The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) is a regional network that brings together researchers and decision-makers from the countries in South Asia to address their development-environment problems. SANDEE’s mission is to support research, strengthen skills and promote dialogue and discussion on evidence-based sustainable development policies.

FIVE YEAR OUTCOMES (2009-2013)

Research
- 70 research projects related to poverty, natural resources and climate change economics
- Books aimed at teachers, researchers and practitioners
- 60+ peer-reviewed publications

Training
- 40 training programs for academics and policy makers
- 1000+ trainees
- Topics range from research methods and modeling ecosystem services to climate change adaptation

Dissemination
- 60+ presentations in South Asia as well as Europe, Australia and the US raising the research profile of the region
- Two major international conferences (Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom gave the keynote speech in 2010)
- Multi-fold outreach (villagers to policy makers)

Institutions and Actions
- Strong presence in regional academic associations and policy committees
- New curricula and courses in universities
- Government of India Expert Group discussions on greening national accounts
- Influence on indoor air pollution and REDD+ policies in Nepal
- Revised harbor building plans in the Maldives
- User fees in protected areas
- Extension service training related to pesticide use in India and Nepal
- International dialogue on national accounts and ecosystem services and sustainable development goals

POLICY RESEARCH
SANDEE’s research aims to develop empirical evidence on economic and institutional issues underlying environmental changes in South Asia.

Research Themes:
- Ecosystems Management
- Economics of Climate Change
- Policies and Programs for Greener Development

ACTIVITIES
- Research support through grants, mentorship and technical assistance
- Basic and advanced training courses for researchers and practitioners
- Policy dissemination, dialogue and networking

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