

Programme Agenda

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

Development and environmental economics: SANDEE@25

12 – 14 December 2025 | ICIMOD Headquarters and Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal

Day 01 | 12 December 2025

All timestamps are in Nepal Standard Time (NPT)

Time (NPT)	Topic
07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Final dissemination workshop on economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and nature-based solutions in South Asia
10:30 – 11:00	Photo session
	Tea/coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Final dissemination workshop on economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and nature-based solutions in South Asia
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Conference kick-off Programme Introduction and SANDEE over time Mani Nepal, Senior Programme Coordinator – SANDEE, ICIMOD Welcome address Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
14:00 – 15:30	Natural capital and the meaning of sustainable development Founders' keynote Sir Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics, Cambridge University, UK Moderator: Subhrendu K. Pattanayak, Oak Professor of Environmental and Energy Policy, Duke University, USA Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
15:30 – 16:15	Photo session Jitendra Raj Bajracharya, Photographer/ Photo Editor, ICIMOD Tea/coffee break
16:15 – 17:45	Reflections panel Moderator: Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD

	Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
18:30 – 20:30	Reception dinner

Day 02 | 13 December 2025

Time (NPT)	Topic
07:15 – 08:15	Breakfast
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Keynote Our common(s) heritage: Contributions of development and environmental economics Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI Moderator: E. Somanathan, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel A1 Knowledge networks in times of climate change Moderator: Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Senior Professor, Goa University Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Panel A2 Potential for scaling electric cooking in Nepal Moderator: E. Somanathan, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute Hall name: Rato Baithak Panel A3 Innovative financing for mountain ecosystem services: Strengthening payments for ecosystem services (PES) mechanisms Moderator: Shweta Bhagwat, Senior Specialist - Nature based Solutions and Climate Finance, IORA Ecological Solutions Hall name: Skyline
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel sessions A1 - A5
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Parallel sessions B1 - B5

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Day 03 | 14 December 2025

Time (NPT)	Topic
07:15 – 08:15	Breakfast
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Keynote: Living in the age of adaptation: New challenges and new responsibilities for knowledge Adil Najam, President, Worldwide Fund for Nature, and Professor and Dean Emeritus, Boston University, USA Moderator: Jeffrey Vincent, Clarence F Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, USA Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel B1 The economics of springshed management and springs restoration in the HKH Moderator: Sarala Khaling, Head of Resilient Economies and Landscapes, ICIMOD Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Panel B2 Harnessing big data and digital technologies for economic development in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) Moderator: Birendra Bajracharya, Interim Senior Intervention Manager – Regional Information Service, ICIMOD Hall name: Rato Baithak Panel B3 Landscape resource conservation for Improving water availability, building climate resilience, and strengthening ecosystem services: Evidence from India Moderator: S. Madheswaran, Professor and Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy Institute for Social and Economic Change, India

	Hall name: Skyline
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel sessions C1 - C5
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Parallel sessions D1 - D5