

Opening the Debate: The Southern Dilemma and Linkages between Inclusive Economic Growth, Poverty Eradication and Climate Change

The opening plenary of the conference is intended to lay the groundwork for further deliberations. Drawing upon the realities of the collective South and of South Asia as a representative region, presentations and discussions in this space are designed to achieve two parallel ends. These ends are:

- (a) to deconstruct the perceived trade-off between development and the climate change mitigation and adaptation process on the one hand
- (b) establish the linkages between inclusive economic growth, poverty eradication and climate change.