

International Research Partnerships in South Asia

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INTRODUCTION

The International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA) and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) has planned a webinar on international research partnerships.

The last few decades have seen a growth in North-South research partnerships, mainly in the context of research programs funded by Northern governments and global research institutions. The nature of these partnerships varies. There are many occasions of partnerships that have evolved through time and are based on mutual respect, including institutional development and long-term partnerships. However, there are also many occasions where partnerships are introduced because they are compulsory as a condition for funding, or because of instrumental reasons, such as ensuring technical assistance and cheap data collection.

A commitment drafted by scholars of the World Humanitarian Summit stated: "We commit to localize humanitarian research and education within the regions

and communities affected by emergencies by recognizing, establishing, supporting and collaborating with research and educational institutions in crisis-affected areas. Member states should work to remove political, regulatory, and financial barriers that impede research and prevent the development of research institutions in crisis-affected areas."

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the webinar is to create a platform for local researchers to share their perspectives of North-South research collaborations and/or their lived experiences in conducting research locally. Issues to be discussed include:

- Terms of collaboration and agenda setting
- Different types of knowledge and methodologies
- Ownership of data
- Access to opportunities for publications

Agenda

- 16:00 to 16:10** Welcoming Participants and Experts; Sharing Objectives of the Webinar **by Mr. Kshitij Gupta, India**
- 16:00 to 16:30** Keynote Address: International Research Partnerships **by Dr. Dorothea Hilhorst, The Netherlands**
- 16:30 to 17:30** Panel Discussion: Key Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities **Chaired by Maj. Gen. Mr. M.K. Bindal, India**
Bangladesh - Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen; India - Prof. D. Parthasarathy;
Nepal - Dr. Rejina Maskey Byanju; Pakistan - Dr. Mariam Chughtai; Sri Lanka - Dr. Vagisha Gunasekara
- 17:30 to 17:50** Question, Answer and Discussions **by All**
- 17:50 to 17:55** Conclusion and Way Ahead **by Mr. Mihir R. Bhatt, India**
- 17:55 to 18:00** Vote of Thanks **by Mr. Mehul Pandya, India**