

**THE SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ECONOMICS
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The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) is a new network that hopes to bring together analysts from the different countries in South Asia to address environment-development problems. SANDEE's mission is to strengthen the capacity of individuals and institutions in South Asia to undertake research on the inter-linkages between economic development and environmental change and to disseminate practical information that can be applied to development policies.

INAUGURAL MEETING - PROCEEDINGS

SANDEE was inaugurated in November 1999 in Kathmandu. Over 60 scholars from ten countries, including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India, attended the inaugural. The meeting was used to exchange information about research and to develop a blueprint for SANDEE's future activities. The proceedings of the inaugural meeting may be viewed online under the [Events](#) section of SANDEE's website. If you participated in the inaugural and did not send us an abstract, it is still not too late to do so.

SANDEE'S PERMANENT WEBSITE

Thank you for visiting SANDEE's website. This is still a test site, so your comments at this stage will be extremely helpful. You will also find a feedback form on the website. Kindly use it to provide us your feedback on our web site and any other issues related to SANDEE. If your institution would like to become a member of SANDEE, please visit our members page. You can download the membership form and mail it to us with appropriate fees as described below. If you would like us to provide a link to your institution's web page, please let us know by sending an email to Manik Duggar manikd@sandeeonline.org

GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE - YEAR 2000 RESEARCH COMPETITION

SANDEE intends to support environment and natural resource economics in the region by making research grants. Grant proposals are solicited in three thematic areas:

- 1) Poverty and Natural Resource Management;
- 2) Economics of Environmental Health; and
- 3) Sharing of Transboundary Resources.

SANDEE's technical advisory committee will review proposals and selected researchers will be invited to discuss their proposals with the committee. Please see the attached guidelines for further details. Junior faculty and graduate students are encouraged to apply. **The deadline for submitting proposals is June 1st 2000.** Click here to view the [Research Guidelines](#).

SANDEE SEEKS INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

SANDEE's Management Board and Technical Advisory Committees seek to strengthen the network through partnerships with existing institutions. We request all of you to ask your institutions to become members. The annual cost is US\$25 for South Asian institutions and US\$250 for non-South Asian institutions. In return, we will send you electronic or non-electronic versions of SANDEE Newsletters, working papers and information about SANDEE grants. Please fill the attached [Membership Form](#) and mail it along with a check for the appropriate amount in US dollars to IUCN, Nepal.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHOW STRONGER SUPPORT FOR SANDEE?

SANDEE would like to request larger institutions to become Institutional Supporters by providing a one-time contribution of US\$1000. SANDEE is raising resources from international donor agencies for its activities but would like to obtain local support by receiving contributions from local institutions. If you think your institution may be interested in becoming an Institutional Supporter, please get in touch with Priya Shyamsundar priyas@sandeeonline.org and receive detailed information about SANDEE's vision and activities.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

If you have interesting information to share with your South Asian colleagues about research in or practical applications of Environment and Natural Resource Economics, please let us know. The SANDEE newsletter will publish short pieces of news that is of general interest and from which we can all learn.

SANDEE's GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A Management Board and a Technical Advisory Committees govern SANDEE. SANDEE's Management Board includes Professor Kanchan Chopra, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, Professor Karl-Goran Maler, the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, Dr. A. R. Kemal, Director, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Professor Bishwambher Pyakuyal, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu and Dr. Priya Shyamsundar, SANDEE's Program Director. Dr. Ambika Adhikari, Country Representative, IUCN, Nepal has been requested to join the Board. Donors who make a major contribution to SANDEE will also have the opportunity to join. SANDEE's Technical Advisory Committee is currently made up of Professor Partha Dasgupta, Cambridge University, Dr. Narpat Jodha, ICIMOD, Professor Thomas Sterner, University of Gothenburg and Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. SANDEE's Secretariat is based

at IUCN-The World Conservation Union, Nepal.

HAPPENINGS...

The First Biennial Conference the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) was held at the Institute for Social and Economic Change at Bangalore from December 20-22, 1999. More than 170 scholars met at the Institute for Social and Economic Change to present papers and discuss different aspects of environmental questions related to economic development. To obtain further information about INSEE or to receive conference proceedings, please contact eeu@ieg.ernet.in

The Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics plans to hold a Research Seminar related to Environmental Economics in September 2000 in Sri Lanka. This is a follow-up to the Teaching Seminar held last year in Kathmandu. The seminar focuses on strengthening research and work-in-progress through peer review and international expert advice. Participants will include scholars who attended last year's Teaching Seminar, however there may be space for a few additional participants. If you need further information about the Research Seminar please contact Astrid Auraldsson at astrid@beijer.kva.se

The World Bank Institute is offering a two-week course on Environmental Economics for Development Policy during July 17-28th, 2000. This course will introduce current thinking and best practices in using environmental economics to address resources and environmental problems at the macro, sector and project levels based on the World Bank knowledge and experience. Please also note that there is a fee associated with this course. Please contact Maria Cruz mcruz4@worldbank.org for further information.