

# **Climate Change Challenges in South Asian Development Initiatives: Establishing Inter-Sectoral Relationships**

The session takes forward the attempt to establish the inter-relationships between climate change concerns and mitigation and adaptation processes on the one hand and various sectoral development initiatives on the other.

Mainstreaming climate change concerns and identifying climate challenges with reference to gender, education, health, and other key sectors; locating these concerns and challenges in the overarching governance framework; and exploring further areas of discord in the pursuit of development and offsetting the impact of climate change for the countries of South Asia are some of the issues to be discussed in this space.

The desired outcomes of the session can be articulated in terms of the shared acknowledgment of the linkages between climate change and the various dimensions of development, and recognition of some opportunities for realignment in the pursuit of both the identified goals.