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Saarc, SACEP signs MoU on environment protection

ISLAMABAD: The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) on Friday signed an MoU with South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) in the area of environment protection.

The MoU was signed by Secretary General Saarc QAMA Rahim and Director General SACEP Mahboob Elahi in line with the decisions taken by the Saarc's council of ministers and the ministers of environment, and the governing council and consultative committee of the SACEP.

The MoU will constitute a framework of cooperation between the Saarc and the SACEP in the area of environment protection consistent with the Saarc Charter and the mandate of the SACEP.

It provides for the two organisations to cooperate and develop mutually supportive arrangements to implement their respective environmental programmes and action plans, says a press release.

The two will also exchange information on the state of the global and regional environment and emerging environmental issues, collaborating in producing studies and reports on priority concerns in the field of environment and strengthening capacity for effectively addressing global, regional and national environmental concerns. South Asia region, with its increasing population and expanding economies, is facing a myriad problem in safeguarding its natural resource base.

The framework of cooperation between the Saarc and the SACEP reflects the vision of the region to face the challenge of sustainable development. It is also a realisation of the importance of capitalising on the separate strengths of the two organisations to address the environmental issues.



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