

## **Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies in South Asia's Geo-climatic and Cultural Context**

The session takes the opening discussion forward, with the specific intention of locating prescriptions for climate change mitigation and adaptation (derived from the ongoing global dialogue and negotiations) in the context of South Asia's geographic, climatic, and cultural realities.

The impact of mitigation and adaptation strategies on development choices; the need for new or alternative technologies (and the role of international regulatory frameworks such as that for securing intellectual property rights); the consequences of innovations for development and climate change mitigation; and the status of adaptive mechanisms are just some of the issues that would be raised in this space.

The desired outcomes of the session can be described in terms of a clearer, shared, localised understanding of the contradictions, and the identification of existing and potential areas of convergence in the pursuit of development and climate change mitigation and adaptation.