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NDRI as an Organizing Partner and Presenter at the 30th Annual ISDRS Conference on Sustainable Development Research

The 30th Annual International Conference of the International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) on Sustainable Development Research was held in Nepal from June 11th to 13th, 2024. During the three-day event, participants from across the globe engaged in exchanges and discussions on a wide range of sustainable development topics, such as sustainability and science, education and sustainability, and climate change and energy.



The aim was to provide recommendations for solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The conference served as a global platform for different countries to come together to share efforts undertaken, accomplishments achieved, and to provide solutions on how to achieve the SDGs by 2030. This year, the program was organized by ISDRS in collaboration with the Resources Himalaya Foundation (RHF), Nepal, Mid-West University, Nepal, and Nepal Open University, Nepal. The Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) was also one of the organizing partners for the event.

Rt. Hon'ble Vice President Mr. Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav served as the Chief Guest of the inauguration program. He shared that the commitment to sustainable development is a necessity for the preservation of our planet and the well-being of future generations, calling the event a testimony to our shared commitment to a sustainable future for all.



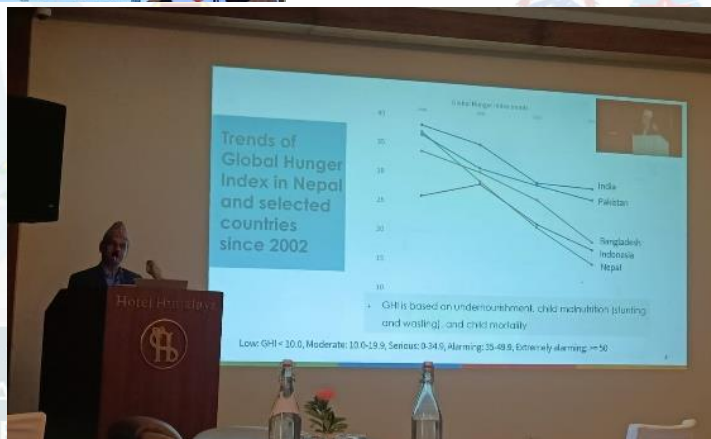
There were 204 presentations delivered by students and scholars from more than 40 countries around the world, based on the ten themes set by ISDRS and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations Conference in 2012. Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director of NDRI also participated in some sessions as an organizing partner.

On the first day of the conference, Ms. Sunita Magar, a Research Associate at NDRI, presented on "Identifying Gaps in Landslide Studies to Expedite Sustainable Development in Nepal."

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On the second day, Ms. Divya Laxmi Subedi, also a Research Associate at NDRI, presented on “Climate Change Impacts on Future Extreme Rainfall: A Study in Nepal, Palestine, and Bangladesh,” and Ms. Ashma Aryal, Outreach and Communication Officer at NDRI, presented on “Understanding the Development Dynamics: A Comparative Study on Nepal and Australia.” Additionally, Ms. Shreya Bajimaya, Senior Research Associate at NDRI, moderated two sessions on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.



On the final (third) day of the conference, Dr. Krishna Pahari, President of NDRI, presented on “Nepal’s Zero Hunger Journey: Challenges and Opportunities.”

Overall, it was an informative program where people from all over the world presented their research findings and worked towards finding a way forward. The three days of the program consisted of formal sessions, presentations, poster presentations, and workshops. The event also provided a valuable networking platform for researchers from around the world.

A Meeting Between NDRI and Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Karnataka, India

On June 13, 2024, a meeting was held between the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) and the Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), India, at NDRI. The meeting was attended by Dr. Rajendra Poddar, Director of WALMI, Dharwad, Karnataka, India and key NDRI representatives including Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director, Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist, Ms. Divya Subedi, Research Associate, and Ms. Sophiya Shrestha, Senior Research Assistant.



Dr. Shankar Shrestha began the meeting by introducing the NDRI, followed by Dr. Rajendra Poddar's comprehensive overview of WALMI. Dr. Poddar detailed WALMI's inception, research interests, and challenges. The meeting explored potential avenues for collaboration between NDRI and WALMI, including the development of joint projects, faculty exchanges, and collaborative events such as international conferences and webinars focused on water and climate issues, among others.

Internship Learning Presentation Highlights Achievements in the Tobacco Control Program

On June 14, 2024 NDRI hosted a Presentation based on the Learnings of the Research Interns, showcasing the experiences and accomplishments of Ms. Subekshya Basnet and Mr. Upendra Saud during their three-month internship tenure. The event provided an opportunity for the interns to share their valuable contributions and the impact of their work on the program's objectives.

Ms. Basnet and Mr. Saud discussed their extensive community engagement efforts, with a particular focus on their participation in a school health awareness program aimed at educating students about the dangers of tobacco use. Their involvement in these initiatives played a significant role in enhancing the program's outreach and effectiveness in promoting tobacco-free lifestyles among the youth.

The interns' presentations were well-structured and informative, highlighting key activities and outcomes achieved during their internship. The presentation also included a reflection, where both interns shared their thoughts on the progress made and the challenges encountered.



Followed by the presentations, was a question and answer session which allowed attendees to learn more into the interns' experiences. In a heartfelt farewell session, NDRI team expressed their gratitude to Ms. Basnet and Mr. Saud for their dedication and hard work. Their contributions were recognized as instrumental in advancing the program's mission, and they were wished success for their future endeavors.



197th Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series: Key Insights on Disaster Management and Monsoon Preparedness

On June 14, 2024, the 197th episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series was held, featuring Ms. Gomadevi Chemjong, Under Secretary of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). The session focused on disaster management and preparations for the upcoming monsoon season, highlighting the critical measures being implemented to mitigate risks from heavy rainfall, flooding, and landslides.

Ms. Chemjong emphasized a multi-stakeholder approach to disaster risk. The dialogue underscored NDRRMA's commitment to enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities across Nepal, with the insights discussed expected to shape the country's approach to disaster risk reduction in the future.

If you missed the important dialogue session kindly access to the YouTube [Link](#)

Thought Provoking news

Ruling, opposition parties unite against education ministry's decisions

<https://kathmandupost.com/politics/2024/06/13/ruling-opposition-parties-unite-against-education-ministry-s-decisions>

Policy recommendation to end untouchability

<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2024/06/10/policy-recommendation-to-end-untouchability>

Welcome to the Family

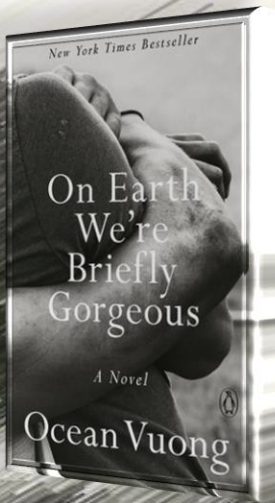


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TO BE AWARE

To be aware means to be sensitive, alive to the things about one, to nature, to people, to colour, to trees, to the environment, to the social structure, the whole thing; to be aware outwardly of all that's happening and to be aware of what is happening inside.

-Krishnamurti at [Brockwood Park](#)



Book Recommendation of the Week

★★★★☆ 4.04

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