

SDPI'S NINTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

MISSING LINKS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: SOUTH ASIAN PERSPECTIVES

13 – 15 December 2006

Organized by the

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)
Islamabad, Pakistan

PROGRAM

Opening Plenary

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Welcome Address

Shamsul Mulk
Chairman, Board of Governors, SDPI, Pakistan

Introduction

Saba Gul Khattak
Executive Director, SDPI, Pakistan

Remarks by the Chief Guest

Prof. Dr. Atta-Ur-Rahman
Chairman, Higher Education Commission; and,
Adviser to the Prime Minister on Science and Technology
Islamabad, Pakistan

Book Launch

Title of the Book: *At the Crossroads: South Asian Research, Policy and Development in a Globalized World*

Keynote Speaker: Urvashi Butalia, Director, Zubaan Books, India

Plenary Title: *Interrogating Peace: A Perspective from the Margins*

Discussion

Tea/Coffee

10:30 am 11:00 am

Concurrent Panel A-1**11:00 am – 1:30 pm****Trade and sustainable development: The WTO needs a new face****Session:** *Regional trade agreements and conflict mitigation***Chair:** Talat Masood, Islamabad, Pakistan**Discussant:** Akbar Zaidi, Karachi, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Mark Halle, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada	Trade, Aid and Security: An Agenda for Peace and Development
S. Mansoob Murshed and Dawood Mamoon, Institute of Social Sciences, the Hague, Netherlands	The Costs of NOT Loving Thy Neighbor as Thyself: The Trade and Development Costs of India-Pakistan Rivalry
Shaheen Rafi Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Regional Trade Agreements in South Asia: Trade and Conflict Linkages
Rajesh Kumar, PPN College, Kanpur, India	Business First, Politics Later: Testing the 'Trade-Peace' Hypothesis in India-Pakistan Case
Chaminda Hettiarachchi, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka as an Enabler of South Asian Regional Integration

Discussion**Lunch****1:30 pm – 2:30 pm****Concurrent Panel B-1****11:00 am – 1:30 pm****Myths and realities of deforestation in Pakistan: Implications for sustainable forest management****Chair:** Bashir Wani, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad, Pakistan**Discussant:** Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Babar Shahbaz, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan	Analysis of Myths and Realities of Deforestation in Northwest Pakistan: Implications for Forestry Extension
Urs Geiser, University of Zurich, Switzerland	From Critical Analysis of Forest Destruction to Pathways for Sustainable Forestry in NWFP—A Challenge to Research

Discussion**Lunch****1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Concurrent Panel A-2**2:30 pm – 5:00 pm****Forest degradation, resource rights and livelihoods: The institutional context****Chair:** Muhammad Iqbal Sial, Forest Department, Peshawar, Pakistan**Discussant:** Riaz Ahmed, SUNGI, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title of the Film
Shaheen Rafi Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Assessing the Poverty-Environment Nexus: Evidence from Swat, Pakistan
Ajit Menon, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, Bangalore, India Paper read out by Moeed Yusuf, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Situating Law: Adivasi Rights and the Political Economy of Environment and Development in India
Rucha Ghate, The Institute for Research and Development, Nagpur, India Paper read out by Faisal Haq Shaheen, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Ensuring "Collective Action" in "Participatory" Forest Management

Discussion**Concurrent Panel B-2****2:30 pm – 5:00 pm****Policy trends and development in access to Genetic Resources and benefit sharing****Chair:** Syed Mahmood Nasir, Ministry of Environment, Islamabad, Pakistan**Discussant:** Rasheed Anwar, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Niraj Shrestha, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment, Nepal	ABS, PIC and Farmers' Rights: A Review of Legal Mechanisms in Nepal
Thiranthie Udakumbura, Law & Society Trust, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan Perspective on ABS/PIC, their Legal Status, and Implementation Challenges
Abdul Hafeez, The Network for Consumer Protection, Islamabad, Pakistan	Exploring the Role and Contribution of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in Poverty Reduction
Mehnaz Ajmal Paracha, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Gender Dimension in ABS Mechanism focusing on Plant Genetic Resources

