



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024
Achieving Sustainable Development in South Asia- where do we stand?
DHAKA 25-27 OCTOBER 2024

Call for panels and papers!

Objectives and scope

While the conference takes a macro perspective on sustainable development, it will primarily focus on the following sub-themes for more engaged and nuanced analysis and conversations. The conference's key objective is to take stock of the current state of affairs and identify the areas of cooperation and collaboration to augment the progress and advance the social justice agenda in sustainable development. Sustainable development goes beyond mere economic growth. It encompasses the idea of inclusivity and improving living standards while prioritizing fairness and social justice in both the development model and society.

Stocktaking will create an opportunity to get a general picture of the current state of affairs concerning sustainable development and other associated issues. Advocacy and research organizations can use the assessment as background information for their work. The policy community will also benefit from the deliberations and arguments. Thus, the conference will have practical purposes besides research and knowledge collaboration. It is to be noted that apart from researchers and practitioners, CSOs/NGO representatives and policymakers will be invited to the conference.

Sub-themes

The conference will focus on the following sub-themes:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective institutions and accountable governance [with emphasis on good governance] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change, disaster risks, and forced displacement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality, diversity, inclusion and social justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohingya crisis, migration, human security and rights • Future of migration • Migration as an accelerator of development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging technologies, strategic management, and transformation of the public sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative governance (including public-private partnership) for SDGs and beyond
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality education for expanding social and economic opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender equality and empowerment with particular reference to gender mainstreaming in the public sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital transformation vs. digital divide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship for a sustainable future



- Technology and development

- Emerging frontiers of technology and ethical and equitable development

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We invite academics, researchers, policymakers, think tanks, advocacy organizations, and practitioners to contribute theoretical, empirical, and conceptual papers for the upcoming conference, where we aim to explore and discuss the progress, challenges, and future directions in achieving the UN SDGs in the South Asian region. Individual abstracts and panel submissions are welcome for participation. Abstracts/panel proposals should be within the ambit of the sub-themes.

KEY DATES

Call for panels

Panel submission deadline 20 May 2024
Notification of panel acceptance 31 May 2024

Call for papers

Abstract submission deadline 20 May 2024
Decisions on abstracts 31 May 2024
Full paper submission 10 August 2024
Review feedback 31 August 2024
Final paper 30 Sep 2024

Conference output

The host(s) will try to publish a volume incorporating selected papers from an international publishing outlet. SANPA has a partnership with Springer, USA, and following it, SANPA has been releasing books on governance and development. SANPA President is the Series Editor. Upon successful completion of the conference, the papers that maintain academic rigor and originality can be considered for a volume under the SANPA-Springer series.

Conference management

The following persons will act as the co-chairs of the Conference Steering Committee:

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