

India-Pakistan Water Dialogue

The India-Pakistan Water Dialogue is a continuation of CDR's previous efforts aimed at evolving a consensus among Indian and Pakistani stakeholders, drawn from varied segments of society, on myriad issues related to the impact of climate change on this region and issues related to water in the Indus Basin. The objective is to expand the discussion on the scope of bilateral cooperation. As the Indus basin spans across India and Pakistan, its environmental problems are also shared by both countries. By involving environmental experts to draw attention to the most pressing concerns in the region, proposals will be raised on the action that needs to be taken immediately by the governments of both countries. Possibilities of collaboration between non-governmental and academic institutions in this field will also be explored.

The entire basin is highly vulnerable to disasters and the underlying causes of these disasters, cannot be understood by the available data on either side. Therefore, experts in both parts of the basin need to join hands on generating and sharing data so that a holistic understanding of the problem is achieved for developing effective disaster management plans.

The CDR Water Dialogue will take forward the discussion and explore possibilities of cross-border collaborative efforts to conduct basin-wide studies on important aspect of mutual concerns. This can result in exponential benefits across the board, including possibilities of institutional information, expertise sharing, and consultation between upper and lower riparian stakeholders. This will also lead to confidence building.