

Policies, Regulation and Environmental Compliance in Textile Industries in South Asia

'The textile and garment sector is an important labour-intensive industrial sector in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. The sector provides employment to more than 15 million workers in Pakistan and provides almost 30% of the manufacturing value added. The garment and apparel sector contributes to 58% of total industrial export earnings and 52% of industrial employment in Sri Lanka. In Bangladesh, the sector employs some 3 million people, 90% of whom are women. The textile industry can also be highly polluting and contributes to both water and air pollution' (SANDEE website n.d.).

In this panel, researchers from the South Asian Network for Development and Economics (SANDEE) and policy makers from different countries in South Asia will examine environmental regulations applicable to the garment and textile industry and ask whether and why firms comply with these regulations. The panel will discuss research findings and deliberate on policy solutions.

References

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