

Join us for a discussion about how to reduce the impact of climate-worsened floods in Asia.

About this Event

As seas rise and rain becomes more intense, flooding is becoming an even more serious challenge around the world, including in Asia, where Pakistan, India, China, Indonesia and other countries have all experienced intense floods in recent years. Drawing on case studies from different regions of Asia, this year's Ramanathan Climate Conversation will explore the impacts of climate change on flooding from rain, rivers, and seas, and will discuss approaches that can mitigate the damage—such as coastal and floodplain restoration, construction of spillways, and modifications to the built environment. **Carolyn Beeler** (The World) will moderate the conversation with **Aditi Mukherji** (CGIAR) and **Nguyen Huu Thien** (freelance ecologist).

The webinar will be webcast on this page on **Tuesday, October 31 from 10:00-11:15am EDT (UTC-4)**. Closed captioning will be provided. The conversation will include questions from the audience and will be recorded and available to view on the page after the event.

Recognizing that climate change is a global challenge that requires global solutions, *Climate Conversations: Pathways to Action* webinars on *Climate Sustainability in South and East Asia* in honor of V. Ramanathan focus on Asia while aiming to identify pathways to action relevant to viewers and policymakers around the world. They are annual webinars in honor of National Academy of Sciences member Veerabhadran “Ram” Ramanathan, are made possible through generous support provided by Sunanda Basu, and are part of the [Climate Conversations: Pathways to Action](#) monthly webinar series, which aims to convene high-level, cross-cutting, nonpartisan conversations about issues relevant to policy action on climate change.

Participant Bios

Carolyn Beeler is Environment Correspondent and Editor for The World, a daily international radio news show heard by more than 3 million listeners across the U.S. each week. She reports and edits stories focused on the people and places most impacted by climate change, and what they're doing to address it. She has reported from all seven continents and won national and regional awards for her breaking news and in-depth feature reporting.

Aditi Mukherji is Director of the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Impact Area Platform at the CGIAR. Aditi has been an author on the latest round of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change assessments (AR6), including as a core writing team member of the IPCC Synthesis Report published in March 2023. Aditi was previously a Principal Researcher at the International Water Management Institute (2019-2023) and Theme Leader (Water and Air) at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in Nepal (2013-2018).

Nguyen Huu Thien is a freelance consultant with over 30 years of experience working on issues of climate change, natural resources management, wetland biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods in Southeast Asia. Thien currently specializes in the Mekong Delta area of Vietnam, where he works with local community leaders to address local climate challenges as well as bridges the gap between policy makers and researchers to promote science-based policy making at regional and national levels.

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