

Disaster Dialogue on Flood Risk Management

Dr. Divas B Basnyat, Lead, Water and Climate Program of NDRI, moderated a panel discussion on “Flood Risk Assessment” as part of the “Disaster Dialogue” organized by National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) on 3 July 2023. The panelists included Prof. Dr. Hari Krishna Shrestha of Nepal Engineering College, Prof. Dr. Vishnu Pandey of Institute of Engineering, Mr. Kamal Ram Joshi, Director General of Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, and Dr. Dilip Gautam, Former Program Advisor at Regional Integrated Multi-hazard Early warning Systems. The session was chaired by Mr. Anil Pokhrel, CEO of NDRRMA.



The discussion recommended preparation of a “National Standard” on flood risk assessment considering requirements of assessment at different scales, purposes and objectives. The standard shall cover the approaches and tools available, required data and its resolution, and a common format of outputs. Lack of data on flood vulnerability was identified as a constraint. The event was attended by experts and national stakeholders related to flood risk management.

Consultation Meeting with CSOs on Women, Youths and Marginalized Group Issues

On July 7 2023, The National Democratic Institute (NDI) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) jointly organized a Consultation Meeting with CSOs on Women, Youths and Marginalized Group Issues at the NDI Nepal Office. The meeting focused on addressing issues concerning women, youths, and marginalized groups. Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, Senior Research Specialist (Livelihood and Gender), NDRI represented in the meeting.

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During the event, participants were warmly welcomed, to facilitate networking and collaboration. An overview of the meeting's purpose was provided, emphasizing the significance of engaging these groups in democratic processes.

The plenary discussion centered on identifying the needs and interests related to research and analysis, technical expertise, advocacy and awareness, and legislative processes. The goal was to understand how these areas could better engage women, youths, and marginalized groups in democratic processes.

The meeting also highlighted various organizational experiences and support mechanisms that have been employed in the past. Attendees shared their expertise in research and analysis, technical expertise, advocacy and awareness initiatives, and legislative processes. These experiences aimed to determine potential areas where further support could be provided.

It was a fruitful platform for exchanging ideas and experiences on engaging women, youths, and marginalized groups in democratic processes.

JUAAN Golden Jubilee Celebration

On 7 July 2023, NDRI Executive Director Dr. Shankar Shrestha and NDRI Senior Research Specialists Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai, Dr. Krishna Pahari, Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung and Dr. Rabita Shrestha Mulmi participated in the Golden Jubilee (50th Anniversary) Celebration of Japanese Universities Alumni Association, Nepal (JUAAN).



The event featured speech from TOYOTA Nepal as a successful example of Nepal-Japan friendship. Similarly, a book by Mr. Harendra Bikas Barua entitled “Friendship and Spiritual Link with the people of Japan” was unveiled on this occasion. The event was graced by the presence of HE Mr. Kikuta Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal as the Chief Guest and Mr. Chiri Babu Maharjan, Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) as the Guest of Honor. The LMC Mayor welcomed the idea of JUAAN for Sakura (Japan’s national flower) plantation along the corridor of Bagmati River which is starting from the next week and promised to provide space and ensure its growth to make a beautiful LMC.

Kivu International Visit to Nepal

Kivu International's Economic Advisor, Olivia Stevens, and Interim Finance and Operations Manager, Andrew Ormerod, held productive meetings in Nepal for the Tobacco Control Program (TCP). The main objective of the visit was to focus on the finalization of the National Survey tools and methods for the TCP. Recognizing the significance of accurate data in formulating effective tobacco control strategies, the team strived to refine and optimize the survey instruments.



The survey is scheduled for September and October 2023. The team will finalize the work plan for the rest of the times of TCP-II.

Proposal Submission of the Week

- ❖ WHH-Conducting Study on the Effectiveness of WHH's 'Nutrition Camp' approach to prevent acute malnutrition in Nepal
- ❖ Swisscontact- Impact assessment of Nepal Agricultural Market Development Programme (NAMDP)

Interesting News!

Economic lessons from Rwanda

<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2023/07/04/economic-lessons-from-rwanda>

Didn't quite work out

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Thought of the week

“Before anything else,
preparation is the key
to success.”

— Alexander Graham Bell

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