



Economic Development, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Change

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS FOR POLICY MAKERS

Workshop, AIT, Bangkok

10th – 13th Dec. 2007

Agenda

Day 1 – 10th December 2007

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 9.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Sergio Feld, Policy Advisor-Environment, UNDP, Regional Center Bangkok, Thailand

Subrato Sinha: UNEP Regional Office Asia Pacific

Workshop Objectives

Priya Shyamsundar, Programme Director, SANDEE

Self-Introduction by participations

9:30 – 10:30 **Session 1: Environment and Economy linkages**

Rabindranath Bhattacharya, Honorary Visiting Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, India

Discussants: Shankar Sharma, former Vice Chair, Planning Commission, Nepal

10.30 – 11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2: Valuing Environmental Change**

Rabindranath Bhattacharya, Honorary Visiting Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, India

Discussants: Khum Raj Punjali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Nepal and ST Inoka, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Sri Lanka

12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3: Environment investment and financing**

Paul Steele, Environment Advisor, Asia & Pacific Regional Centre, UNDP, Sri Lanka

Discussant: Loka Hari Pandey, Under-secretary, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Nepal

15.30 – 16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 4: Country break out groups on policy proposals**

Introduction by Paul Steele



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Day 2 – 11th December 2007

09.00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Policy instruments and environment: fiscal reforms (subsidies, taxation, charges)**

Rabindranath Bhattacharya, Honorary Visiting Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, India

Discussants: Resham Dangi, TAL Project, Nepal and R. Sampath Aravinda Ranasinghe, Environment Management Officer, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Sri Lanka

10.30 – 11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 6: Integrating Environment and Macro-Economic Decisions**

Rabindranath Bhattacharya, Honorary Visiting Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, India

Discussants: Mohamed Imad, Director, Ministry of Planning and National Development, Maldives and Nim Dorji, Director, Department of Public Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Bhutan

12.30 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 7: Global Public Goods – Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**

Kavi Kumar, Madras School of Economics, India

Discussants: Dem Phub, Planning Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Bhutan and Salma Fikry, Atoll Development Ministry, Maldives

15.30 – 16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 8: Global Public Goods – Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (continued)**

Discussant: Amara Saeed, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan



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Day 3 – 12th December 2007

09.00 – 10:30 Session 9: Poverty and Environment – Natural Resources

Priya Shyamsundar, Program Director, SANDEE

Discussants: Pramod Krishnan, IFS, Joint Director (Wildlife), Ministry of Environment and Forests, India

10.30 – 11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30 Session 10: Institutional Changes and Natural Resources – India and Nepal Forestry

Rucha Ghatge, Director, SHODH: The Institute for Research and Development, India

Discussants: Sandeep Tambe, Joint Secretary, Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim, India and Prakash Mathema, Technical Division Officer, Department of Soil Conservation, Nepal

12.30 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 Session 11: Thematic group discussions

15.30 – 16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 16.00 : Presentations by thematic groups

16.30 – 17.30 Session 12: Natural Resources Game

Participants and Rucha Ghatge

17.30-18.30 Country break out on policy proposals



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Day 4– 13th December 2007

09.00 – 10:30 Session 13: Incentives, Political Economy and Implementation in Natural Resource Management and Environmental Policy

Paul Steele

Discussants: D.S. Jayaweera, Executive Director, National Council for Economic Development, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Sri Lanka, Shambhu Dev Baral, Association of District Development Committees, Nepal, Shatrughna Kar, Tahasildar, Disapahandi, Government of Orissa, India, and Sandeep Tambe, Joint Secretary, Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim, India.

10.30 – 11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.00 Session 14: Arsenic and Water Supply in Bangladesh

Enamul Haque, Professor of Economics, East West University, Bangladesh

Discussants: Md Zahir Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh and Pravin Raj Aryal, Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Water Resources, Nepal

12.00 – 13.30 LUNCH

13.30 – 14.30 Session 15: Country Environment Analyses, Bangladesh

Enamul Haque, Professor of Economics, East West University, Bangladesh

Discussants: Md Nasiruddin, Joint Chief, Planning Commission, Bangladesh

14.30 – 15.00 Course evaluation

15.00 – 15.30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 16.30 Session 16: Country Presentations – Policy Proposals and next steps for Linking Environment and Economics

Participants and Priya Shyamsundar/Paul Steele/Sergio Feld/Subrato Sinha

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16.40-17.45 Session 17: Country Presentations continued– Policy Proposals and next steps for Linking Environment and Economics