

The role of SAARC towards global warming

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Global warming is the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's near-surface air and oceans. Increasing global temperature will cause sea level to rise and expected to increase the intensity of extreme weather events and to change the amount and pattern of precipitation. Other effects of global warming include changes in Agricultural yields, trade routes, glacier retreat, species extinctions and increases in the range of disease vectors. The SAARC organization is established in South Asia. It's well known that today specially Maldives and Bangladesh are getting closer to become victims of Climate change issue. For instance frequent natural disasters and the return of diseases previously eradicated in Bangladesh are the results of global warming. According to this study SAARC organization is identified as a special Organization in South Asia which can contribute in overcoming those issues. Although international conventions and protocols were ratified to minimize the climate change hazards in global level, regional Organizations such as SAARC are still in their infancy in addressing regional Cooperation. Thus the objective of the study is to identify possible reforms in the Organization in countering and minimizing the heavy damage causing by the developed countries, and to find out means of building a Cooperation towards the issue. The study used qualitative method of data collection. Primary data were obtained through structured interviews from recognized people while secondary data were collected through books, magazines, internet etc.

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