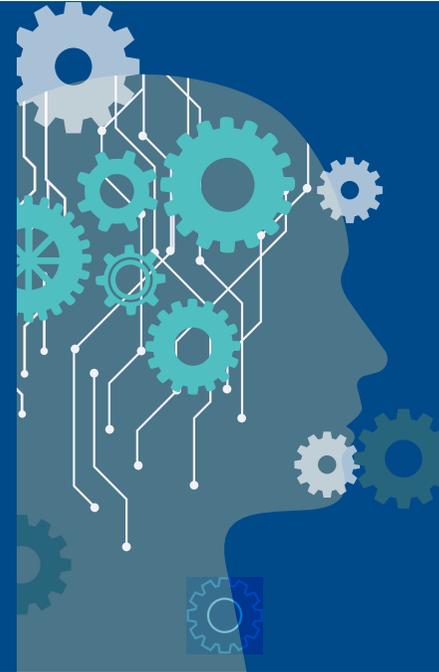




# South Asia Economic Summit (SAES XII)

## Shaping South Asia's Future in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)



**26 - 27 September 2019**  
**Colombo, Sri Lanka**

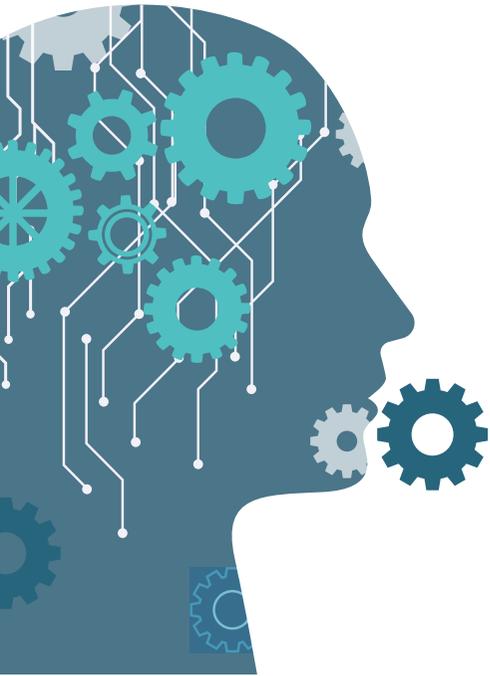
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# What Is South Asia Economic Summit?

South Asian Economic Summit (SAES) was launched in 2008. To date, 11 Summits have been held each year in the capitals of South Asian countries.

The Summit has provided a regional platform for discussing and debating socio-economic challenges facing the region. SAES also aims to foster and develop regional integration and co-operation among the South Asian countries. Each year, the SAES brings together stakeholders from the government, private sector, research/academic community, donors and civil society from within and outside the region with an interest in South Asia. SAES has evolved into one of the most looked-forward to events in South Asia.

The Initiative has been led by five prominent South Asian think tanks which have taken turns in organising and hosting the annual event in one of the SAARC nations on a rotating basis.



Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh



Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India



Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan

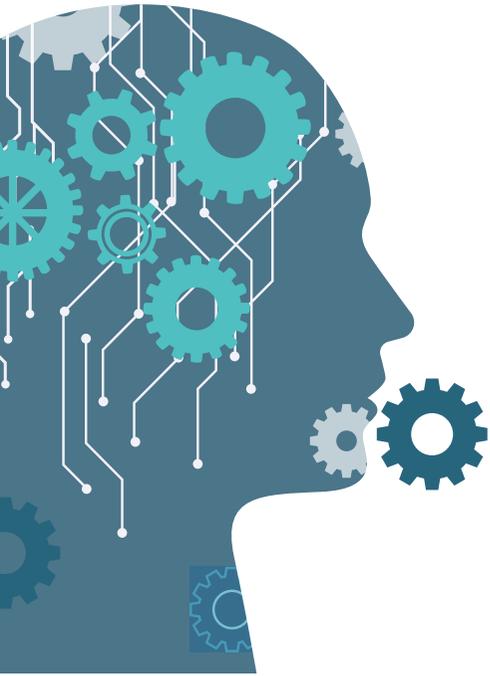


South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal



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# Focus Of SAES XII



**SAES XII is organised in Colombo, Sri Lanka by the IPS. It will held on 26-27 September 2019, at Hilton, Colombo, focusing on the theme of *Shaping South Asia's Future in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)*.**

