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SANEI *focus*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE IN SOUTH ASIAN REGION

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Letter from the Coordinator

I am very happy to share with you the latest updates on SANEI since its administration has been shifted from India to Pakistan. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics is now handling all the administrative tasks of SANEI. In 2005 PIDE has organized the 7th Annual Conference of SANEI in Marriott, Islamabad. In which all the contributing researcher were invited to discuss the results. SANEI steering committee reviewed and analyzed the results of the projects.

This network has emerged, with member institutes based in the countries of South Asia (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka), with the objective of fostering strong research interlinkages. The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), has played a lead role in setting up the network as well as administering it. After SANEI's five years at ICRIER, SANEI is now based in the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan.

In the Last two years SANEI has achieved

a lot on the Platform of PIDE. In this regard Global Development Network has made partnership with SANEI and now PIDE is also maintaining the South Asian Regional Window.

SANEI has completed seven years as a research network in South Asia in June 2007. During this period SANEI has funded around 80 research projects on diverse themes of economic development in South Asia and total number of researchers involved in SANEI sponsored projects have crossed 160.

7th round is in its last phase, the themes were Good Governance and Infrastructure. In this regard PIDE has also organized an annual general meeting and conference of Pakistan Society of Development Economists on the theme of Governance. Total no. of Proposals received in this round were 82 and 9 were awarded .

Similarly, In 8th round we received total of 42 proposals out of which 12 were awarded giving more weightage to new researchers



and weaker institutes, trying to capture enormous talent in the region and helping researchers discover their potential in diverse fields of Social Sciences.

With best wishes,
Nadeem Ul Haque
Secretary (Coordinator)



GDN-SANEI Projects

SANEI, being the nodal agency for coordinating the activities of the network, in collaboration with GDN, launched the following global research projects in South Asia:

1. Impact of Rich Country Policies on Poverty: A Global View:

This project is being implemented in about 30 countries through GDN's regional network partners. Eleven proposals were received from the South Asian region.

2. Impact Competition

Involving research teams of Nepal and India, the "Impact Competition" was held in a special session in the 20th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists-PIDE.

This competition served as a forum in providing guidance to the six finalists by the recognized experts serving as resource persons. As an outcome of this regional workshop, four proposals were selected and recommended for further review by the project's steering committee in Dakar. The project is expected to be completed by April 2006 when all researchers would meet to discuss their results and decide on a strategy for dissemination and publication

3. Multidisciplinary Research and Intermediation Project (MIR)

For the MIR project, SANEI invited research proposals on a broad range of topics that had a multidisciplinary dimension, and were focused on development issues in the South Asian context. Twenty-one proposals were received. As per action plan (jointly outlined by EERC and SANEI), five proposals based on the selection criteria of policy relevance, multidisciplinary, academic merit and assurances, were selected for MIR workshop at Dakar. For presentation at Dakar, the researchers were provided comments on improving the research design and policy relevance by the MIR advisors. Three proposals finally approved by the MIR steering committee were then awarded contract by SANEI.

To promote the dialogue between the scholars and decision makers, the final output of each project would consist of a working paper/article, a policy brief and appropriate intermediation activities.

Seventh Annual Conference

SANEI organized its seventh annual conference in Pakistan in December 22-23, 2005. For peer review of work-in-progress and fruitful interchanges amongst the researchers, the agenda included SANEI VII presentations, MIR workshop and a session on "Impact of Rich Country Policy on Poverty: A Global View".

The Conference brought together 30 participants from SANEI member countries in

South Asia including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Out of which 5 researchers were from Nepal, 4 from India and 1 from Bangladesh and 1 from Sri Lanka and other eminent researchers.

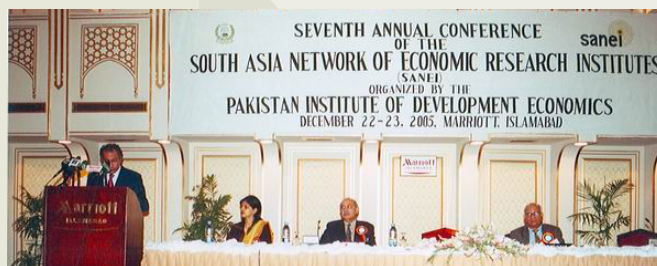
Key participants at the conference included Professor T.N. Srinivasan, Chairman SANEI, Professor Siddique Osmani and Dr. Mohsin S. Khan of Research Advisory Panel, Mr. Basil Ilan-gakoon, Dr. Dawarika Nath Dhungel and Dr. Arvind Virmani of SANEI Steering Committee.

Researchers of the studies funded under SANEI VII, MIR and "Impact of Rich Country Policy on Poverty: A Global View" presented their work-in-progress reports. Discussants, RAP members and other participants provided their comments during the discussion that followed the presentations.

SANEI & EADN Join Session at GDN Annual conference

Nadeem UL Haque, Secretary (Coordinator) SANEI, presented his paper "Why Civil Service Reforms Does Not Work" during a joint session organized by SANEI & EADN (East Asia Development Network), at the Eighth Annual Conference of Global Development Network in Beijing, China.

The session was chaired by Dr. Chalongsob Sussangkarn from East Asia Development Network, President Thailand Development Research Institute and the discussant of the session was Dr. Lloyd Fernando, Chairman Marga Institute, Sri Lanka.



