

Brief programme

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Programme summary					
Time (NPT)	Day 01 Friday, 12 December 2025	Time (NPT)	Day 02 Saturday, 13 December 2025	Time (NPT)	Day 03 Sunday, 14 December 2025
08:30–09:00	Registration	08:30–09:00	Registration	08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:30	Dissemination workshop on ‘Economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and Nature- based Solutions in South Asia’ Moderator: Mani Nepal (Open for all SANDEE@25 participants) Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	09:00–10:15	Our common(s) heritage: Contributions of development and environmental economics Keynote by Ruth Meinzen-Dick , Senior Research Fellow Emeritus, IFPRI Moderator: E Somanathan Hall name: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	09:00–10:30	Living in the age of adaptation: New challenges and new responsibilities for knowledge Keynote by Adil Najam , President, Worldwide Fund for Nature; Professor, Boston University Moderator: Jeffrey Vincent Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
		10:15–11:00	Bank lending in agricultural sector in Nepal: Issues and opportunities Keynote by Biswo Nath Poudel , Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank Moderator: Mani Nepal Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	10:30–10:45	Vote of thanks By David Potter Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
10:30–11:00	Photo session Tea/coffee break	11:00–11:15	Tea/coffee break	10:45–11:00	Tea/coffee break

11:00–12:30	Panel discussion on ‘Economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and Nature-based Solutions in South Asia’ Moderator: Soumya Balasubramanya (Open for all SANDEE@25 participants) Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	11:15–12:45	Panel A1 Knowledge networks in times of climate change Moderator: Pranab Mukhopadhyay Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	11:00–12:30	Panel B1 The economics of springshed management and springs restoration in the HKH Moderator: Sarala Khaling Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room
			Panel A2 Potential for scaling electric cooking in Nepal Moderator: E. Somanathan Hall: Rato Baithak		Panel B2 Harnessing big data and digital technologies for economic development in the HKH Moderator: Birendra Bajracharya Hall: Rato Baithak
			Panel A3 Innovative financing for mountain ecosystem services: Strengthening payment for ecosystem services (PES) mechanisms Moderator: Shweta Bhagwat Hall: Skyline		Panel B3 Landscape resource conservation for improving water availability, building climate resilience, and strengthening ecosystem services: Evidence from India Moderator: S. Madheswaran Hall: Skyline
12:30–13:30	Lunch	12:45–13:30	Lunch	12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:00	Opening Remarks: Mani Nepal	13:30–15:00	Parallel sessions A1 - A5	13:30–15:00	Parallel sessions C1 - C5

	Welcome Remarks: Pema Gyamtsho Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room				
14:00–15:30	Natural capital and the meaning of sustainable development Founder's keynote by Sir Partha Dasgupta , Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics, Cambridge University Moderator: Subhrendu Pattanayak Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room				
15:30 – 15:40	Book launch SANDEE@25: Reflections, lessons and memories of collective growth				
15:40–16:15	Photo session Tea/coffee break	15:00–15:30	Tea/coffee break	15:00–15:30	Tea/coffee break
16:15–17:45	Reflections panel Moderator: David Potter Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room	15:30–17:00	Parallel sessions B1 - B5	15:30–17:00	Parallel sessions D1 - D5
17:45-18:00	SANDEE evaluation and tracer survey results: Ghulam Muhammad Shah Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room				
18:30–20:30	Reception dinner				

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08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:30	Dissemination workshop on Economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and Nature-based Solutions in South Asia Moderator: Mani Nepal (Open for all SANDEE@25 participants) Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Rapporteurs: Prajjwal Dhungana and Bibek Raj Sharma
10:30–11:00	Photo session Tea/coffee break
11:00–12:30	Panel discussion on Economics of forest restoration as carbon mitigation and Nature-based Solutions in South Asia Moderator: Soumya Balasubramanya (Open for all SANDEE@25 participants) Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Rapporteurs: Prajjwal Dhungana and Bibek Raj Sharma
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:00	Conference kick-off Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Opening Remarks Mani Nepal, Senior Programme Coordinator–SANDEE, ICIMOD Welcome Remarks Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD

	Master of Ceremony: Shivani Chemjong Rapporteurs: Chandani Thapa and Prajjwal Dhungana
14:00–15:30	Founder's keynote Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Natural capital and the meaning of sustainable development 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 Rapporteurs: Qiushan Li and Chandani Thapa
15:30 – 15:40	Book launch SANDEE@25: Reflections, lessons and memories of collective growth
15:40–16:15	Photo session Jitendra Raj Bajracharya, Photographer/ Photo Editor, ICIMOD Tea/coffee break
16:15–17:45	Reflections panel Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Moderator: David Potter, Head of Regional Action and Global Advocacy, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Chandani Thapa and Bibek Raj Sharma
17:45 – 18:00	SANDEE evaluation and tracer survey results Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Ghulam Muhammad Shah , Impact Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Bibek Raj Sharma and Prajjwal Dhungana
18:30–20:30	Reception dinner

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Day 02 | Saturday, 13 December 2025

Time (NPT)	Topic
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:15	Keynote 02 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Our common(s) heritage: Contributions of development and environmental economics Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow Emeritus, IFPRI Moderator: E Somanathan, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute Master of Ceremony: Vanessa Carriedo Rapporteurs: Amila Lankapura and Amlan Mishra
10:15–11:00	Keynote 03 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Bank lending in agricultural sector in Nepal: Issues and opportunities Biswo Nath Poudel, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank Moderator: Mani Nepal, Senior Programme Coordinator – SANDEE, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Kedar Devkota and Prajjwal Dhungana
11:00–11:15	Tea/coffee break
	Panel sessions A1 – A3
11:15–12:45	Panel A1 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Knowledge networks in times of climate change Moderator: Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Senior Professor, Goa University, India Rapporteurs: Biswajit Patra and Chandani Thapa
	Panel A2 Hall: Rato Baithak Potential for scaling electric cooking in Nepal

	Moderator: E Somanathan, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, India Rapporteurs: Md. Shakhaoat Hossain and Bibek Raj Sharma
	Panel A3 Hall: Skyline Innovative financing for mountain ecosystem services: Strengthening PES mechanisms Moderator: Shweta Bhagwat, Senior Specialist – Nature-based Solutions and Climate Finance, IORA Ecological Solutions Rapporteurs: Ghamz Siyal and Amlan Mishra
12:45–13:30	Lunch
	Parallel Sessions A1 – A5
13:30–15:00	Parallel session A1 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Technology and sustainability in agriculture Chair: Soumya Balasubramaniya, Senior Economist, The World Bank Washington, USA Rapporteurs: Aaradhana Pokhrel, Sarishma Chaulagain, Ujwal Timalsina, and Archana Gyawali
	Economic incentives for artificial intelligence-based digital technologies for sustainable agriculture Presenter: Madhu Khanna, Co-Director, Center for Economics of Sustainability University of Illinois, USA Discussant: Soumya Balasubramaniya, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Washington, USA
	Climate-smart agricultural innovations: Policy frameworks for adaptation, mitigation, and technology diffusion Presenter: V Saravanakumar, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India Discussant: Abid Hussain, Economics lead, ICIMOD
	Enhancing food security through food security of farmers: A look at how to implement commercial and organic farming among smallholder farmers Presenter: Tshotsho, Lecturer, Department of Sustainable Development, College of Natural Resources, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan Discussant: Pawan Kumar Sharma, Professor and Head of Department (Agricultural Economics), Sher-e-Kashmir University of, Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (J&K), India
13:30–15:00	Parallel session A2 Hall: Skyline