**For South Asia, as in many other developing country regions, the benefits and pitfalls of 4IR are significant. On the one hand, the 4IR may allow countries to leapfrog development stages. Those with better established manufacturing bases or with resources to invest in technologies stand to benefit. On the other hand, technological-driven productivity that drives down costs of production in advanced economies can hasten 'premature' de-industrialisation in the developing world. For many, the threat of human labour displacement by automation is very real.**

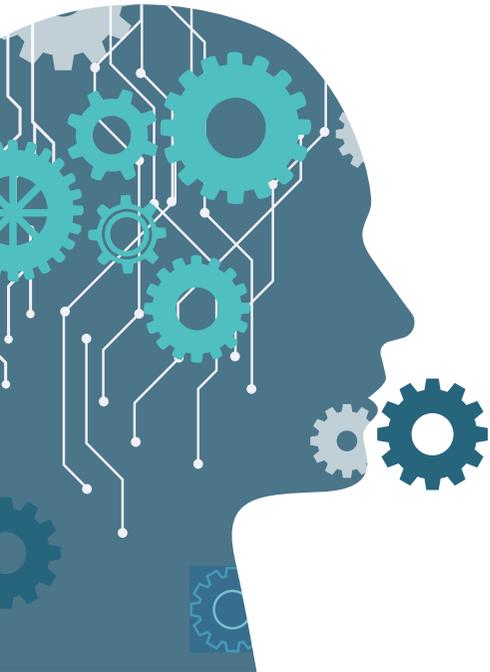
**To this end, the disruption of technology through 4IR presents a watershed moment for South Asia.**

# Who Are We?

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is an autonomous economic research organization, established by an Act of Parliament.

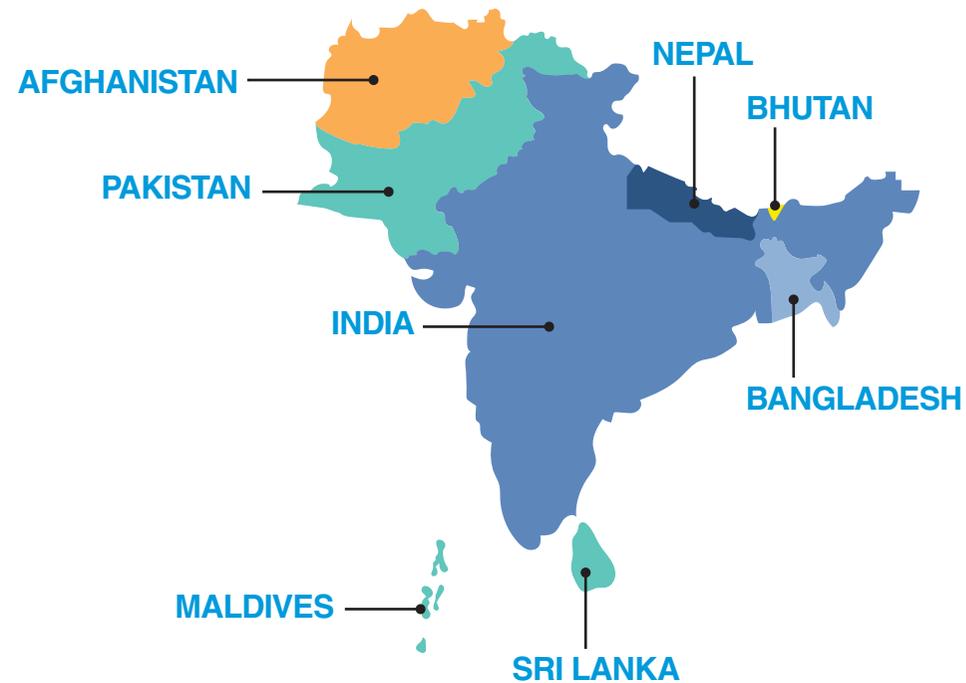
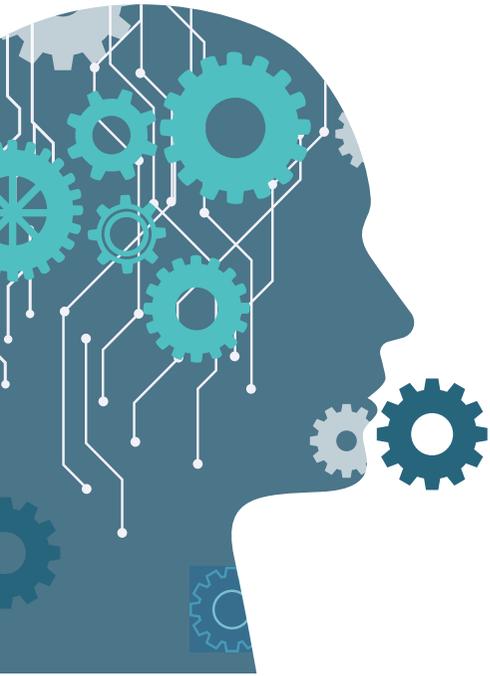
Our mission is to conduct high-quality, independent, policy-relevant research to provide robust evidence for policymaking and improve the lives of all Sri Lankans. Since its formal establishment in 1990, the IPS has come to be recognized as a centre of excellence in economic policy research. An important feature of our research is its coverage of many of the major areas of relevance to current socio-economic policy issues in Sri Lanka and the Asian region.

