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International Conference

Transboundary Rivers of South Asia: Fostering Regional Collaboration for Environmental Sustainability

ORGANIZERS:

**South Asian Institute of Policy and
Governance (SIPG), North South
University**

**Department of Geography, The
University of Manchester, UK**

**National River Conservation Commission
(NRCC), Bangladesh**



Date: 7-8 May 2024



**North South University,
Bangladesh**

Associate Partner: South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA)

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Background:

Population growth, climate change, and political conflicts are creating severe impacts on transboundary river basins and endangering large portions of the Global South with multi-hazards risk. Thus, multi-sectoral, multi-discipline, and cross-country perspectives are needed to develop collaborative policies for achieving sustainable development goals. The international conference aims to foster meaningful dialogue among leading scholars, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners from South Asia to discuss the crisis points of transboundary river disputes, water governance and environmental sustainability. This conference will be held on 7-8 May 2024, at North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. This is jointly organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, Bangladesh and the Department of Geography, University of Manchester (UoM), United Kingdom and the National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), Bangladesh. The Associate Partner is South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA). This conference also aims to develop a policy-level methodology on how cross-country SDGs dialogue can help to improve water governance in the global south. The outcome will also lead to future opportunities for cross-country dialogue between Nations in South Asia on water and transboundary river-related issues. It will also foster on how different agencies can collaborate and exchange cross-border dialogue to promote environmental sustainability.

THEME AND SUB-THEMES:

The central theme of this International Conference will be Transboundary Rivers and Environmental Sustainability in South Asia and the sub-themes are:

1. Drought and Floods and Environmental Sustainability in Transboundary River Basins (TRBs) of South Asia.
2. Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Sustainability in TRBs of South Asia.
3. Hydro-geochemistry, Groundwater Modeling, and Human Health in TRBs of South Asia.
4. Environmental History, Water-energy-food Nexus in South Asia.
5. Transboundary Water Governance and Climate Resilience in South Asia.
6. Dynamics of Policy and Governance relating to Transboundary River Systems

Key Organisers:

The key organisers of this international conference are:

1. Dr. Mehebab Sahana, Department of Geography, The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK;
2. Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Dean (IC), School of Humanities & Social Sciences; and Director, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh;
3. Ms. Quamrun Naher Ahmed, Chairman, National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), Bangladesh;
4. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad, Associate Professor, Department of History, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Abstract Submission:

The interested applicant can submit a 2-page CV and an abstract (within 500 words) on the summary of their proposed research idea/ working paper or unpublished research paper on the conference themes. Initial abstracts should be emailed to mehebab.sahana@manchester.ac.uk and uploaded to Google Drive- <http://surl.li/qarkj> by 15th March 2024. Files should be sent and uploaded to Google Drive in MS Word format, and the file name should be the first author's surname. Please include names, affiliations, and contact details in the Google form and abstract. All abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the conference's scientific committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance by late 31st March 2024.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE:

The first half of the two days will focus on paper presentation, lectures, dialogues, and knowledge exchange among the participants, while after lunch the participants will engage in an interactive session on their proposed research topic/idea with the team through a panel discussion.

Call for abstracts opens	1st February 2024
Deadline for abstract submission	31st March 2024
Notification of accepted abstracts	4th April 2024
Registration	15th April 2024
In-Persons conference dates	7-8th May 2024
Submission of full paper and future research	31st July 2024

For more information on the conference please contact us at mehebab.sahana@manchester.ac.uk & rivers.conf23@northsouth.edu

Publication:

The accepted works will be published in edited Volume, CRC Press, Routledge-Taylor & Francis Group.

We look forward to welcoming you at **North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh!**