

## **Inclusion of South Asian Grassroots Voices in the Climate Change Dialogue**

It remains undisputed that the impact of retarded development, climate change, inequitable or biased strategies for climate change mitigation, and slow or non-implementation of adaptive strategies is maximum and immediate upon the poor, marginalised and vulnerable communities and countries.

The session is intended to add weight to the argument for the inclusion of grassroots voices in the climate change as well as the development dialogue. Deliberations are also structured to explore the relevance of current advocacy strands as well as ongoing and proposed initiatives, and lead to recommendations for further action.