

Water Security, Hydro-diplomacy and Regional Peace:

Dialogue Amid Disruption

Background

South Asia is one of the world's most water-stressed and climate-vulnerable regions. Rapid population growth, glacier retreat in the Himalayas, changing monsoon patterns, frequent floods and prolonged droughts are increasing pressure on already fragile transboundary river systems. Water has therefore emerged as both a development challenge and a strategic concern.

The session aims to strengthen regional understanding and cooperation on transboundary water governance by promoting dialogue on water security, climate change and regional peace across South Asia.

The panel will address the following key questions:

1. Can the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) be revitalised for today's challenges?
2. How can regional cooperation strengthen water security?
3. What new issues should the Indus Waters Treaty address?
4. How can inter-provincial cooperation on water resources be improved?

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