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20th NDRI Annual General Meeting

Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) organized its 20th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at the Square Hotel, Pulchowk celebrating the completion of 20 years of active service as a policy research institute. The event brought together the



members, dedicated staff, and distinguished guests with expertise from various fields. Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, President of NDRI chaired the session, and Ms. Ashma Aryal, Outreach and Communication Officer of NDRI served as the Master of Ceremony for the event. The program commenced with the Welcome Remarks by Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, Secretary of NDRI. A comprehensive overview of the projects and initiatives conducted throughout the year was presented by Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director of NDRI. The Unveiling of the Annual Report 2022/23 was done by Prof. Dr. Madhav P. Pokharel, Senior Research Specialist and Lifetime member of NDRI. The event featured Prof. Dr. Ram Manohar Shrestha, Professor Emeritus AIT; Dr. Arjun Karki, Chair of the University of Nepal Development Board; and Er. Ganesh Shah, Former Minister of Environment, Science and Technology; as special guests who shared their valuable words of wisdom and suggestions. The constructive feedback and advice from the experts provided encouragement to NDRI, contributing to the ongoing commitment of NDRI to excellence in research and development. The open session of

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE 2080-82 !!**

President: Dr. Krishna Pahari
Vice President: Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai
General Secretary: Dr. Manjeshwori Singh
Secretary: Dr. Rudra Suwal
Treasurer: Dr. Rabita Shrestha Mulmi
Member: Dr. Divas B. Basnyat
Member: Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung

the Annual General Meeting was concluded by the Chair. The 2nd half of the event was a closed session that consisted of the NDRI members only where the new executive committee was elected.



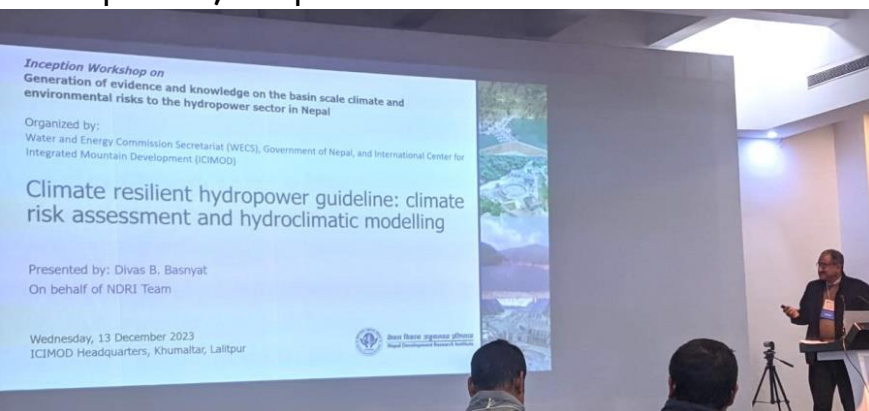
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Inception Workshop: Generation of Evidence and Knowledge on the Basin Scale Climate and Environmental Risks to the Hydropower Sector in Nepal.

On December 13, 2023, Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead of the Water and Climate Program at NDRI, delivered a presentation on the topic "Climate Resilient Hydropower Guideline through Climate Risk Assessment and Hydroclimatic Modeling" on a one-day inception workshop on "Green Energy Management for Mountain Economies in Nepal-GEM-NEPAL" at ICIMOD headquarters, Lalitpur.



The workshop was jointly organized by the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS), Government of Nepal, and ICIMOD at ICIMOD headquarters, Lalitpur. The goal of the workshop was to generate and disseminate evidence and knowledge to support effective decision-making, policy formulation, and adoption of solutions to strengthen the management of the hydropower energy sector and inclusive mountain economies in Nepal. Additionally, Research Associates Mr. Girish Raj Lamsal, Ms. Sunita Magar, Mr. Saroj Bhattarai, Mr. Rupesh Baniya, Mr. Samyog Bhandari, and Mr. Rajendra K. Shrestha actively participated in the workshop. Furthermore, representatives from NMB Bank, International Hydropower Association (IHA), Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), IPPAN, NDRRMA, MoEWRI also took part in the workshop.

Thought-provoking News

Nepal's climate-gender nexus
<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2023/12/16/nepal-s-climate-gender-nexus>

Recharging groundwater
<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2023/12/16/recharging-groundwater>

Nations strike a deal at COP28 to transition away from fossil fuels
<https://kathmandupost.com/climate-environment/2023/12/13/nations-strike-deal-at-cop28-to-transition-away-from-fossil-fuelsa>

Thought of the Week

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."

– Maya Angelou

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