	Climate policies and livelihoods Chair: Sarala Khaling, Head of resilient economies and landscapes, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Prashamsha Poudyal, Sanjita Dahal, Mohan Singh Saud, and Pema Yangji Sherpa
	The public's views on climate policies in seven large global south countries Presenter: Thomas Sterner, Professor, Environmental Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden Discussant: Ashish Tiwari, Air lead, ICIMOD
	Does climate vulnerability drive public health spending? Evidence from South and Southeast Asia (2000–2022) Presenter: Mohammad Iftekharul Islam, Research Associate, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka, Bangladesh Discussant: Lubna Naz, Professor and Director, Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER), IBA, Karachi, Pakistan
	Climate risk and tribal livelihoods in central India: Assessment of institutional welfare schemes and tribal resilience Presenter: Mohanasundari Thangavel, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India Discussant: Sarala Khaling, Head of resilient economies and landscapes, ICIMOD
13:30–15:00	Parallel session A3 Hall: The Regent
	Environmental sustainability: Methods and issues Chair: AK Enamul Haque, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise
	Methodological issues in empirical research in environmental and development economics Presenter: Jean Marie Baland, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Namur, Belgium Discussant: AK Enamul Haque, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh
	Trodding through environmental and sustainability issues since the 1990s: a reflection Presenter: Sajjad Zohir, Executive Director, Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka, Bangladesh Discussant: Heman Das Lohano, Visiting Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, USA
13:30–15:00	Parallel session A4 Hall: Green Room
	Environmental health Chair: Bhim Adhikari, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise

	A nature-based solution? Evaluating a health care provider nature exercise prescription using a pilot RCT data from rural Oregon, USA Presenter: Randall Bluffstone, Professor of Economics and Director, Institute for Economics and the Environment, Portland State University, USA Discussant: Pallab Mozumder, Department of Economics, Department of Earth and Environment, Florida International University, USA
	Society's willingness to pay for less health risks by pesticide use: A case study Presenter: Prema A, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kerala Agricultural University, India Discussant: Bhim Adhikari, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
	Can female leaders promote better health behaviour? Learning from a sanitation-and-hygiene communication experiment in rural Bangladesh Presenter: Atonu Rabbani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka Discussant: Bishal Bharadwaj, Research Associate, Global Research Initiative, University of Calgary, Canada
13:30–15:00	Parallel session A5 Hall: Rato Baithak
	Forest and livelihoods Chair: Lucy Emerton, Director, Conservation Economics and Finance, Environment Management Group, Sri Lanka Rapporteurs: Sandeep Bhandari, Aakriti Oli, Himani Baudel, and Rujisha Shrestha
	Effects of organised guarding on mortality from human-elephant conflict in Northeast India Presenter: E Somanathan, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, India Discussant: Lucy Emerton, Director, Conservation Economics and Finance, Environment Management Group, Sri Lanka
	Assessing the livelihood Impacts of non-governmental organisation-led forest restoration in village common forests: A case study Presenter: Md Shafiqul Bari, Vice-Chancellor, EXIM Bank Agricultural University Bangladesh, Bangladesh Discussant: Abul Kalam Azad, Senior Intervention Manager - Livelihoods and Enterprises, ICIMOD
	Government support for tree-growing by farmers: Evidence from India's agroforestry programmes Presenter: Chandan Singha, Associate Professor, Hindu College, University of Delhi, India Discussant: Prabath Nishantha Edirisinghe, Retired Conservator General of Forests, Department of Forest Conservation, Sri Lanka