IPS functions under the key ministries involved in economic policy making and implementation in Sri Lanka, working closely with the government, private sector, development partners, civil society and academia.

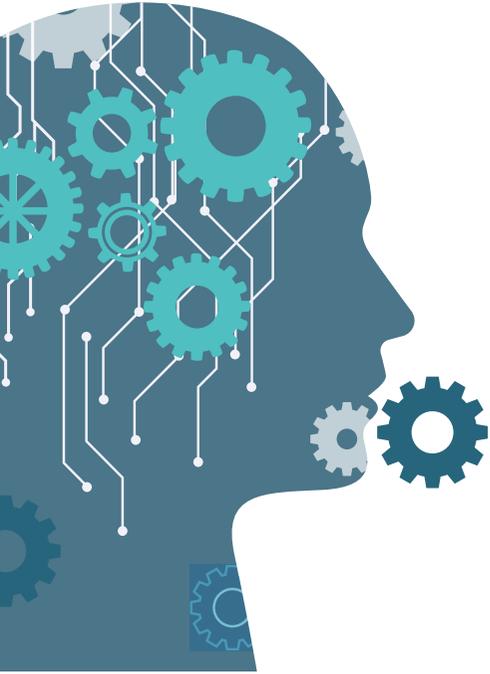


# Global Presence

Invited guests from abroad will include participants from SAES partner institutions, policymakers and experts from SAARC countries as well as experts invited by the co-organisers. They will be joined by high-level representatives from key stakeholder groups in Sri Lanka including policymakers, experts, development partners and the private sector.