Discussion

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Day Two

Plenary

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Keynote Speaker: Walden Bello, University of the Philippines, Diliman, the Philippines

Plenary Title: *The Crisis of the Globalist Project: Civil Society's Role and Response*

Discussion

Tea/Coffee

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Day Two

Concurrent Panel A-3

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Human security in South Asia

Chair: Rukhsana Qamber, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussant: Tahira Abdullah, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Aneela Babar, Monash Asia Institute, Melbourne, Australia

Speakers

Title

Saba Gul Khattak, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

Gendered Human Security

Urvashi Butalia, Director, Zubaan Books, India

Paradigm of Silence

Nizamuddin Nizamani, Karachi, Pakistan

Balochistan Crisis: A Regional Conflict Unfolding around the Suleiman Range

Discussion

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Concurrent Panel B-3

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

The underbelly of globalization: Gender and economic integration in South Asia

Chair: Mohammad Salim, Ministry of Women's Development, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussant: Aliya Khan, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers

Title

Karin Astrid Siegmann, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Gender and Globalization Interface in South Asia

Alessandra Mezzadri, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Feminize without Unionize: The Indian Garment Sector and its Lack of Class Solidarity

Shahid Ahmed and Veena Jha, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Delhi, India

Export Orientation of the Economy and Women's Empowerment: Empirical Evidence from India

Paper read out by Hajira Hamid, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussion

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Thursday, December 14, 2006**Day Two****Concurrent Panel A-4****2:30 pm – 5:00 pm****Trade and sustainable development: The WTO needs a new face****Session:** *Marine fisheries: Compliance, sustainability and livelihoods***Chair:** Mohammad Ali Shah, Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, Karachi, Pakistan**Discussant:** Walden Bello, University of the Philippines, Diliman, the Philippines

Speakers	Title
Shaheen Rafi Khan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Resource Rights: Ensuring Livelihoods for the Coastal Communities
Asha Gunawardena and Paul Steele, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka Paper read out by Moeed Yusuf, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	The Stake-net Fishery Association of Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka: A Case Study
Faisal Haq Shaheen, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Balancing Market Induced Polarization: A Need for Sustainable Fisheries' Policy
Muhammad Khan Jamali, Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, Karachi, Pakistan	The WTO and the Impact on Marine Fisheries

Discussion**Concurrent Panel B-4****2:30 pm – 5:00 pm****Women, conflict and security****Chair:** Masuma Hasan, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan**Discussant:** Rubina Saigol, Lahore, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Emma Varley, University of Toronto, Canada	" <i>Halaat Kharab</i> /Tension Times: The Maternal Health Costs of Gilgit's Sunni-Shia Conflict"
Lubna Nazir Chaudhry, State University of New York, Binghamton, USA	On Theorizing/Writing/Representing Women in Contexts of Conflict in Pakistan: The Promise and Perils of "Global Feminism"
Nazish Brohi, Karachi, Pakistan	Cartographies of Conflict
Amena Mohsin, Dhaka, Bangladesh Paper read out by Aneela Babar, Monash Asia Institute, Melbourne, Australia	Coming Out of Private: Women Forging Voices in Bangladesh

Discussion**Concurrent Panel C-1****2:30 pm – 5:00 pm****Political economy of rehabilitation****Chair:** Samina Omar, SUNGI, Islamabad, Pakistan**Discussant:** Bushra Gohar, ActionAid Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan; and Jules Lang, Mercy Corps, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Abid Q. Suleri, Sustainable Development	Role of Remittance in the Earthquake Affected Areas

Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan
Sobia Ahmad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

State of Livelihoods Assets in the Earthquake Affected Areas

Discussion

Friday, December 15, 2006

Day Three

Plenary

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Keynote Speaker: Dipak Gyawali, Research Director, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation; and, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition, Nepal

