

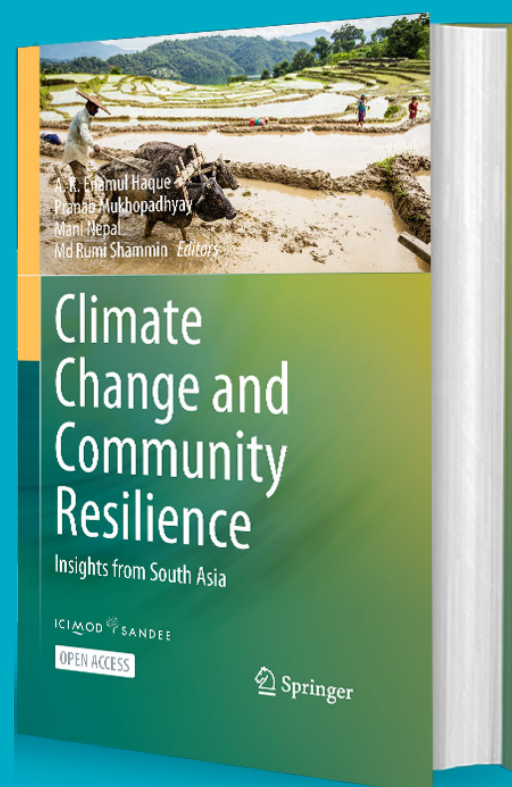
VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH

Climate change and community resilience

Insights from South Asia

22 October 2021

18:00–19:45 (Nepal Standard Time)



Background

The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), in collaboration with East-West University (Bangladesh), Goa University (India), and Oberlin College (USA), are jointly launching the book “Climate change and community resilience: Insights from South Asia” on 22 October 2021.

This open access book contains 29 chapters documenting the myriad of ways community-based climate change adaptation and resilience programmes are being implemented in South Asian countries. The narrative style of writing enables the book to be accessible to diverse audiences from academics and researchers to practitioners in various governmental, non-governmental, and international agencies. At a time when climate change presents humanity with a gloomy future, the stories of innovation, creativity, grassroots engagement, and locally applicable solutions highlighted in this book provide insights into the hopeful ways of approaching climate solutions. South Asian countries have been dealing with the impact of climate change for decades and thus offer valuable learning opportunities for developing countries within and beyond the region

as well as many western countries that are confronting the wrath of climate-induced natural disasters more recently. After the launch, the readers will have free and unlimited access to this book.

The volume will be published by Springer Nature (Singapore) and is dedicated to the late Professor Karl-Göran Mäler, one of the founding members of SANDEE. The book is edited by A K Enamul Haque, Professor, East West University, Bangladesh, Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Professor, Goa University, India, Mani Nepal, Programme Coordinator, at SANDEE/ICIMOD, Nepal, and Md Rumi Shammin, Professor, at Oberlin College, USA. More than 50 authors contributed to the book.

Objectives

- Virtual launch of the book by Sir Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Cambridge, UK and Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD.
- Speakers from the seven South Asian countries and beyond will highlight the key climate change-related challenges and how the countries are dealing with it.

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Agenda

Hosted by: Priya Shyamsundar, Lead Economist, The Nature Conservancy

Time (in NPT)	Programme	Speakers
18.00–18:05	Welcome remarks	Priya Shyamsundar , Lead Economist, The Nature Conservancy
18:05–18:10	Introductory remarks	Mani Nepal , Programme Coordinator, SANDEE, ICIMOD
18:10–18:20	Opening remarks	Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD
18:20	Book launch by Sir Partha Dasgupta and Pema Gyamtsho	
18:20–18:35	Remarks by the Chief Guest	Sir Partha Dasgupta , Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Cambridge, UK
18:35–18:40	Remarks – Bangladesh	Ainun Nishat , Professor Emeritus, BRAC University, Dhaka
18:40–18:45	Remarks – India	Joyashree Roy , Bangabandhu Chair Professor, AIT, Bangkok
18:45–18:50	Remarks – Maldives	Waseema Fikuree , Dean of the Faculty of Education, Maldives National University
18:50–18:55	Remarks – Nepal	Mahesh Banskota , Professor, School of Arts, Kathmandu University
18:55–19:00	Remarks – Pakistan	Rehana Siddiqui , Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
19:00–19:05	Remarks – Sri Lanka	Lucy Emerton , Environmental Economics and Finance Director, Environment Management Group
19:05–19:10	Remarks – USA	David Orr , Professor Emeritus, Oberlin College, and Professor of Practice, Arizona State University, USA
19:10–19:35	Open discussion	Moderated by Priya Shyamsundar
19:35–19:45	Wrap up	C. Rammanohar Reddy , Editor, The India Forum, and Former editor, Economic and Political Weekly

About the organizers

SANDEE-ICIMOD is an initiative of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) under the Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks (MKAN) Regional Programme. SANDEE is a research capacity-building network that works in South Asia and the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region, supporting researchers from the region and institutions interested in understanding the inter-connections between economic development, the environment, and the use of natural resources through rigorous research.

East West University (EWU), rated among the top private universities of Bangladesh, is an institution promoting eastern culture and values while meaningfully blending eastern and western thoughts and innovation. EWU strives to maintain high quality in both instruction and research, and render community service through dissemination of information, organization of training programmes and other activities.

Goa University is a young state university established in 1985 and located on the western coast of India. It has been consistently ranked in the top 100 universities in India by NIRF, Q.S., India Today, and The Week. Goa University offers programmes leading to undergraduate, masters', M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in various disciplines.

Oberlin College is a top-tier undergraduate liberal arts college in the USA committed to academic excellence, innovative research, diversity, inclusion, and sustainability. It is the oldest coeducational liberal arts college in the US and the second oldest continuously operating coeducational institute of higher learning in the world. It is also one of the first colleges in the United States to admit African Americans in 1835 and the first to admit women in 1837. More recently, the college has been a leader in addressing climate change by pledging to become carbon neutral by 2025 and transforming the campus energy infrastructure. It is home to iconic green buildings, one of the largest solar arrays in Ohio, and a well-known Environmental Studies Program



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