

# **Climate Change Impact on South Asia's Food Security, Income Opportunities and Livelihood Resources**

The session builds upon the broad linkages between climate change and development concerns established in the opening plenary. It is intended to take up in greater detail the impact of climate change and of mitigation and adaptation strategies upon food security, income opportunities and livelihood resources in the region.

Shortages of food and water; implications for agriculture and crop productivity; displacement from homes, lands and livelihoods; and the loss of lives are just some of the concerns that would arise in the discussion of the direct impact of climate change as well as in the light of the ongoing dialogue and negotiations.

The desired outcomes of the session can be described in terms of the emergence of a comprehensive picture of the problem, an exploration of existing and possible solutions, as well as the identification of some opportunities for intervention.