SANEI PHASE VII: Call for Proposals



SANEI VII call for proposal witnessed an outstanding response in the number of proposals received, thus indicating that SANEI has been instrumental in reaching out to a wider range of researchers over time. A total of 82 proposals were received. Out of these, 33 proposals were from India, 26 from Nepal, 13 from Pakistan, 2 from Bangladesh and 1 from Sri Lanka. 7 amongst these were collaborative in nature. The Research

Advisory Panel, who evaluated the proposals comprised of Prof. T N Srinivasan, Dr. Mohsin S Khan, Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Prof. Thomas Hansen and Prof. Siddiqur Rahman Osmani.

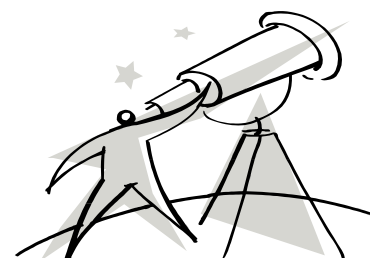
Coordinator's Report



The meeting of the Steering Committee of SANEI Pakistan was held under the chairmanship of Professor T.N. Srinivasan on December 22, 2005.

APPROVED PROJECTS FOR SANEI VII

Total of 9 projects were approved for the 7th phase. The themes were Good Governance and Infrastructure. Number of Researchers involved in this project were 32. Total of 12 institutes won the project.



No.	Subject	Discipline	Institutes	Country	Name of the Principal Researchers
1.	Cost of Urban Infrastructure: Evidence from Indian Cities.	Economics	National Institute of Public Finance and Policy	India	Kala Setharam Sridhar
					O.P.Mathur
2.	The Post Tsunami Recovery for Sustainable Human Development.	Economics	Marga Institute	Sri Lanka	Dr. Godfrey Gunatilleke
					Dr. Shelton Wanasinghe
					Prof. Sirimevan Colombage
					Dr. Mahim Mendis
					Prof. Sudatta Ranasinghe
3.	Role of Infrastructure in Productivity and Diversification of Agriculture	Economics	Tamilnadu Agricultural University	India	Dr. K. R. Ashok
					Dr. R. Balasubramanian
4.	Governance in the Provision of Public Goods in South Asia	Economics	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)	India	Dr. Arvind Virmani
					Dr. Sanghamitra Sahu
5.	Insurgency and its Predictors: The Nepalese Experience	Geography	Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)	Nepal	Khim Kabi Sharma.
					Bhim Prasad Subedi
6.	Optimizing the Configuration of Public Hospital Infrastructure at the District Level in South Asian countries.	Economics	Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)	Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh	Dr. Najmul Hossain
					Data International (DI)
					Nepal Health Economics Association (NHEA)
					Azizur Rahman
					Shiva Raj Adhikari
					B. P. Sharma
					Bhuban B. Bajracharya
					Girish P. Pant
					Dr. Badri Raj Pande
Dr. Ravindra P. Rannan Eliya					
Aparnaa Somanathan					
7.	Effects of Low Level Corruptions on the Cost of Production of Agro-processing Enterprises in Nepal	Multidisciplinary	Centre for Economic Development & Administration (CEDA), Tribhuvan University	Nepal	Krishna Prasad PANT
					Dr. Ramesh Chandra Chitrakar
					Sushildd R. Pandey
8.	Impacts of Participatory Extension Program on Productive Efficiency of Farmers	Multidisciplinary	Center for Rural Development and Self-help (CRDS)	Nepal	Mr. Ratna Kumar Jha
					Mr. Laxmi Nath Gyawali
					Mr. Adhrit Prasad Regmi
					Mr. Abhaya Ghimire
9.	Governance and Economics of Urban Water Transfer: A case study of Melamchi Intersectoral Water Transfer Project in Nepal.	Economics	Center for Policy Analysis and Development.	Nepal	Dr. Ghapagain ,Devendra Prasad , Dr. Janardan Khatri-Chhetri
			International Water Management Institute		Dr. Dhurba Pant

Upcoming Events

2007 Calendar

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30th-31st March, 2007

Steering Committee Meeting,
PC Lahore, Pakistan

31st March, 2007

SANEI-GDN,
Multidisciplinary and Inter-
mediately Research Initiative
(MIR) Seminar
PC Lahore, Pakistan

May, 2007

SANEI IX Call for Proposals

July, 2007

8th Annual Conference of
SANEI

SANEI-VIII

The thematic focus of this round were Financial Sector Reforms and Higher Education .The Request for Proposal was widely advertised among member institutes and South Asian Scholars in all the five countries of the region

Like previous round in eighth round, SANEI opened up the competition to all branches of social sciences. The thematic focus of the proposals were as follows

- Financial Sector Reforms
- Higher Education.

The request for proposals was widely advertised among member institutes and South Asian scholars in all the five countries of the region.

As a result of SANEI VIII call for proposals 42 proposals were received. Out of these, 15 proposals were from Nepal, 14 from Pakistan, 9 from India, 2

from Sri Lanka, 1 from Bangladesh and 1 was collaborative in nature.

The proposals were allotted to the RAP members by the chairman SANEI for review and comments.

12 proposals have been finalized for the funding under SANEI VIII. 5 studies are from Nepal, 3 from India, 3 from Pakistan, 1 from Sri Lanka. The agreements have been dispatched to the researchers.

Comments were sent to the non-awardees of the VIII round for the improvement of the research study in the light of suggestions and remarks made by the RAP members.



Launching of the South Asian Regional Window

Effective January 2007, this window is produced in Pakistan by the South Asia Network of Economic research Institutes (SANEI) in partnership with GDN.

The window provides international researchers, policy makers, international agencies and donors with access to a broad range of resources from the region, links to colleagues, a means to promote their research to a regional and global audience and research news about conferences, jobs, calls for papers and funding information. www.gdnet.org/middle.php
The South Asia region window covers the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. It provides a link between the regional focus of SANEI and the global focus of GDN.

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