15:00–15:30	Tea/coffee break
15:30–17:00	Parallel sessions B1 – B5 Parallel session B1 Hall: Skyline Forest conservation and management Chair: Jeffrey Vincent, Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management, Duke University, USA Rapporteurs: Sandeep Bhandari, Aakriti Oli, Himani Baudel, and Rujisha Shrestha Community forest management: Unveiling the success story of Nepal Presenter: François Libois, Professor, Research Fellow and Professor, Paris School of Economics & Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement (INRAe), France Discussant: Jeffrey Vincent, Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management, Duke University, USA Dynamics of Community Forest User Group (CFUG) creation and spillover effects in Nepal's community forestry Presenter: Marine Gueben, PhD candidate, University of Namur, Belgium Discussant: Rajesh Kumar Rai, Professor, School of Forestry and Natural Resource Management, Tribhuvan University, Nepal What is a good mountain forest? and for whom? Presenter: Dil Bahadur Khatri, Executive Director and Senior Researcher, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS), Kathmandu, Nepal Discussant: Sony Baral, Assistant Dean, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
15:30–17:00	Parallel session B2 Hall: Green Room Environmental valuation Chair: Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Associate Professor of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise Valuing the complementarity under integrated farming systems– the case of Pokkali Presenter: Indira Devi, Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, India Discussant: Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Associate Professor of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Cleaner lakes at a price: Farmers' willingness to accept compensation for reducing chemical inputs in Myanmar's floating agriculture Presenter: Yarzar Hein, Professor and Head of Department, Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education, Myanmar Discussant: Kavita Sardana, Visiting Faculty of Economics, Ashoka University, India

	Consumers' preference and willingness to pay for Nepalese large cardamom in the global market Presenter: Rishi Ram Kattel, Professor, Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Nepal Discussant: Rajan Parajuli, Associate Professor, North Carolina State University, USA
15:30–17:00	Parallel session B3 (Hall: The Regent) Environmental Governance I Chair: Bishwa Nath Tiwari, Professor of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise Valuing ecosystem assets for ecosystem accounting in the Gunbower-Koondrook-Perricoota (GKP) forest icon site in Australia Presenter: Ram Pandit, Associate Professor, The University of Western Australia, Australia Discussant: Bishwa Nath Tiwari, Professor of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Assessing tourism governance and ecological integration in mountain regions: Insights from Gilgit-Baltistan Presenter: Amjad Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, Karakoram International University, Pakistan Discussant: Muhammad Rafiq, Member (Climate Finance), Pakistan Climate Change Authority, Pakistan Beyond access: Institutional dynamics and farmer preferences in groundwater markets in semi-critical regions of India Presenter: Akshi Bajaj, Assistant Professor School of Business, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun Discussant: Eshita Gupta, Senior Economist, Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG), Gurugram, India Can polycentric and adaptive approaches strengthen environmental governance in the Maldives? Presenter: Mohamed Shumais, The Maldives National University, Maldives Discussant: Niraj Prakash Joshi, Associate Professor, The International Development and Cooperation (IDEC) Institute, Hiroshima University, Japan
15:30–17:00	Parallel session B4 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Energy transition Chair: Shreekant Gupta, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India Rapporteurs: Prashamsha Poudyal, Sanjita Dahal, Mohan Singh Saud, and Pema Yangji Sherpa Power sector for the developing Asian Regions by 2050: Modelling the strategic vision Presenter: Joyashree Roy, Distinguished Professor, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Discussant: Shreekant Gupta, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India

	Can reliable electricity supply drive induction cooktop adoption? Evidence from a randomised experiment in Kathmandu Valley Presenter: Naveen Adhikari, Assistant Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Discussant: Hari Katuwal, Associate Professor, Tarleton State University, USA
	Prepayment and electricity usage in temperature extremes: Implications for energy poverty and climate justice Presenter: Debasish Kumar Das, Lecturer in Economics, The University of New South Wales (UNSW), Canberra, Australia Discussant: Jin Yana, Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy, Peking University, China
	Response to Incentives to conserve electricity and household behaviour: Evidence from field experiment Presenter: Ngawang Dendup, Consultant (Economist), Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Discussant: Santosh Adhikari, Assistant Professor and Programme Coordinator, Kathmandu University, Nepal
15:30–17:00	Parallel session B5 Hall: Rato Baithak
	Climate change and agriculture Chair: Saudamini Das, Professor in Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, India Rapporteurs: Aaradhana Pokhrel, Sarishma Chaulagain, Ujwal Timalsina, and Archana Gyawali
	Do institutions, incentives, and information enhance adoption of climate-smart agriculture practices? Empirical evidence from India Presenter: Chandrasekhar Bahinipati, Head, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India Discussant: Mohammed Ziaul Haider, Professor, Economics Discipline, Khulna University, Bangladesh
	Crop diversification in a flood-affected landscape: Evidence from the Morigaon district of Assam, India Presenter: Monjit Borthakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Cotton University, India Discussant: Kishor Goswami, Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT) Kharagpur, India
	Land fragmentation and non-farm labour supply nexus: Evidence from Nepal Presenter: Prajjwal Dhungana, Research Associate, SANDEE, ICIMOD Discussant: Arjun Dhakal, Convener, Nepal Network for Social, Development, Economic and Environmental Dialogue (NNSDEE), Nepal

