

Water Security, Hydro-diplomacy and Regional Peace

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 putting increasing pressure on already fragile transboundary river systems. Due to this water has emerged as both a development challenge and a strategic concern.

This panel 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 speakers will address the following key questions:

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

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