



17TH SOUTH ASIAN MANAGEMENT FORUM

Resilient Leadership and Innovation: Navigating South Asia's Dynamic Governance Landscape

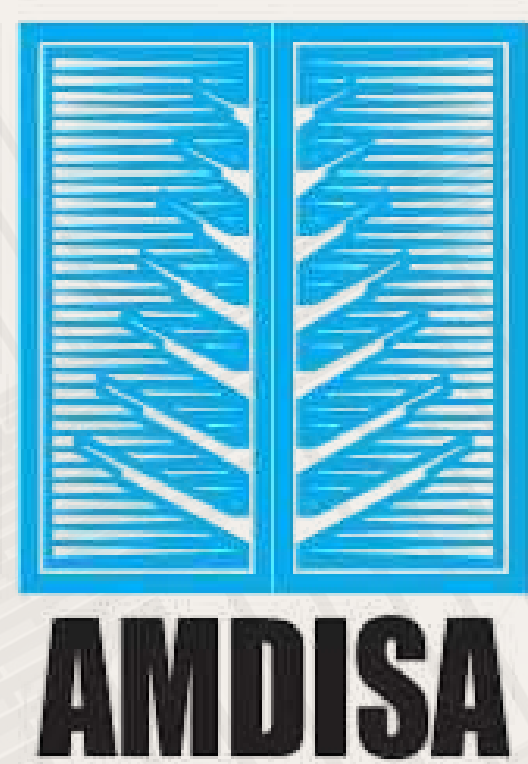
11TH – 12TH MAY, 2026

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Thimphu, Bhutan



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INTRODUCTION

The South Asian Management Forum (SAMF) is a biennial conference organized by the Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA). It brings together academicians, management experts, scholars, business leaders, policy-makers, and administrators from across South Asia and beyond to exchange insights, share research, and discuss emerging trends in management, governance, and development. The 17th SAMF will be hosted by the Royal Institute of Management (RIM), Thimphu, Bhutan, on the theme “*Resilient Leadership and Innovation: Navigating South Asia’s Dynamic Governance Landscape*.” The previous forum was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh (2021) on the theme “*Impact of Pandemic on Business and Management: Strategies for Sustainability and Growth*”. Through plenary and concurrent sessions, SAMF promotes dialogue and collaboration, generating actionable strategies for advancing management and governance .

CONFERENCE THEME

The Royal Institute of Management (RIM), Thimphu, Bhutan, is pleased to announce the 17th South Asian Management Forum (SAMF) on the theme “*Resilient Leadership and Innovation: Navigating South Asia’s Dynamic Governance Landscape*,” to be held on 11th - 12th May 2026.

South Asia is at a pivotal moment. Shaped by technological transformation, economic volatility, and global uncertainties, the ability of organizations to remain resilient while fostering innovation has become vital for success. This conference explores how adaptive leadership and innovative cultures enable agility, inclusiveness, and foresight in times of disruption. From digital startups to legacy enterprises, the shared imperative is to innovate not just products, but systems and mindsets. By convening scholars, policymakers, and business leaders, the Forum seeks to build cross-sectoral collaboration and actionable insights for shaping a more responsive, inclusive, and future-ready South Asia.

Conference Sub-Themes are:

- Leadership, Ethics, and Institutional Resilience in Uncertain Times
- Governance, Innovation, and Public Value Creation in the Digital Era
- People, Learning, and Organizational Transformation
- Entrepreneurship, Inclusion, and Sustainable Development
- Regional Cooperation, Policy Learning, and Future Governance Pathways

PAPER SUBMISSION AND PARTICIPATION

Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) as organiser and Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu, Bhutan as host, are pleased to invite you to register and participate in the 17th South Asian Management Forum 2026. The Forum aims to provide a platform to bring together academicians, scholars, practicing managers and students of management and business to exchange views and experiences on the conference theme.

Papers are invited on all management topics with relevance to the conference theme. Priority will be given to papers focusing on management issues. For details, please see ‘*Call for Papers*’.

Publication Opportunities

Papers submitted to the conference by paper writers registering for the conference will be reviewed. Papers accepted after review will be published in the Forum Proceedings and a soft copy of the same will be supplied.

Important Dates

Timeline Milestones	Dates
Submission of abstract of the paper	15 th December, 2025
Abstract acceptance notification	31 st December, 2025
Submission of final paper	1 st February, 2026
Final paper acceptance notification	14 th March, 2026
Last date for registration*	20 th April, 2026

*An additional late fee of USD 50 will apply to payments made after 20th April 2026.

Registration Fees

The registration fee covers lunch, dinner, snacks, conference materials (on the days of conference) and soft copy of Forum Proceedings.

Participant Category	Fees
1. AMDISA Member Institutions	
a) Delegates	100 US \$
b) Research Scholars/Students	50 US \$
2. Non-AMDISA Member Institutions	
a) Delegates	150 US \$
b) Research Scholars/Students	75 US \$
3. From Bhutan	
a) Research Scholars/Students	1000 BTN
b) Academicians/Faculty Members	2000 BTN
c) Corporate Professionals/Others	3000 BTN

REGISTRATION

Participants will be required to fill the Registration Form online by clicking the following link:
<https://amdisa.org/17th-samf/registration/>

MODE OF PAYMENT

- Relevant registration fee, as specified above, may be paid as per the invoice to be sent on receiving the registration form.
- There is no provision for refund or cancellation of registration.

HOTEL AND ACCOMODATION

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For information on AMDISA and RIM, please visit their respective websites at www.amdisa.org and www.rim.edu.bt. For more information about the conference, please contact either of the following:



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