit of economic co-operation

from SCO. Almost economic crisis of Pakistan is due to import in dollars.

"A new step of trading in currencies will be co-operated."

(Vladimir Putin, Samarkand Meeting, Nov 2)

Hence, Pakistan has chance to start trading in rupee and with respective currencies.

"Pakistan's trade with China is shifted in Yuan (about 20pc.)"

(- Economic Stability, Meets, India, 2011)

Therefore, Pakistan should start trading in rupee with other regional members, too.

4- Conclusion

"Respect ke janta, respect yourself, respect me, and respect all."

(Bilateral Trade 2011)

Pakistan is a regional member of SCO. As Pakistan is a part of Asia, so Pakistan has several benefits from Asia regional countries on the platform of SCO. Hence, SCO is profitable for Pakistan.

