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"South Asia and the Future of Pro-People Development: The Centrality of Social Justice and Equality"

26 September, 2017, Institute of Social Science, The Hague, the Netherlands.

17:00 Welcome by ISS Rector Inge Hutter

17:15 Introduction to SAAPE, its major campaigns and the Poverty Report-
Netra Prasad Timsina- Regional Coordinator of SAAPE

17:30 Critical Issues in the Poverty Report- Shobha Raghuram, Founder of SAAPE and Member of the Advisory Committee of the Centre for Child and the Law, National Law University of India, Bangalore.

17:45 Discussion, Moderated by Wendy Harcourt, ISS

18:00 Presentation of the Report to the Rector, Inge Hutter, Wendy Harcourt and Amrita Chhachhi

18:05 Vote of Thanks

Bio Note of External Speakers

Netra Prasad Timsina, Nepal

Netra Prasad Timsina is a human rights activist from Nepal and has been engaged in social and political freedom movements since 1980s. He was actively engaged in mobilizing the civil society organization in *Janaandolan II* (people's movement) of Nepal in 2005-2006 to restore democracy and freedom. He also coordinates People's SAARC, a common platform for peoples of South Asia with a secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal. Currently he is a regional coordinator of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) - a regional network of South Asian Countries comprised of academics, civil society organizations, women, labour and peasant movements, peace activists and grassroots based organizations. He also adjunct professor at the University of Nepal, teaching on public policy. He holds a PhD degree from the University of Reading, United Kingdom in political economy of natural resource management.

Shobha Raghuram, India

Shobha is an independent researcher. She works extensively with public interest organizations. Shobha was Director of Hivos India Regional Office. She was a Member of the Policy Advisory Committee of NWO, the Netherlands. She is Founder Member of SAAPE. She serves on the Ethics Committees of the Indian Institute of Technology IIT, Chennai, and the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Centre for Child and the Law, at the National Law University of India, Bangalore. Her research interests include development policies, institutional development and governance, the role of development aid and civil society, livelihood concerns and ethics in public life. She assists organizations involved in social development to develop their lobby and advocacy potential, she supports agencies in their public profiling, supports strengthening their internal capabilities in public interventions, and provides advice for overall governance structures to be strengthened internally.