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ECONOMICS & THE ENVIRONMENT

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.



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ACTIVITIES

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



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

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

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- Operates in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
- Secretariat hosted by ICIMOD, Nepal
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