

Round-table Discussion: Development Partnerships for Sustainable Development in a Changing South Asia

This session will focus on the partnerships with development organizations for an inclusive and sustainable development in South Asia. It will highlight the partnership successes or failures. Besides analyzing if there are any gaps that development organizations, national governments and civil society can bridge, the participation of development partners and their interventions at the policy, practice and grass roots level will also be discussed.

The speakers are being invited to explore and debate the linkages of development interventions with several mega trends being observed in the region, including a rising middle class, youth bulge in South Asia, and security challenges. They would also highlight the role of civil society organizations in current and future framework for sustainable development.

Finally, this session will dwell on how these development partnerships see the larger objective of a sustainable region with less militancy, improved regional co-existence and propose affirmative actions that could be taken to further improve and catalyze the development in the region.

Some of questions for discussion include:

1. How development organizations view the changing socio-economic trends in South Asia?
2. Who will be the future game changers and how development partners can facilitate change?
3. What will be the challenges to 'working relationship' between national governments, civil society and development organizations in the region?
4. How do the development organizations view the post-2015 development agenda, and what will be the priorities for Pakistan and South Asia?

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