



APN Second Science-Policy Dialogue: South Asia

Global Climate Change: Reducing Risk & Increasing Resilience

19-21 January 2015, Bhutan

The world is moving into global climate change regimes that have no comparisons with the past. Hence, the past may not be the guide for countries as they tackle uncertainties and changing risks. This will require new strategies and discussions to deal with uncertainty. Community needs have to be factored in by both the science and policy communities, so research can offer answers to what concerns these communities have in this time of global change. Knowledge production needs to be broadened, going beyond scientists and policy makers to include other actors who matter. This multi-stakeholder production of knowledge and dialogue should include both private and state sectors, local communities, non-governmental organisations, and civil society organisations. It is with this rationale that the APN, with its partner institutions, will embark on a dialogue: **Global Climate Change: Reducing Risk and Increasing Resilience** from 19-21 January, 2015, Bhutan. This is the second APN Sub-Regional Science-Policy Dialogue in a series planned in Pan-Asia that will culminate in a synthesis.

Countries Engaged:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Structure of the Dialogue:

The dialogue is a three-day event that will engage more than 65 scientists and policy makers in South Asia, especially from Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The dialogue will be organised in collaboration with the National Environment Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan. The dialogue consists of five sessions which include rapid talks from experts, participatory knowledge sharing panel sessions, carousel-type café kiosks, roundtable sessions, daily media round-up sessions and finishing with a synthesis of the three-day event. Themes considered will be broad with the aim of discussing risk reduction and resilience in global climate change from urban to rural communities and some of the key topics will include:

- Resilience: Agriculture and Food/Water Security
- Disasters: Floods and droughts
- Adaptation management and adaptive governance
- Resilience and urbanisation (sprawling, unplanned, governance).
- Low Carbon Development and Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Mainstreaming environment into planning and development



Calling for Partners and Participants for the South Asia Science Policy Dialogue

We are inviting partners who are working in South Asia to become involved and publicise their services and products related to global change at this event. There are different ways in which your organisation or company can support the Science-Policy Dialogue.

The options include:

1. Become a **PARTNER**:

- By covering the participation costs for a minimum of three mid-level policy makers from South Asia. The estimated cost per participant is 2500 USD including airfare, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance.
- You will be recognised as a partner and organiser
- You will have a free booth to disseminate information on your organisation
- You will be listed in the Dialogue programme and your logo will be displayed together with other partners on banners and meeting bags.

Please contact Dr. Linda Stevenson (l Stevenson@apn-gcr.org) if you are interested in becoming a partner.

2. Become an **EXHIBITOR** and share information about your project or services related to global change with influential policy makers and reputed scientists in South Asia.

Exhibit Fees

- Single Space and A0 two poster panel (6 foot table) \$900
- Single Space and A0 poster panel (6 foot table) \$500
- Book or promotional Material Display \$100

Exhibit setup will begin after 4:00 PM on Sunday, 18 January 2015 and must be removed by 3:00 PM Wednesday, 21 January 2015. Exhibit Hours will commence from 9:00 AM on Monday 19th to 01:00 PM on Wednesday 21 January 2015. Exhibitors are not required to pay any additional registration fee. One participant from the Exhibitor organisation is invited to participate in the dialogue as self-funded participant.

3. Engage as a **SELF-FUNDED PARTICIPANT**

Interested scientists and policy makers working in the thematic areas are invited to attend the event **as a self-funded participant**. Interested participants **MUST** currently be working in an APN South Asia member country (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka). For registration, please contact the APN secretariat via email together with a detailed CV/Resume to: Dr. Linda Stevenson l Stevenson@apn-gcr.org with a carbon copy to Ms. Taniya Koswatta tkoswatta@apn-gcr.org

A maximum of 15 self-funded participants will be selected on a "first come, first served" basis based on area of expertise. There is no registration fee for self-funded participants.