

# Food Security, Trade & Climate Changes

**S**outh Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) organized an interaction programme on Food security, Trade, and Climate Change in the capital on Friday. Around 50 experts participated from India, Bangladesh, among other countries, in the programme.

According to the experts, the SAARC member countries need to pay more attention to dealing with impacts of global warming and cutting down on emission of carbon gases in developing nations. They also said that Nepal should focus on the changes brought about by global warming and other environmental degradation.

In a two-day programme, experts discussed regional food security among other topics. Climate expert Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir said due to its geographical features, South Asian countries will have to face natural disasters in the coming days. For this, the countries should better prepare themselves with emergency financial plans.

Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director of SAWTEE, said "At a time when the inflation rate is rising and is expected to rise further, we need to work for effective operation of SAARC Food Bank."

Keshav Bhattarai, Secretary at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, said Nepal will highlight environmental problems of the SAARC countries with it assuming leadership of LDC next year.

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