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Experts stress political parties to give clear agenda of reforms, improved governance

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Researchers and experts at a thinktank moot on Tuesday urged mainstream political parties to come up with a clear agenda of key-sector reforms and an improved governance system ahead of the general elections 2024, matching the country's pressing needs.

It was the 4th moot "Transforming Economy & Society" organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in collaboration with its partners.

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