

Sagarmatha Dialogue

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Recently Nepal has invited the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan along with several other heads of government and heads of state for the Sagarmatha Sambaad (dialogue)

What is Sagarmatha Sambaad?

- It is a multi-stakeholder, permanent global dialogue forum initiated by the Government of Nepal
- It is a forum to deliberate on the most prominent issues of global, regional and national significance
- The Sambaad (dialogue) is named after the world's tallest mountain Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) which is also a symbol of friendship
- **The main objectives of the first edition of the Sambaad are to forge a common consensus among countries on the impending climate crisis and encourage political leaders to mobilise their political willpower to tackle its menace.**
- It also hopes to create awareness among participants and the world about the direct relation that exists between climate change and mountain ecology.

Key points

- The first edition of the 'Sagarmatha Sambaad' is scheduled to be held from April 2 to 4 on the **theme "Climate Change, Mountains and the Future of Humanity"**
- The first-ever multi-stakeholder dialogue event is expected to be the biggest diplomatic initiative in Nepal's recent history that **will be attended by many global figures apart from the leaders of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**
- The dialogue would make an effort to promote and demonstrate its resolve to make it a welcoming ground

for all stakeholders for impartial, transparent, open discussion and free flow of thoughts and ideas, officials said.

- To be held every biennially, the Sambaad hopes to draw global leaders, including heads of state/government, parliamentarians, policymakers, leaders from the inter-governmental organizations, the private sector, the civil society, think tanks, women and the media to discuss on the ways of cooperation, exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences on prominent global issues.