

**Synopsis of the Research and Training and Program Evaluation workshops
June 30 - July 4, 2008**

1 R&T Workshop (June 30 - July 3, 2008)		
Day 1	9:00	Registration and Introduction
	9:30	Plenary Session I - Dr. Herath Gunatilake - ADB
	10:45 - 6:15	Final / Progress report presentation
Day 2	9:00	Plenary Session II - Dr. Prasad Kasibathla - Duke University
	10:15 - 5:00	Progress report presentation
	2:00 - 7:00	Informal discussions with Advisors
Day 3	9:00	Plenary Session III - Dr. Andreas Schild - ICIMOD
	10:15 - 4:00	New Proposals presentation
	4:30	Secretariat meeting with researchers
	6:30	Dinner out
Day 4	9:00 - 1:00	Informal discussions with the Advisors/Resource Persons - Grantees and New Researchers
	2:30	Grantees and New Researchers submit agreement to Secretariat
	3:00	Wrap-Up and Evaluation
	4:00	Advisors meet to review Final/Progress reports and New Proposals
2 Program Evaluation Workshop (July 4, 2008)		
Day 5	9:00-5:00	Program Evaluation

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Research Titles of Grantees and New Researchers

Researcher 1	Researcher 2	Researcher 3	Researcher 4
Dilhani / Manoj	Bishnu	Tehmina	Ali
The Recreational Use Value of Diyawanna Oya Wet Land Eco System: An Application of Travel Cost Method	Impact of Leasehold Forestry Practice on the Household Welfare in Nepal	Sustainable livelihood and Tourism: a case study of Kinjhar Lake in Sindh province of Pakistan	Valuing Recreational Use of Pakistan's Wetlands: application of discrete choice Travel Cost Model
Researcher 5	Researcher 6	Researcher 7	Researcher 8
Tanzir	Safiya	Bhattarai	Irfan
Valuing Health Benefits of Air Pollution Reduction in Dhaka City: Cost of Illness Approach	Timber logging in Pakistan's Northern Areas: a market based approach to conservation	Assessment of Transactions Costs and Evolution of New Institutions in Community Managed Irrigation System (CMIS) in Nepal (A Case Study of Kathmandu Valley)	Evaluating the impact of disamenity of open sewerage system on house rent in Rawalpindi City
Researcher 9	Researcher 10	Researcher 11	Researcher 12
Asha	Rafiq	Prasenjit	Udith
Post-tsunami coastal fishery issues in Sri Lanka	The Value of Life: Evidence from Labor Markets in Pakistan	Vulnerability from Embankment Damages: alternate institutions and risk coping in Indian Sunderbans	Motives for Firms to Adopt Solid Waste Management Controls: Case of Food Processing Sector in Sri Lanka
Researcher 13	Researcher 14	Researcher 15	
Y. B Thapa	Rucha	Nasima	
Economic Growth and Energy Policies in Nepal: A CGE Analysis	Decentralization in forest management: Changing Incentives and attitudes through JFM	The Relative Efficiency of Water Use in Bangladesh Agriculture	
N. Reseacher 1	N. Researcher 2	N. Researcher 3	N. Researcher 4
Kanupriya	Yamini	Nivedita	Khuda Bakhsh
Norms versus Values as Determinants of the Demand for Plastic Bags in Delhi, India	Impact of Informal Solid Waste Sector on Climate Change: A Study of Delhi	Determining the Costs to Industry of Environmental Regulation	Adoption of Bt Cotton: Economic Performance and its Impacts on Health and Poverty
N. Researcher 5			
Hari Katuwal			
Benefit estimation of water quality improvement in the Bagmati river: contingent valuation and choice experiments			

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SANDEE Associates, New Researchers, Advisors and Discussants

