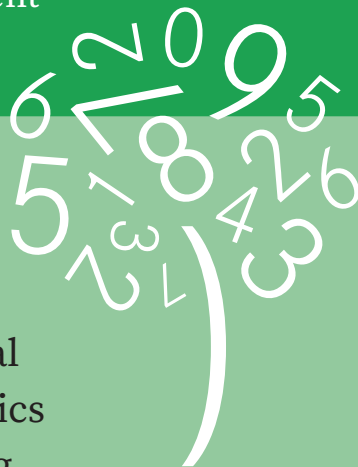


The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics

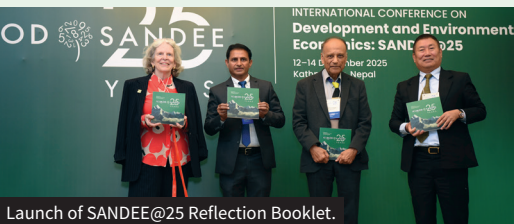
Building research capacity and leadership
to address challenges at the intersection of
environment and development

SANDEE is a dynamic
network that brings its
expertise in environmental
and development economics
to inform decision-making
on key challenges in South
Asia and the HKH.



25 years of shaping the practice of development and environmental economics across South Asia and the HKH.

South Asia is experiencing a phase of rapid economic growth that is expected to relieve the burden of poverty. However, questions remain about whether this growth is ecologically sustainable and whether its benefits can be sustained over the long run. SANDEE works on the principle that greener growth, and sustainable development are both necessary and achievable in South Asia and the HKH region through the implementation of evidence-based solutions.



Effective environmental and development policymaking in South Asia and the HKH region depends on strong regional capacity in economic research and policy analysis.

SANDEE aims to:

- Strengthen the capacity of researchers to conduct multidisciplinary research on the economics of environment and natural resource utilisation
- Support the development of rigorous, policy-relevant literature addressing economic development, poverty alleviation, and environmental change
- Support environmental and natural resource economics in teaching and research institutions
- Support policymaking through research analyses, training programmes, networking, dialogue, and the dissemination of research findings

DEDICATED MENTORING + REGULAR INTERACTIONS

Trainings in DEE*
 Research grants
 Technical support + mentoring for research completion

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION

Technical expertise in research and teaching
 Homegrown literature

CRITICAL MASS OF YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMISTS

New curricula in DEE
 Use of SANDEE Literature in teaching

STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR RESEARCH TO POLICY

Demand for informed policies
 Use of evidence in policy making
 Contribution in policies



Fostering a global network of leading economists

SANDEE provides a supportive environment and a network of world-class peers and mentors dedicated to support aspiring researchers build impactful careers in environmental and natural resource economics. The network has expanded to include over 250 research associates who have received research grants, trained more than 500 environmental and development economists through its Summer School, and fostered a strong and diverse community of SANDEE alumni.

SANDEE utilises its network of regional and international talent to help address research problems raised by the regions' researchers.

Mentoring the next generation of environmental economists

Each SANDEE grant recipient is assigned a dedicated faculty advisor from the global SANDEE network as part of a structured mentoring programme. Regular interactions, including biannual advisor-grantee workshops, provide guidance and enhance the quality of every research project funded by SANDEE.





Participants of the SANDEE@25 conference

The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) brings together researchers and decision makers from South Asia and the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) to address the region's pressing development and environmental challenges.

SANDEE's mission is to strengthen the capacity of individuals and institutions across South Asia to conduct rigorous research at the intersection of economic development, poverty, and environmental change, and to generate evidence that informs effective development policies.

Applying SANDEE research in practice

The SANDEE Secretariat ensures that research findings are shared with both broad and targeted audiences. Research presentations to key stakeholders, including government officials, help translate these findings into practical use. SANDEE also supports rigorous peer-review and the publication of research findings through policy briefs and journal articles.

Supporting innovative research

SANDEE manages two annual research grant cycles to support researchers in South Asia and the HKH region in answering questions related to climate change and other challenges at the intersection of economic development and environmental change.

SANDEE grants:

- Undergo a competitive, peer-reviewed grant making process
- Support two- to three- year research projects
- Provide researchers from South Asia and the HKH region with the opportunity to share their findings on regional, and global stages through mobility, and travel grants

Building research capacity through targeted training

Each year, SANDEE hosts a three-week Summer School in environmental and resource economics, featuring leading economists from around the world as faculty. Through the Summer School, participants learn the fundamentals of environmental and resource economics, present research ideas and proposals, and receive feedback from Summer School faculty.

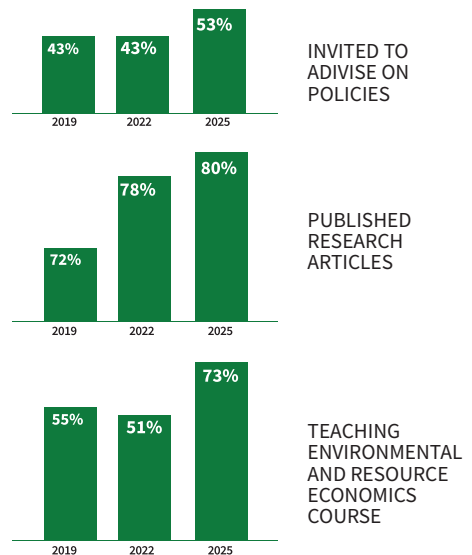
SANDEE also hosts an annual Winter School on research methods exclusively for grant recipients and one or more research and writing workshops for aspiring researchers who need technical support for developing proposal for research grant competition.

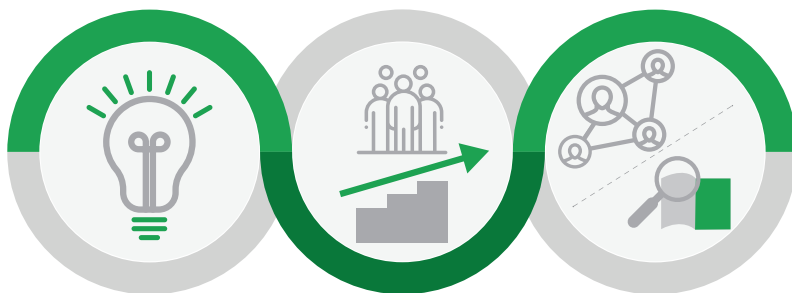


Returns from past investments

Based on the 2019, 2022, and 2025 alumni surveys, SANDEE alumni shared insights into their professional journeys, including academic achievements, research collaborations, teaching and training roles, and efforts to translate research into policy and practice – key indicators of the impact of SANDEE’s work.

The following graphs illustrate the returns on past investments in research publications, teaching environmental economics to build a pipeline of future regional environmental economists, and providing policy support.





SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

250+ research grants

300+ leading experts in the SANDEE network


BUILDING EXPERTISE IN THE REGION

1500+ trainees

50+ courses conducted

50 research and training workshops

APPLYING SANDEE RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

 targeted research presentations for key stakeholders

125+ working papers

100+ policy briefs

300+ peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters

3 edited volumes

SANDEE's research focuses on the economics of natural resource use and environmental change, including ecosystems management, economics of climate change, and policies and programmes for greener development. SANDEE aims to develop empirical evidence on underlying economic and institutional issues to inform policy and improve environmental management.

SANDEE is an initiative of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). SANDEE supports ICIMOD's programmatic work and strengthens the Centre's economic and policy analysis.

SANDEE is supported by ICIMOD's core donors: the Governments of Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.