# Past SAES



1<sup>st</sup> SAES Colombo, Sri Lanka (2008)



6<sup>th</sup> SEAS Colombo, Sri Lanka (2013)



7<sup>th</sup> SAES New Delhi, India (2014)



9<sup>th</sup> SAES Dhaka, Bangladesh (2016)

# AGENDA

## Plenary I

### South Asia and the 4IR – Supporting Growth and Equity

#### Parallel Sessions A

Providing macroeconomic  
Stability for Growth

Promoting trade  
with 4IR

Harnessing 4IR  
to meet SDGs

Engaging with Business  
and Civil Society in 4IR

Supporting Innovative  
Research- Twenty Years of  
the South Asia Economic  
Journal (SAEJ)

Promoting Collaborative  
South Asian Regional  
Initiatives

## Plenary 2

### Meeting the Challenges in the New World of Work

#### Parallel Sessions B

Gendering the 4IR

Managing Labour  
Migration in the 4IR

Changing the world  
of Work for Youth

## Plenary 3

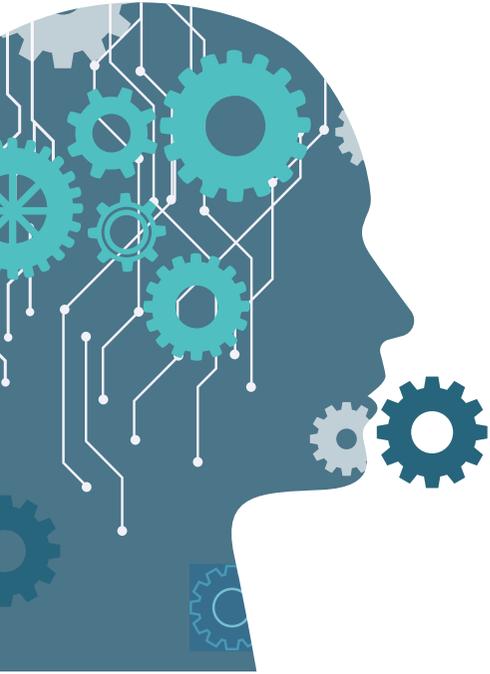
### Promoting Innovation and Disruption

#### Parallel Sessions C

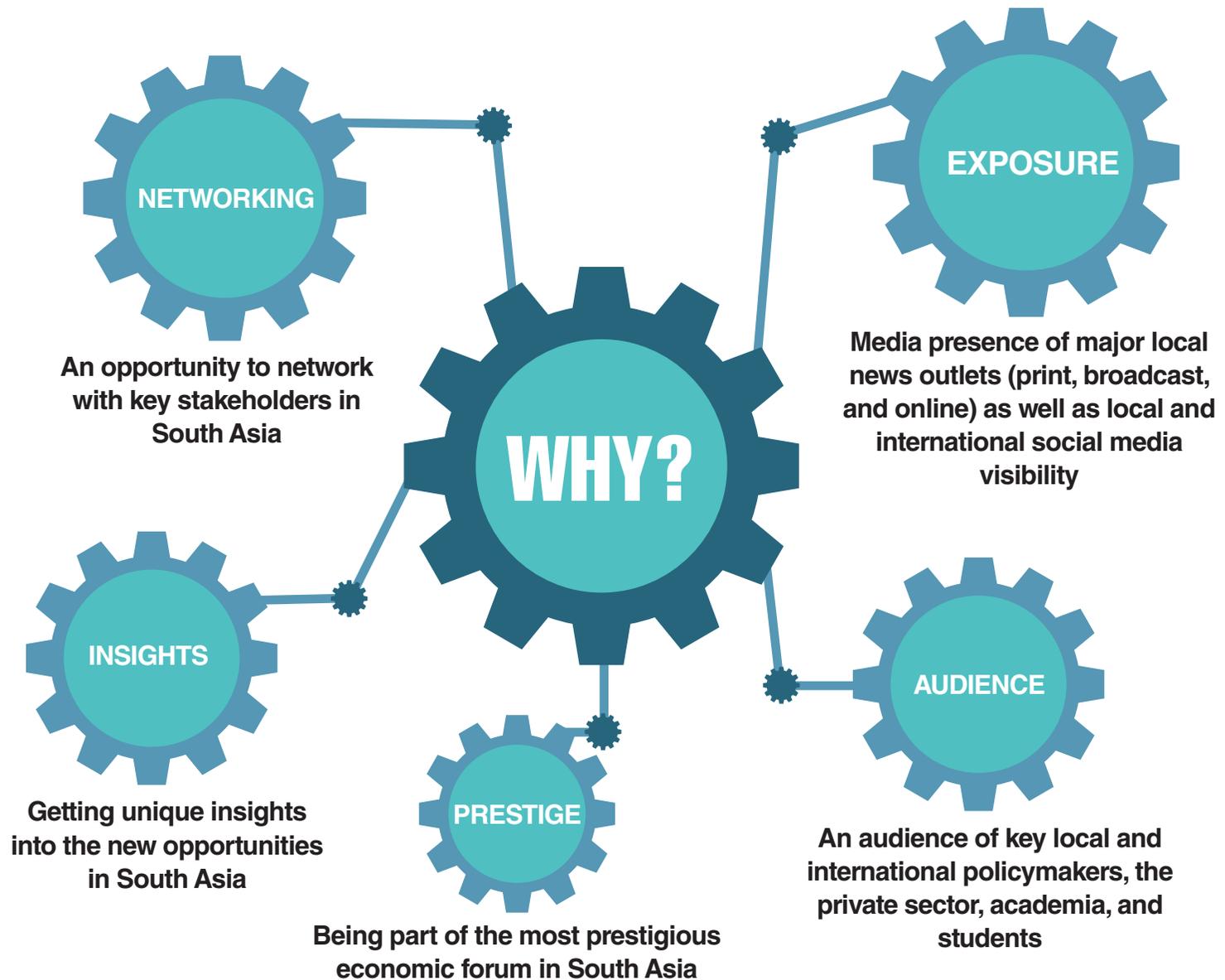
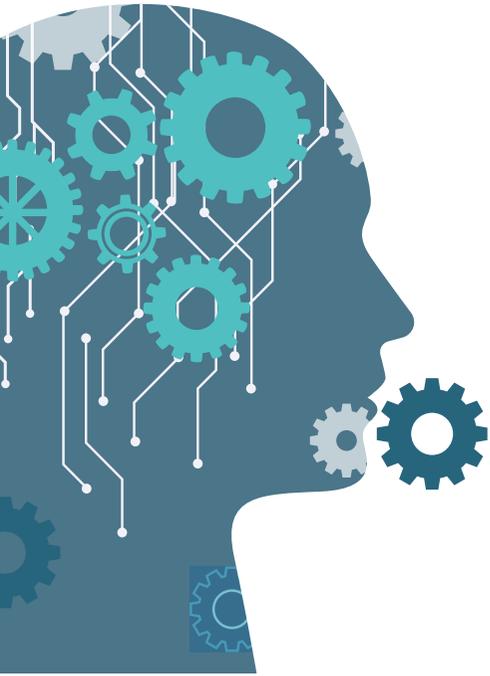
Fostering innovation  
in South Asia

Strengthening  
Governance in the 4IR

Adopting Technology  
for Sustainable Growth



# Benefits Of Partnering



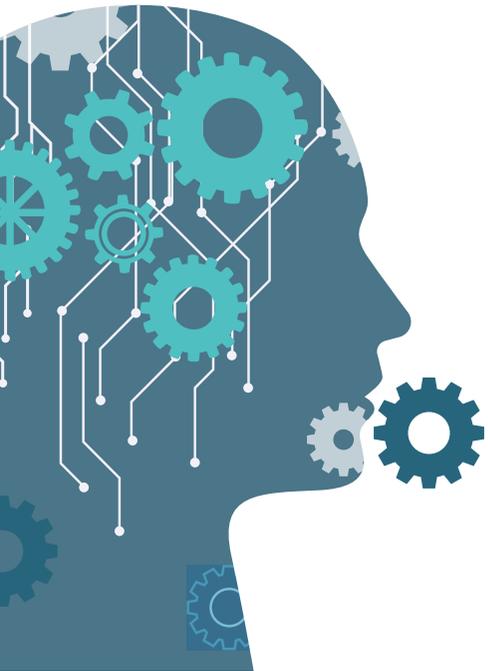
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