

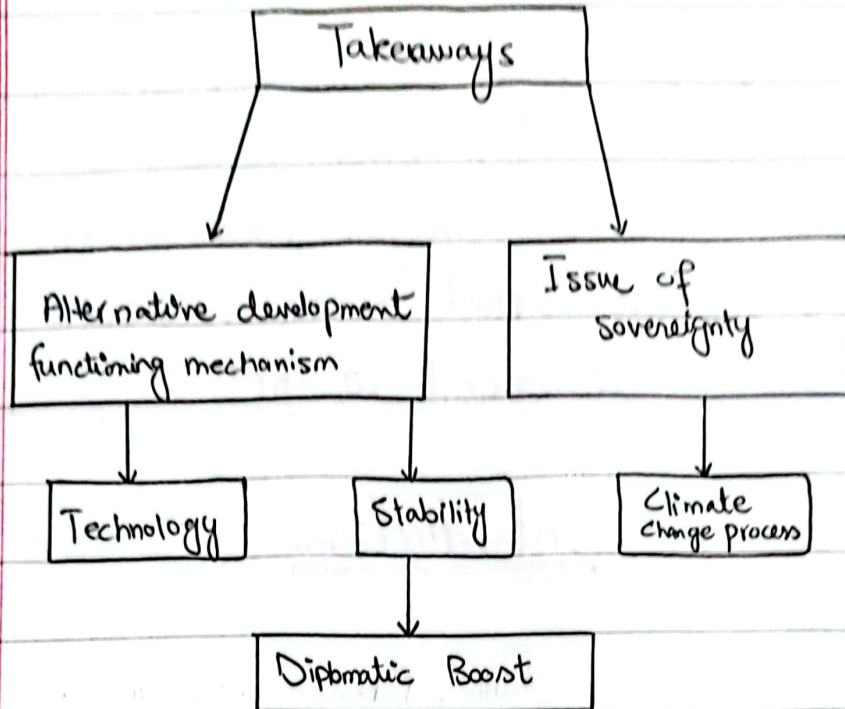
Question no: 01

Pakistan has successfully conducted SCO in Islamabad. Critically evaluate the major takeaways for Pakistan. What measures would you recommend to follow?

Introduction

There is no doubt, Pakistan has successfully conducted SCO in Islamabad. Where, as a host Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif presented his agenda regarding global economy, security and climate change. He also talked about technology's importance and way forward for the stability in the regions. This Summit also granted a diplomatic boost to Pakistan, especially visit of Indian Foreign Minister Jeshankar. But there were a lot of deficiencies in the agenda and regarding arrangements in Islamabad which will be discussed in this answer.

Major takeaways for Pakistan



A. Alternative development functioning mechanism

Prime Minister as a host presented his thoughts regarding current global economic climate is far too unstable to rely on old ways of doing things. There should be proper measurements of protectionist policies and unilateral measures.

But he did not presented the ways how to boost or alternate this mechanism.

B. Issue of sovereignty

Sovereignty is an important matter of the democratic country. It was thought that, every country has a right to decide its own political, social and economic future.

“Commitment to non-interference and mutual respect can leads to the stability”

(PM, Shehbaz Sharif)

But thinking to his point of views, is it easy for them to not to rely on American aids or any other foreign aid? As Pakistan's whole economy is dependant on these foreign aids. It is good piece of thinking to not to rely on these aids but before talking this, the Government of Pakistan should ^{bring} ~~make~~ some betterments in her reliant behaviour.

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Technology

Technology is a useful thing of modern era. Advancement of Artificial Advancement, digital commerce and in information technology (is) need to be boosted. Pakistan is facing protectionism and broken supply chain.

Pakistan gave a way forward to overcome this issue to support China's Belt and Road Initiative, which was no doubt a very perfect idea and stance if the whole countries of SCO accept China's Belt and Road Initiative. But they could not do so, as they do not want China to be a progressive country. Shehbaz Sharif said on it that:

"To integrate BRI with Eurasian Union to build stronger partnerships across the region"

(Pakistan Prime Minister)

Climate change initiative

Climate change initiative is a necessary part for better environment across the world. It was a remarkable step from Prime Minister of Pakistan to talk about this issue. He emphasized to launch special working force for climate change to speed up the efforts.

In case of any natural disaster:

In case of any natural disaster renewed force will reach as soon as possible to tackle the situation.

(v) Recommendations for Islamabad to follow

Although, this summit was successfully accomplished with ^{remarkable} (appreciated) security forces. But there were a lot of flaws in the city regarding arrangements. As citizens were kept like in prisons.

All businesses were closed. It was just like a curfew in the city. A few recommendations the government should opt so that it could be more liable event.

A. Better planning and communication

The international summit could be made more better with planning and communication.

For instance,

Time adjustment for
public and business
schedule.