Plenary Title: *Sustaining Sustainability: Moving from static concepts to dynamic engagement*

Discussion

Tea/Coffee

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Friday, December 15, 2006

Day Three

Concurrent Panel A-5

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

South Asian people's movements: Bringing development home

Chair/Discussant: Peter Lund-Thomsen, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark

Speakers	Title
Manas Ranjan Kar, Center for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar, India Paper read out by Faisal Haq Shaheen, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Right to Land and Livelihood: A Case Study of Tribal People's Struggle in Orissa
Bishnu Raj Upreti, NCCR North-South, Kathmandu, Nepal	Non-violent Approach of Conflict Transformation and Peace Building: Experiences of April 2006 People's Movement of Nepal
Shaheen Rafi Khan, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan	Anatomy of a Peoples' Rights Movement: A Case Study of the Sarhad Awami Forestry Ittehad (SAFI)
Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, People's Rights Movement, Rawalpindi, Pakistan	Debunking the Myths of 'Development, and 'National Security'

Discussion

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Concurrent Panel B-5

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Educational policies in South Asia

Chair: Arshed Bhatti, Connective Action, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussant: Lubna Nazir Chaudhry, State University of New York, Binghamton, USA

Speakers	Title
Dass Parimala, University of Delhi, India	New Discourse on Educational Policies in South Asia (A Study on Primary Education Focusing Female Literacy)
Sarfraz Khan, University of Peshawar, Pakistan	Enhancing Quality of Higher Education in Pakistan: A Critical Evaluation of HEC Policies
Shahid Siddiqui, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan	Teacher Education for Sustainable Change: Practices and Possibilities
Muhammad Babur, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan	Blind spots in Education Policies of Pakistan?

Discussion

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Concurrent Panel C-2

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

South Asia in the WTO: In search of a common position

Chair: Tasneem Noorani, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussant: Walden Bello, University of the Philippines, Diliman, the Philippines;
and, Mubarak Zeb, Dawn, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Pradeep Mehta , Consumer Unity & Trust Society, Calcutta, India	Suspension of Doha Round Talks: The cost implications for India
Abid Q. Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Pakistan in WTO
Eng. M. A. Jabbar, FPCCI, Karachi, Pakistan	WTO: South Asian Perspective

Discussion

Lunch **1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Friday, December 15, 2006**Day Three****Concurrent Panel A-6****2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Water justice and governance in South Asia

Chair: Urs Geiser, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Discussant: Pervaiz Amir, ASIANICS International, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Dipak Gyawali, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation; and, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition, Nepal	Water, Technology and Social Dynamics
Karin Astrid Siegmann & Shafqat Shehzad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan	Pakistan's Water Challenges: A Human Development Perspective
Peter Lund-Thomsen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark	Are They Myth or Magic? Assessing the Impact of Public-Private Partnerships in the Water Sector of Pakistan

Discussion

Concurrent Panel B-6**2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Regoverning markets: Inclusion of small growers and producers in the supply chain

Chair: Nadeem-ul-Haq, Pakistan Institute for Development Economics, Islamabad, Pakistan

Discussant: Abid Q. Suleri, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

Speakers	Title
Chatrini Weeratunge and Bryn Gay, UNDP, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Taming the Corporate Beast: Cultivating Social Justice Initiatives for a More Inclusive Trading Framework to Flourish
Roshan Malik, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, USA	The Pitfalls of 'White Revolution' for Small Dairy Farmers in Pakistan

Discussion

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Day Three

Closing Plenary

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Keynote Speaker: I. A. Rahman, Director, Human Rights Commission of
Pakistan, Lahore, Pakistan

Plenary Title: *Give democracy a chance*

Discussion

Vote of Thanks

5:45pm – 6:30 pm

Shamsul Mulk, Chairman, Board of Governors, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan
Saba Gul Khattak, Executive Director, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan

Tea/Coffee
