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CGP 9.0 – CALL FOR RESEARCH IDEAS

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RASTA invites Research Ideas under its *Ninth Competitive Grants Programme (CGP 9.0)*, aligned with the 11 National Economic Missions of the URAAN Pakistan vision. **Research Ideas** are invited on the following 11 broad themes: **(1)** Export Acceleration, **(2)** Resource Mobilisation & Tax Reform, **(3)** Produce in Pakistan, **(4)** Agriculture Value Chain, **(5)** Energy, Water & Environmental Resilience, **(6)** E-Pakistan & Artificial Intelligence, **(7)** Human Capital & Skills, **(8)** Housing, Construction & Real Estate Market, **(9)** Social Protection & Poverty Reduction, **(10)** Multimodal Connectivity & Logistics, and **(11)** Investment Facilitation.

Detailed information on themes, sub-themes, grant categories, and the review process is available at: rasta.pide.org.pk

Applications must be submitted electronically via the RASTA Portal by *October 10, 2026 (Midnight PKT)*.

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