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Day 03 | 14 December 2025

Time (NPT)	Topic
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:30	Keynote 04 (Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room) Living in the age of adaptation: New challenges and new responsibilities for knowledge Adil Najam, President, Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) International Professor and Dean Emeritus, Boston University, USA Moderator: Jeffrey Vincent, Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management, Duke University, USA Master of Ceremony: Manashree Newa Rapporteurs: Syed Attaullah Shah and Swornima Pandey
10:30–10:45	Vote of thanks Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room David Potter, Head of Regional action and global advocacy, ICIMOD
10:45–11:00	Tea/coffee break
	Panel sessions B1 – B3
11:00–12:30	Panel B1 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room The economics of springshed management and springs restoration in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) Moderator: Sarala Khaling, Head of Resilient economies and landscapes, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Anomita Ghosh and Chandani Thapa
	Panel B2 Hall: Rato Baithak Harnessing big data and digital technologies for economic development in the HKH Moderator: Birendra Bajracharya, Interim Senior Intervention Manager – Regional information service, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Amila Lankapura and Bibek Raj Sharma
	Panel B3 Hall: Skyline 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 Rapporteurs: Swornima Pandey and Prajjwal Dhungana
12:30–13:30	Lunch
	Parallel sessions C1 – C5
13:30–15:00	Parallel session C1 Hall: The Regent Household energy choices Chair: Joyashree Roy, Distinguished Professor, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Rapporteurs: Prashamsha Poudyal, Sanjita Dahal, Mohan Singh Saud, and Pema Yangji Sherpa Leveraging local mass media: How FM stations amplify energy access and clean energy use in household Presenter: Bishal Bharadwaj, Research Associate, University of Calgary, Canada Discussant: Joyashree Roy, Distinguished Professor, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Nepal's federal transition and rural household cooking fuel choice Presenter: Hari Katuwal, Associate Professor, Tarleton State University, USA Discussant: Krishna Prasad Pant, Visiting Faculty, Kathmandu University, Nepal Effects of transition from Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to induction cookstoves in Kerala Anganwadis, India Presenter: Praveen Kumar, PhD, Senior Research Fellow Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute Delhi Discussant: Ngawang Dendup, Consultant (Economist), Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Adopting solar power for irrigation: Implications for groundwater depletion in Gujarat Presenter: Praharsh M Patel, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India Discussant: Indira Devi, Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, India
13:30–15:00	Parallel session C2 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Issues in water management Chair: Ramesh Ananda Vaidya, Fellow- Senior Advisor (Water and Energy), ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise Groundwater use in South Asia: The role of technology and water-energy-food-poverty nexus trade-offs Presenter: Soumya Balasubramanya, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA Discussant: Ramesh Ananda Vaidya, Fellow- Senior Advisor (Water and Energy), ICIMOD Urban household's willingness to pay for improved water services

