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## Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program RMAP RESEARCH SEMINAR

### GENDER INCLUSIVE IWRM IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH: THE SOUTH ASIA 'CROSSING BOUNDARIES' PROJECT

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This presentation documents the approaches, outputs and outcomes of an initiative called the Crossing Boundaries Project; currently underway in four countries focusing on education, impact oriented research, networking and advocacy as a combined effort to contribute to a paradigm shift in water resources management in South Asia. This presentation will share experiences from regional, collaborative, partnership-based capacity-building initiatives undertaken by the project.



The Crossing Boundaries Project builds capacity of water professionals in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) through higher education, innovation and social learning focused research for gender and water. It was implemented by partner institutions in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and is coordinated by the South Asian Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies (SaciWATERS) in India and the Irrigation and Water Engineering group at Wageningen University. The project focus is on longer duration education input, as opposed to short term training, shaping attitudes and perceptions, and teaching the skills of interdisciplinary and more comprehensive analysis and intervention. The experience shows that with limited funds large impacts can be achieved and the issue of gender can be addressed in IWRM through planned capacity building programme in South Asian context.

Bio: Anjal obtained his PhD in Social Sciences from Wageningen University and Research Center, The Netherlands. Anjal has worked extensively on the issues of ground water management, gender, natural resource management and water supply and sanitation in India. He has worked with the policy team of Water Aid India based at New Delhi handling research and implementation projects related to IWRM. He has contributed many papers in leading journals and chapters in edited books. His book *The Dark Zone: Groundwater Irrigation, Politics and Social Power in North Gujarat* was published by Orient Longman. He has also jointly edited a book titled *Interlacing Water and Human Health: Case Studies from South Asia* (Sage).

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