



Environmental Water Security: Sharing Experiences and Way Forward

Technical Workshop Summary

What are the means through which environmental water security can be achieved? During this session, participants shared and discussed concepts, ideas and practices from the region and beyond that aim to protect water resources as well as the ecosystems that depend on them. Speaker Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, emphasized the importance of the four human dimensions of water resources management: pollution, power, profit and politics. Speaker Elizabeth Khaka of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) presented UNEP's work towards the creation of a global water quality standard, while Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika of Jamia Millia Islamia, India, elaborated on the political and cultural considerations of in establishing water security in South Asia. Presenters Bushra Nishat of IUCN and Dr Yatsuke Kataoka of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies provided perspectives on trans-boundary water security and groundwater management, respectively. An ensuing floor discussion discussed the necessity of knowledge sharing platforms not just for water resources management data, but stakeholders as well.