

NEWSLETTER

25th December to 31st December

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ILO Project Workshop

A consultative meeting on "Management of the informal sector" took place on December 27, 2023, at Basera Boutique Hotel. The meeting was called by Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security (MoLESS) and organized by NDRI and International Labour Organization (ILO). The participants included representatives from ILO, MoLESS, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), Joint Trade Union Coordination Centre (JTUCC), Social Security Fund (SSF), and the National Planning Commission (NPC). During the meeting, NDRI presented a progress update on the project titled "Mapping and Review of Enterprise Registration, Renewal Process, Practices of Existing Policy Incentives in Nepal." The NDRI representatives included Mr. Rajendra Khatri, Ms. Shreya Bajimaya, Ms. Salisha Raila, and Mr. Ganesh Bista.



Congé for Ms. Rojina!



On the 28th of December 2023, NDRI arranged a farewell program to honor the exceptional contributions of Ms. Rojina Haiju, a Research Associate at NDRI. The NDRI family gathered at the office's premises, each member expressing their unique perspectives on their interactions with Ms. Haiju since the day they first met. Warm wishes were extended for her future endeavors amidst a hall filled with laughter, echoing memories and a touch of bittersweet sadness. NDRI expressed profound gratitude for Ms. Haiju's significant contributions and emphasized its commitment to maintaining a familial connection, welcoming her to reconnect anytime in the future.



Welcoming 2024: Reflecting 2023



On the 29th Of December 2023, NDRI members, staff, and guests gathered at NDRI premises for the wonderful New Year 2024 celebration and diary-planner distribution. Dr. Krishna Pahari, President of NDRI chaired the program. As we gathered to celebrate, we shared our reflections on the challenges and triumphs of the past year. The New Year provided an opportunity for each attendee to take a moment and contemplate the lessons learnt, the growth experienced, and the resilience displayed in the face of adversity. These beautifully crafted planners are not merely notebooks; they are companions on our journey, helping us organize our aspirations and dreams for the coming year. Each planner represents a fresh start, a blank canvas waiting to be filled with the stories of our lives. After the formal session the team headed towards Ridi Lounge, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur for a delightful dinner.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the strength and unity within our community. It was heartwarming to witness people coming together to celebrate, support one another, and share in the anticipation of the opportunities that the New Year brings.



Wrapping up the year 2023 with 185th episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD)

The 185th episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) event was held on Friday, December 29th, which featured Dr. Buddi Sagar Poudel, Joint Secretary and Chief of the Climate Change Management Division at the Ministry of Forests and Environment. The focal point of the episode revolved around Nepal's active participation in COP-28 held in Dubai,

Recording is available on our Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/100015759091749/videos/757499309590424/>

shedding light on preparation strategies, key agendas, and the nation's overall contributions to global climate discussions.



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185th Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue

COP-28 Dubai: Nepal's Engagement and Outcomes



Key speaker
Dr. Buddhi Sagar Poudel
Chief of the Climate Change Division

Dr. Buddhi Sagar Poudel is the Joint Secretary and Chief of the Climate Change Management Division at the Ministry of Forests and Environment. In addition to his key role as the national focal point for UNFCCC and IPCC, Poudel has a 20-year background in forestry, specializing in wildlife ecology, forest resource assessment, REDD plus, and climate change. Previously, he held positions as the Director General of the Department of Plant Resources and Chief of the REDD Implementation Center. He earned a PhD in wildlife ecology from Charles Sturt University, Australia, a postgraduate diploma in wildlife management from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, and an M.Sc. Forestry degree from the Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University.

29th December, 2023 | Friday
09:00 AM to 10:00 AM

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Zoom Passcode: 535476

Dr. Poudel provided a comprehensive overview of the preparation phase leading up to COP-28, emphasizing Nepal's commitment to addressing critical issues. The agendas highlighted mountain issues, loss and damage, adaptation strategies, climate finance, and the imperative of inclusiveness in climate policy. During the CPD session, Dr. Poudel delved into the complications of Nepal's engagement at COP-28. He elaborated on the national statement delivered on the global stage, outlining Nepal's attitude on crucial matters. Dr. Poudel provided insights into the outcomes of COP-28 and articulated the nation's vision for the future. He outlined the key takeaways and how Nepal plans to build upon the momentum gained at the conference.

Happy
new year
2024

Cheers to a prosperous and transformative New Year! Wishing you growth, resilience, and sustainable development from all of us at Nepal Development Research Institute.



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Thought-provoking News

Schools in remote areas suffer from teacher crunch

<https://kathmandupost.com/sudurpaschim-province/2024/01/02/schools-in-remote-areas-suffer-from-teacher-crunch>

A Karnali teen who has come of age early

<https://kathmandupost.com/art-culture/2023/12/28/a-karnali-teen-who-has-come-of-age-early>

Thought of the Week

“Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolutions.”

-Kahlil Gibran

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