

## Regional Workshop on South Asia Drought Monitoring System, 30-31 January 2017, India



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The second regional workshop on South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS) was held from 30 to 31 January 2017 in New Delhi, India. Experts representing key South Asian agencies – Departments of Meteorology, Agriculture, Irrigation, and Disaster Management, practitioners and researchers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated the workshop and discussed ways of using satellite remote sensing data and ICT for drought monitoring, and develop mitigation strategies in South Asia. The newly launched online SADMS portal was demonstrated at the workshop. The SADMS is expected to provide near-real information of drought onset and progression helping decision makers respond in time. The interactive SADMS online portal, <http://dms.iwmi.org/>, would help in data sharing and viewing of all available drought and related maps for the entire region instantly.

GWP SAS, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), CGIAR Research Programme on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) and Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) jointly organised the workshop. The co-organisers were Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), India Water Partnership (IWP), International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited (WAPCOS) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

The workshop provided an exclusive platform for enhanced interaction between water and the climate community within South Asia region with the objective of making best use of the SADMS.

GWP, IWMI and WMO are inviting interested parties for tri-partied agreements to ensure the sustainability of the product. This includes application products, fund raising, proposal development, hosting the SADMS at the regional level in the medium and long term and wider communication outreach etc.

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