	Presenter: Niranjana Devkota, Research Fellow, Policy Research Institute, Government of Nepal Discussant: Yarzar Hein, Professor and Head of Department, Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education, Yezin Agricultural University, Myanmar
	Willingness to pay for domestic water in Meghalaya: Impact of water poverty and social structure Presenter: Rida Wanbha Nongbri, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India Discussant: Amjad Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, Karakoram International University Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan
13:30–15:00	Parallel session C3 Hall: Skyline
	Environmental governance and growth Chair: Shiva Raj Adhikari, Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Rapporteurs: Aaradhana Pokhrel, Sarishma Chaulagain, Ujwal Timalsina, and Archana Gyawali
	Discretionary enforcement and strategic compliance experimental evidence Presenter: Shreekanth Gupta, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India Discussant: Resham B. Thapa-Parajuli, Associate Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
	Towards sustainable industrialisation: The effects of eco-innovation in the environmental sustainability performance of the manufacturing Presenter: Sadia Islam, Assistant Professor, Dhaka School of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Discussant: Mohamed Shumais, The Maldives National University, Maldives
	Stand characteristics in relation to forest management regimes and disturbance gradients in Tropical Forest Ecosystems Presenter: Mohammad Belal Uddin, Professor, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh Discussant: Srijana Baral, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, USA
13:30–15:00	Parallel session C4 Hall: Rato Baithak
	Gender and energy transition Chair: Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Senior Professor, Goa University, India Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise
	Electrifying empowerment: Women and energy access Presenter: Subhrendu Pattanayak, Professor, Environmental and Energy Policy, Duke University, USA

	Discussant: Atonu Rabbani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
	Impact of indoor air pollution on child well-being Presenter: Heman Das Lohano, Visiting Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, USA Discussant: Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Senior Professor, Goa University, India
	Women's bargaining power and energy consumption in Myanmar Presenter: Zin Nwe Win, Country Manager, Sierra Leone and Liberia, Innovations for poverty action Discussant: Shiba Satyal Banskota, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Lead, ICIMOD
13:30–15:00	Parallel session C5 Hall: Green Room Environmental pollution Chair: Bhupesh Adhikary, Climate Action Lead, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Sandeep Bhandari, Aakriti Oli, Himani Baudel, and Rujisha Shrestha
	Farmers' preferences for different crop residue management practices: Evidence from choice experiment in Punjab, India Presenter: Eshita Gupta, Senior Economist, Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG), Gurugram, India Discussant: Bhupesh Adhikary, Climate Action Lead, ICIMOD
	State mediated trade, distortions and air pollution Presenter: Digvijay Singh Negi, Associate Professor, Ashoka University, India Discussant: Mohammad Iftekharul Islam, Research Assistant, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)
	Fire in the fields, crime in the air Presenter: Hardeep Singh, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, India Discussant: Tshotsho, Lecturer, College of Natural Resources, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan
15:00–15:30	Tea/coffee break
	Parallel sessions D1–D5
15:30–17:00	Parallel session D1 Hall: Himalaya Grand Ball Room Environmental governance II Chair: Yi Shaoliang, Senior Intervention Manager, Rangelands and wetlands, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise
	Empowering youth through engagement in environmental problem-solving: A case study of the Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp in Bangladesh

	Presenter: Rumi Shammin, David Orr Professor, Environmental Studies and Sciences Program, Oberlin College, USA Discussant: Yi Shaoliang, Senior Intervention Manager, Rangelands and wetlands, ICIMOD
	Assessing well-being and sustainability of small-scale fishing communities in Nepal Presenter: Thaneshwar Bhandari, Assistant Professor Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Discussant: Indrila Guha, Principal and Head of Department, Department of Economics, Basanti Devi College, India
	Clean fuel use, political representation and forest cover: Evidence from rural India Presenter: Prasenjit Sarkhel, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kalyani, India
	Discussant: Monjit Borthakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Cotton University, Assam, India
15:30–17:00	Parallel session D2 Hall: Skyline
	Climate adaptation and mitigation Chair: Randall Bluffstone, Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute for Economics and the Environment, Portland State University, USA Rapporteurs: Sandeep Bhandari, Aakriti Oli, Himani Baudel, and Rujisha Shrestha
	A cross-country and long-term evaluation of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) climate change adaptation projects Presenter: Saudamini Das, Professor in Economics, Institute of Economic Growth, India Discussant: David Potter, Head of Regional Action and Global Advocacy, ICIMOD
	Quantifying non-economic losses and damages in Sindh post 2022 floods Presenter: Lubna Naz, Professor and Director, Center for Business and Economic Research, Institute of Business Administration Karachi, Pakistan Discussant: Randall Bluffstone, Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute for Economics and the Environment, Portland State University, USA
	Perceived adverse impacts undermine limited socio-economic benefits of resin tapping from Chirpine forests Presenter: Rajan Parajuli, Associate Professor, North Carolina State University, USA Discussant: Kishor Atreya, Associate Professor, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
	The rapid economic recovery from earthquake relief to reconstruction: A case study of the 7 January 2025 Dingri earthquake, Xizang, China Presenter: Bingwei Tian, Associate Professor, Assistant Dean, PhD, The Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR), Sichuan University, China Discussant: Nirmal Kumar Raut, Associate Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