S. No.	Associates	Advisor	Discussant 1	Discussant 2	Discussant 3	Staff	Staff Summary Comments
1	Bishnu	Som	Rucha	Murty		Pranab	Should have completed initial data analyses -- comments needed on analyses required (what tables, what regressions etc) and structure of final manuscript
2	Bhattarai	Som	Nasima	Enam		Pranab	Should have completed initial data analyses -- comments needed on analyses required (what tables, what regressions etc) and structure of final manuscript
3	Asha	Jean-Marie	Prasenjit	Som	Herath	Pranab	Needs comments on data management and analyses
4	Irfan	KG Maler	Maler	Subhrendu		Pranab	Needs careful comments on final analyses and on writing/structure of manuscript
5	Dilhani + Manoj	Enam	Ali	Jeff	Herath	Priya	Needs comments on data management and analyses
6	Tanzir	Murty	Rafiq	Enam		Priya	Comments on analyses and structure of final manuscript
7	Prasenjit	Jean-Marie	Bhattarai	Som		Pranab	Needs help with questionnaire and data collection plan
8	Rucha	Jean-Marie	Bishnu	Subhrendu		Priya	Study plan needs to be finalized and needs help with questionnaire and data collection
9	Tehmina	Murty	Asha	Enam		Priya	Study plan needs to be finalized and needs help with questionnaire and data collection
10	Md. Rafiq	Jeff	Udith	Maler		Priya	Study plan needs to be finalized and needs help with questionnaire and data collection
11	Udith	Subhrendu	Tanzir	Enam	Herath	Priya	Study plan needs to be finalized and needs help with questionnaire and data collection
12	Nasima	KG Maler	Ojha	Jean-Marie		Priya	Needs comments on analyses and final manuscript (tables, regressions etc)
13	Ali	Jeff	Dilhani	Jeff		Pranab	Study plan needs to be finalized and needs help with questionnaire and data collection
14	Safiya	Jeff	Tehmina	Maler		Pranab	Needs comments on final analyses and on writing/structure of manuscript
15	Y.B Thapa	Maler	Maler	Ojha		Pranab	
S. No	New Researchers	Status	Discussant 1	Discussant 2		Staff	
1	Nivedita	New proposal	Jeff	Murty		Pranab	
2	Kanupriya	New proposal	Subhrendu	Maler		Priya	
3	Hari Katuwal	New proposal	Subhrendu	Murty		Pranab	
4	Khuda	New proposal	Enam	Som		Pranab	
5	Yamini	New proposal	Murty	Maler		Priya	

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Day 1: June 30, 2008

8:00	Breakfast									
9:00	Registration & Introduction - Hall 1 Moderator: Priya									
9:30	Plenary Session I: Private Sector Participation in Water Supply and Sanitation - Dr. Herath Gunatilake - ADB									
10:30	Tea/Coffee Break									
	<i>Final / Progress Report Presentation</i>									
	Parallel Session I					Parallel Session II				
	Moderator: Priya					Moderator: Rucha				
	Hall 1					Hall 2				
	Researcher	Advisor	Disc 1	Disc 2	Disc 3 / Staff	Researcher	Advisor	Disc 1	Disc 2 / Staff	
10:45	Dilhani	Enam	Ali	Jeff	Herath / <i>Priya</i>	Bishnu	Som	Rucha	Murty / <i>Pranab</i>	
12:15	Lunch									
1:30	Tehmina	Murty	Asha	Enam	<i>Priya</i>	Ali	Jeff	Dilhani	Jeff / <i>Pranab</i>	
3:00	Tanzir	Murty	Rafiq	Enam	<i>Priya</i>	Safiya	Jeff	Tehmina	Maler / <i>Pranab</i>	
4:30	Tea/Coffee Break									
4:45	Bhattarai	Som	Nasima	Enam	<i>Priya</i>	Irfan	Maler	Maler	Subhrendu / <i>Pranab</i>	
7:30	Dinner									

Italicised names indicate secretariat staff presence (not discussants)

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Day 2: Jul 1, 2008

8:00	Breakfast										
9:00	Plenary Session II: Climate Change: The Global Carbon Cycle (Distance Learning Seminar) - Dr. Prasad Kasibhatla, Duke University										
10:00	Tea/Coffee Break										
	<i>Progress Report Presentation</i>										
	Parallel Session I					Parallel Session II					
	Moderator: Pranab					Moderator: Murty					
	Hall 1					Hall 2					
	Researcher	Advisor	Disc 1	Disc 2	Disc 3 / Staff	Researcher	Advisor	Disc 1	Disc 2	Disc 3 / Staff	
10:15	Asha	Jean-Marie	Prasenjtit	Som	Herath / Pranab	Rafiq	Jeff	Udith	Maler	Priya	
11:45	Prasenjtit	Jean-Marie	Bhattarai	Som	Pranab	Udith	Subhrendu	Tanzir	Enam	Herath / Priya	
1:15	Lunch										
2:00	Thapa	Maler	Maler	Ojha	Pranab	Rucha	Jean-Marie	Bishnu	Subhrendu	Priya	
3:30	<i>Informal Discussion with Advisors</i>					Nasima	Maler	Ojha	Jean-Marie	Priya	
	Hall 1		Tea lounge 1		Tea Lounge 2						
	Safiya	Jeff	Bhattarai	Som/Pranab	Dilhani	Enam					
5:00	Tea/Coffee Break										
	<i>Informal Discussions with Advisors</i>										
	Hall 1		Hall 2		Tea Lounge 1		Tea Lounge 2		Secretariat		
5:30	Rafiq	Jeff	Bishnu	Som	Tanzir	Murty	Udith	Subhrendu	Irfan	Maler	
7:00	Dinner										