B. Protection of small businesses

The businesses could be protected, for example, those people who rely on their one day earning; the government could give them compensation in the form of

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money. So that their (busii) wages could not be affected.

Problem in transportation

The transports also needed some schedule to prevent them from any problem.

As government ought not to prioritize diplomacy to citizens. There should be a balance system.

Security matters

Security system matters a lot in the country. But the matter is, if the diplomats are provided remarkable and valuable security and all were so active. Then, the government can provide better security all the time to the citizens.

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(vi) Conclusion

~~SCO~~ SCO summit enhanced the importance of Pakistan in diplomacy. A lot of matters were discussed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. She is also appreciated by SCO members as well. But, if the arrangements in the city could be balanced it could make it more successful in the sight of citizens as well.

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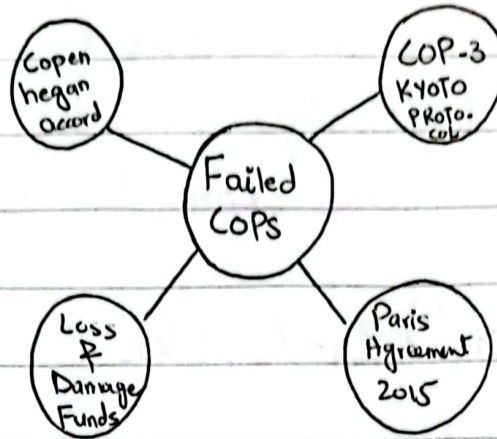
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COP29 summit ended in Baku. Critically evaluate its failures and commitments.

(I) Introduction

COP29 is considered as one of the most important summit all across the world, that was ended in Baku 2024. Every year some commitments are shared that are still failed till 2024. For instance COP 3's Kyoto Protocol, COP 15 Copenhagen accord 2009, Paris agreement 2015. The commitments are still not accomplished regarding funds and environment achievement; and day by day global warming is extending. ^{while} G77 plus China are still not allow themselves to give 100B\$ or 1.3T\$ to the developing countries. So, it seems this year's meeting will also lead to the failures and unaccomplishment of the summit's accords

(ii) Failures of the summit



A COP-3

COP-3 was held in Japan's city Kyoto in 1995. It was said to reduce especially carbon emissions by 4.2% but target is still unachievable and emissions are extending day by day.

B. Copenhagen accord

It was COP 15 of 2009 that introduced to reduce 2°C warming limit. Moreover, funds would be provided to developing countries per year. But these funds are still not provided.

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c. Paris Agreement 2015

It was aimed that to limit global warming below 2°C preferably to 1.5°C . But it is still not achieved and developing countries are affected the most.

According to the study:

“All glaciers across the world will be melted at the end of the century”
(UN, report)

D. Loss and Damage Funds

These are funds for the developing countries who are suffering the climate disasters. But these funds are still not provided and sufferings are increasing day by day.

(iv) Commitments in COP29

This year (2024) a lot of commitments were made. But it seems

they will also lead towards lame excuses.