15:30:15–17:00	Parallel session D3 Hall: The Regent Topics in environmental economics I Chair: Jón Geir Pétursson, Professor Environment and Natural Resources, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programme, University of Iceland, Iceland Rapporteurs: Aaradhana Pokhrel, Sarishma Chaulagain, Ujwal Timalina, and Archana Gyawali Climate variability and household electricity consumption Presenter: Rosalina Palanca-Tan, Professor, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines Discussant: Jón Geir Pétursson, Professor Environment and Natural Resources, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programme, University of Iceland, Iceland Macroeconomic analysis of green monetary policy in India's emission mitigation: Evidence from Wallace neutrality Presenter: Sayar Ahmad Shah, PhD Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology of Ropar, India Discussant: V Saravanakumar, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India Do international remittances enhance credit repay ability and reshape labour supply among households with international migrants in Nepal? Presenter: Sumant Kumar Yadav, master's student, Hiroshima University, Japan Discussant: Gopal Tiwari, General Secretary of Nepal Economic Association
15:30–17:00	Parallel session D4 Hall: Green Room Natural disasters Chair: Orapan Srisawalak, Professor Emeritus, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand Rapporteurs: Prashamsha Poudyal, Sanjita Dahal, Mohan Singh Saud, and Pema Yangji Sherpa Impact of climatic shocks and coping strategies on livelihood: Evidence from the coastal Bangladesh Presenter: Pallab Mozumder, Associate Professor, Florida International University, USA Discussant: Orapan Srisawalak, Professor Emeritus, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand Paved to nowhere: The dubious payoffs of Nepal's rural road expansion Presenter: Santosh Adhikari, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Kathmandu University, Nepal Discussant: Raghu Bir Bista, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

	When the rain stops, do rings come early? Rainfall shocks and child marriage in Nepal Presenter: Adish Karki, undergrad student (Senior), Kathmandu University, Nepal Discussant: Ratna Kumar Jha, Research fellow, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations, Nepal
	Shadows of shock: Natural disasters and the dynamics of economic growth and recovery in South Asian countries Presenter: Abina VP, PhD Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, India Discussant: Ridish Pokharel, Professor of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
15:30–17:00	Parallel session D5 Hall: Rato Baithak Topics in environmental economics II Chair: Gunnar Köhlin, Associate Professor, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden Rapporteurs: Jyoti Dahal, Rijohn Shrestha, Nirjala Prajapati, and Nistha Chalise
	SANDEE family from Pakistan@2025: Achievements and leadership development in environment economics Presenter: Khuda Bakhsh, Professor, Cotton University, India Discussant: Gunnar Köhlin, Associate Professor, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
	Effectiveness of fiscal policy for forest conservation and restoration in Indian States Presenter: Amarendra Das, Associate Professor, National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), India Discussant: EPN Udayakumara, Professor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
	Consumers' attitude towards food waste reduction and projecting Its econo-environmental benefits Presenter: Tasnim Murad Mamun, Associate Professor, Economics Discipline, Khulna University, Bangladesh Discussant: Yamini Gupt, Professor, University of Delhi, India
	Demand for clean air increases with pollution abatement success Presenter: Jin Yana, Assistant Professor, Peking University, China Discussant: Chandan Singha, Associate Professor, Hindu College, University of Delhi, India

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