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Day 3: Jul 2, 2008

8:00	Breakfast			
Moderator: Jean-Marie				
Hall 1				
9:00	Plenary Session III: Dr. Andreas Schild - ICIMOD			
10:00	Tea/Coffee Break			
<i>New Proposal Presentation</i>				
Moderator: Jean-Marie				
	N. Researcher	Disc 1	Disc 2	Staff
10:15	Kanupriya	Subhrendu	Maler	<i>Priya</i>
11:15	Yamini	Murty	Maler	<i>Priya</i>
12:15	Nivedita	Jeff	Murty	<i>Pranab</i>
1:15	Lunch			
2:00	Khuda	Enam	Som	<i>Pranab</i>
3:00	Hari	Subhrendu	Murty	<i>Pranab</i>
4:00	Tea/Coffee Break			
4:30	<i>Meeting of Researchers with Secretariat - Hall 1</i>			
6:30	Dinner Out			

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Day 4: July 3, 2008

8:00	Breakfast									
	<i>Informal Discussions with Advisors / Resource Persons - Grantees and New Researchers</i>									
	Hall 1		Hall 2		Tea Lounge 1		Tea Lounge 2		Tea Lounge 3	
	Researcher	Advisor/Disc/ Staff	Researcher	Advisor/Disc/ Staff	Researcher	Advisor/Disc/ Staff	Researcher	Advisor/Disc/ Staff	Researcher	Discussant
9:00	Nasima	Maler / Priya	Asha	Jean-Marie	Nivedita	Jeff / Murty			Khuda	Enam / Som
10:30	Tea/Coffee Break									
10:45	Kanupriya	Subhrendu	Rucha	Jean-Marie	Tehmina	Murty / Priya	Ali	Jeff		
12:15	Lunch									
1:00	Hari	Subhrendu	Prasenjit	Jean-Marie	Yamini	Murty / Maler				
2:30	Time for grantees / new researchers to submit written agreement to Secretariat after finalizing agreements with advisors / discussants									
3:00	Wrap up and Evaluation									
3:30	Tea/Coffee Break									
4:00	Advisors and Resource people meet to review Progress Reports and New proposals									
7:30	Dinner									

Program Evaluation
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4 July, 2008

Description	Evaluation of programs, either before they are designed or after they are implemented, are increasingly viewed as a critical for learning and improving accountability of public policies. Many argue for an expanded role for rigorous impact evaluation of development projects, programs, and policies and the development community increasingly recognizes the need for evidence on effectiveness. Unfortunately, resource and environmental economists have little or no training or guidance on how to conduct such evaluations using sound and rigorous empirical methods. While there are many texts explaining the how and why of impact evaluations, these ideas have not been mapped into the 'environment and development' context and terminology. Thus, this day long course will serve as an introduction and a refresher for evaluation of programs, projects and policies in the environment and development arena.	
Faculty	Subhrendu Pattanayak and E. Somanathan	
Hall 1		
9:00	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	General overview of the what, how, and why of program evaluation, with particular emphasis on the role of control groups, pre-&-post measurement, and covariate data to define counterfactual scenarios (including formal definition of all terms).
10:15	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:30	Methods	Review of detailed examples of the three main methods for evaluation – randomized experiments, natural experiments, and matching methods – with a clear description of the pros and cons of each method.
1:15	Lunch	
2:00	Assignment	Working through 1 or 2 examples using data and statistical analyses
3:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
4:00	Discussion and Conclusions	Placing econometric evaluations within the broader context – how can we move beyond estimation of average treatment effects; what do we do under time, resource and data constraints; when and where should we rely on theory-based evaluations
5:00	Evaluation and Wrap-Up	