



Press Release
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YES SAARC Country Network formed

Hyderabad, December 18, 2003: With the following aims and objectives the YES SAARC Country Network has been formed today which was formally announced by the Hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. Chandrababu Naidu at the closing ceremony of the YES Hyderabad Regional Forum held during 14-18 December 2003 in Hyderabad:

1. Development of collaborative projects related to Employability, Employment Creation, Equity, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Sustainability and Empowerment of the youth.
2. Information and materials exchange, exchange visits, training programs and workshops, jointly hosted events, international business networking, mutual promotion and fund raising for projects and the like.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed by the 7(seven) country coordinators of the SAARC Region namely Mr. Dulal Biswas of Bangladesh, Mr. Praveen Kumar of India, Mr. Parvej Tufail of Pakistan, Mr. Sudyumna Dahal of Nepal, Mr. Ahmed Asbaab of Maldives, Ms. Wangmou of Bhutan and Mr. Nimal of Sri Lanka.

It was agreed by the country coordinators that a SAARC Forum will be organized very soon to set the plan of action for coming years.

Dulal Biswas
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