

Third Meeting of the South Asia Sustainable Livelihoods (SASL) Policy Forum

The South Asia Sustainable Livelihoods is an informal network of individuals from the countries in South Asia who come together periodically to discuss issues related to policy making in relation to sustainable livelihoods and natural resources management in the countries of South Asia in order to share and learn from each other's experiences. The form was set up in 2000 and held its first meet in Delhi, India in October 2000, hosted by Development Alternatives, India. The second meeting was held in March 2001 in Colombo, Sri Lanka hosted by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the Lanka Institute for Environment (LIFE). The third meeting of the forum is being held in Dhaka Bangladesh hosted by the Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) and the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Dhaka.

Dates: 22 to 24 March 2002

Venue: WARPO Conference Room, WARPO, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Agenda (tentative):

21 March

Participants arrive in Dhaka (pick up from the airport will be arranged if flight details are sent in advance). Hotel: BRAC Inn, Mohakhali, Dhaka

22 March

09.00: Participants will be picked up from hotel and taken to meeting venue
09.30: Welcomes and introductions
10.00: Round up of activities so far
10.30: Tea/coffee
11.00: Presentation of field research from India
12.00: Presentation of field research from Bangladesh
13.00: Lunch
14.00: Presentation of field research form Sri Lanka
15.00: Presentation of field research from Nepal
16.00: Tea/coffee
16.30: Discussion on field research programme
17.00: Close
20.00: Dinner at hotel

23 March

09.00: Pick up from hotel
09.30: Future forum activities related to WSSD
10.30: Tea/Coffee
11.00: Future forum activities related to climate change
12.00: Future forum activities related to. water resources
13.00: Lunch
14.00: Planning for next forum meeting in Nepal
15.00: Planning for open forum meeting on 14th

16.30: Close

24 March: Open Forum meeting (with about 60 invited guests from government, NGOs., academia, media in Dhaka)

09.00: Pick up from hotel to go to meeting venue

09.30: Welcomes

10.00: Presentation on forum and its activities

10.30: Tea Coffee

11.00: Discussion

12.30: Close

12.30: Lunch

Accommodation: All foreign participants will be accommodated at the BRAC Inn in Mohakhali, Dhaka

Observers: Participation in the meeting is by invitation only, however persons interested in participating as observers should contact the convenor of the Forum (see contact details below).

Visas: Anyone requiring a letter of invitation for obtaining their visa should send a request to Mr. Faruque, BCAS, e-mail: bcas@bdonline.com

Weather: The weather in March in Dhaka will be quite warm and dry.

Further information:

For more information on the meeting contact: Dr. Saleemul Huq, Convenor, SASL Policy forum (e-mail: saleemul.huq@iied.org)

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