

Regional cooperation on trade, climate change and food security in South Asia: Reflections and way forward

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Programme agenda

Session	Resource Persons	Chair
27 December 2015 (Day 1)		
8:30 – 09:00	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00 Welcome and highlights of the programme	Highlights of the programme: Dr. Hiramani Ghimire , Executive Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu Welcome remarks: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey , Chairman, SAWTEE	
10:00 – 11:30 The outcome of the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference: Need for more regional cooperation in South Asia?	<u>Presentation</u> Dr. Posh Raj Pandey , Chairman, SAWTEE <u>Discussants</u> Dr. Saurabh Kumar , Policy Analyst, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), Jaipur Ms. L. Savithri , Director, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu Floor discussion Remarks by the Chair	Dr. Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar , Chairman, Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRAD), Kathmandu
11:30 – 11:45 (Tea)		
11:45 – 13:15 Overcoming hunger in South Asia: Case of South Asian Food Supply Chain	<u>Presentation</u> Dr. Amita Batra , Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi <u>Discussants</u> Ms. Anushka Kahandagama , Law & Society Trust (LST), Colombo Ms. Yamuna Ghale , Senior Programme Officer, Swiss Agency For Development And Cooperation, Lalitpur Mr. Shafqat Munir , Chairman, Journalists for Democracy and Human Rights (JDHR), Islamabad Floor discussion Remarks by the Chair	Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel , Former Vice-chairman, National Planning Commission (NPC), Government of Nepal
13:15 – 14:15 (Lunch)		

<p>14:15 – 15:45</p> <p>Agriculture investment in South Asia: Trends, opportunities and challenges</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> Dr. Krishna P. Pant, Fellow, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), Lalitpur</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Ms. Aparna Sharma, Research Associate, CUTS, Jaipur Dr. Manoj Thibbotuwawa, Research Economist, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), GoN</p> <p>Floor discussion</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Hari Krishna Upadhyaya, Chairman, Center for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research, Extension and Development (CEAPRED), Kathmandu</p>
<p><i>Welcome dinner (17:00 – 21:00)</i></p>		

28 December (Day 2)

<p>9:00 – 10:30</p> <p>Reducing Non-Tariff Barriers in Trade: Case of South Asian Agriculture Trade</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Former Secretary of Commerce and Supplies, GoN</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Dr. Mohammad Abdul Malek, Senior Research Fellow, BRAC, Dhaka Dr. Nisha Taneja, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi</p> <p>Floor discussion</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair</p>	<p>Mr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Joint Secretary, GoN</p>
<p>10:30 – 10:45 (Tea)</p>		
<p>10:45 – 12:15</p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals: Need for mutual cooperation in South Asia</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> : Dr. Swarnim Wagle, Former Member, NPC</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Ms. Nabila Hasan, Research Associate, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka Ms. Umme Shefa Rezbana, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka Dr. Sajid Amin, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad</p> <p>Floor discussion</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Shankar Sharma, Former Vice-chairman, NPC</p>
<p>12:15 – 13:15 (Lunch)</p>		
<p>13:15– 14:45</p> <p>Climate governance in South Asia: COP 21 and beyond</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> Dr. Hiramani Ghimire, Executive Director, SAWTEE</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Dr. Golam Rasul, Theme Leader-Livelihoods, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Lalitpur Mr. Ajaya Dixit, Executive Director, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition-Nepal, Kathmandu</p> <p>Floor discussion</p> <p>Remarks by the Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Krishna Chandra Paudel, Secretary, GoN</p>
<p>14:45 – 15:45</p> <p>Closing Session</p>	<p>Future Agenda for Cooperation on Trade, Climate Change and Food Security moderated by Dr. Hiramani Ghimire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table buzz – 15m • Discussion – 30m • Summing up – 15m 	