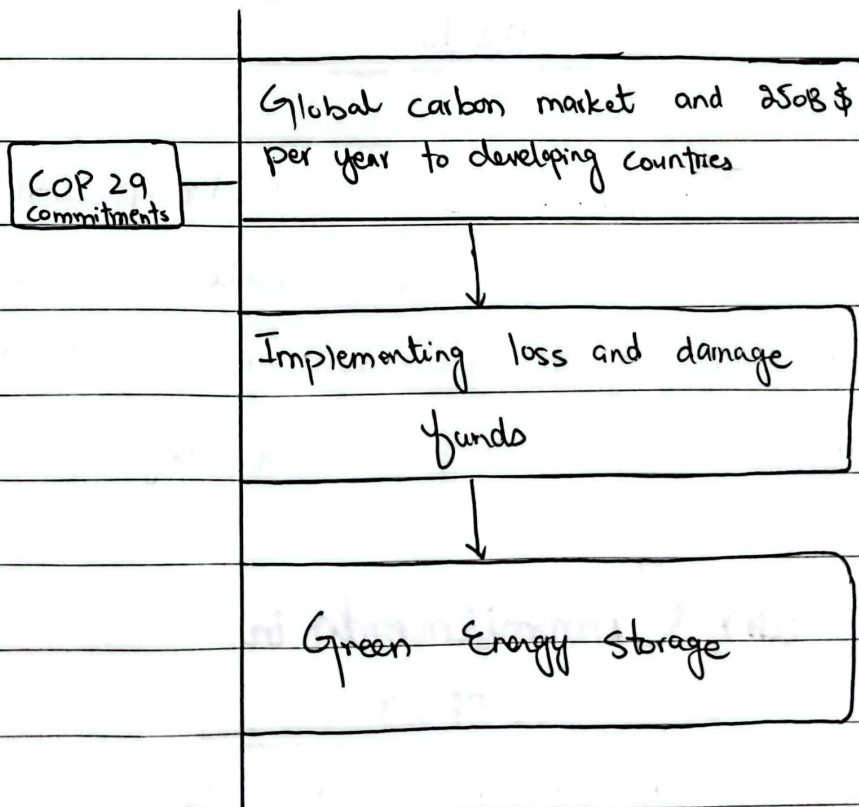
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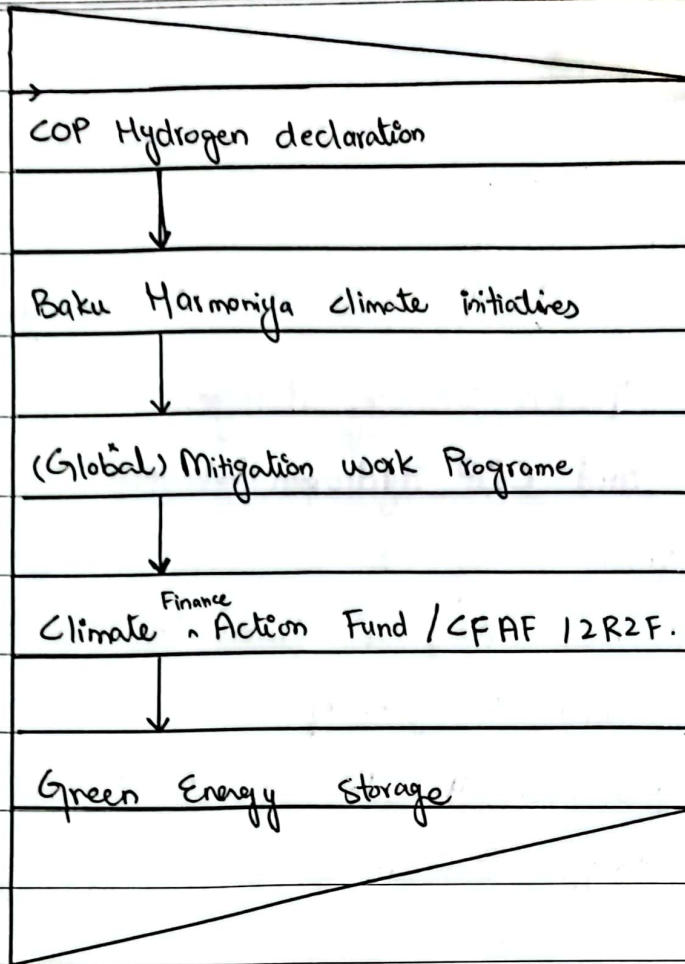
COP members agreed to provide funds by January 2025. And Donald Trump will never grant funds as he said that:

"They are just stealing our money"
(Donald Trump)

But they do (not) know about the current situations of the world. Like Namibia, ^{since} (till) 10 years they are experiencing drought.

(iv) Key takeaways of COP-29





1. Global carbon market

It was suggested to grant 250 B\$ to developing countries for the betterment of the environment. As well as they will give carbon credits to these countries including Pakistan.

2. Implementing Loss and damage Funds

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At COP29, it was aimed that to provide loss and damage funds abruptly at the end of January 2025. But it is impossible, as Donald Trump will not let them grant.

Green Energy storage and COP Hydrogen declaration

It's Green energy storage and COP hydrogen declaration can play a fundamental role in clean environment globally.

It was committed to generate 1500 Gw of energy storage from renewable energy by 2030.

While some countries committed to use hydrogen energy (Blue energy) production from the technology for zero-emission.

"Recently India launched Green Source technology for low carbon production"

(Research)

Baku Harmoniya climate

The countries committed to grant aid to those farmers of the world who have been suffering from food security due to climate change.

But it seems, like other projects this initiative will also be not accomplished.

Mitigation work Programme

Like Copenhagen accords, mitigation work programme is also a funding programme of 300 B\$ aid. But it is too less for above hundred of countries for clean development projects.

Following the aid of 100 B\$, all countries objected and demanded for 1.3 Trillion dollars.

But only 300 B\$ aid was accepted. That is definitely, will not be provided.

Climate Action Fund

(2R2F)

Azerbaijan introduced climate action fund CFAF / 2R2F. That is seeking annual contribution of 1 B\$.

2R → Rapid Fund + Rapid Response
↳ in case of ↙
any emergency

GF → Immediate Fund in case of any disaster

Funds will also be used in renewable energy projects and support climate projects in developing countries.

But still it is not accomplished like other projects.

Conclusion

Although COP is a best platform for developing countries especially to listen their voices, about what is happening to them because of the developed countries.

This platform (demands) ^{grant} aid projects but it is considered failed platform still because the developing countries are not granted aid yet and targeted aims to reduce emissions by developed is also not reducing but on the contrary it is increasing day by day.

This platform can only be successful if developed countries consider the world problems their problems.