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NDRI participates in Workshop on Nature-based Solutions for Climate-Resilient Water Resources Management

NDRI participated in the Transfer Workshop on “Nature-based Solutions for Climate-Resilient Water Resources Management,” held on 13-14 August 2026 at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur.

The workshop was jointly organized by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, WRERC/Government of Nepal, and CWRIS/Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, under the Global Water and Climate Adaptation Centre (ABCD-Centre), with funding from the German Federal Foreign Office through DAAD.

The event brought together national and international experts, policymakers, researchers, practitioners, development partners, and private-sector representatives to discuss nature-based approaches to strengthening climate-resilient water resources management. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Minister of Energy, Water

Resources and Irrigation, Mr. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha, who emphasized the need for workshop outcomes to address Nepal’s climate-induced disaster risks, loss and damage, and the importance of increased investment in climate resilience.

Representing NDRI, Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead, and Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Co-Lead, Water and Climate Program, actively participated in the workshop. Dr. Divas presented on “Nature for Flood Resilience” and moderated a session on “Nature-based Solutions for Urban Areas.” The NDRI team also engaged in technical discussions, working groups, and panel sessions on climate-resilient water resources management.



Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Co-Lead, Water and Climate Program, NDRI participating in the symposium

NDRI organizes a Study Tools Validation Workshop with MoHFS and IOM

NDRI, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Food Safety and the International Organization for Migration, organized a second validation workshop titled "Study Tools Finalization Workshop" on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at Basera Boutique Hotel, Babarmahal, Kathmandu. The workshop was held as part of NDRI's ongoing work with IOM on a Scoping Study on the Climate-Migration-Health Nexus, and was held as a smaller follow-up to another validation workshop held last month. This workshop's primary objective was to finalize the study's sites for primary data collection and validate the survey tools and checklists for data collection developed as part of the study's inception stage.

The workshop brought together around 20 stakeholders, including various members of the Project Implementation Committee and members of the IOM team. Following the brief formal opening statements, Dr. Krishna

Pahari, Team Lead of the study, and Lead of NDRI's Livelihood and Food Security Program recapped the Scoping Study's premise and objectives, and then proceeded to discuss the proposed sites and individual components of the study tools. This was followed by an open discussion session, during which participants shared their feedback and observations on the study, its methodology, and the contents of the tools presented. Based on the discussion, the workshop provided NDRI grounds for further refinement and improvements in the study's overall approach and data collection strategies. The program concluded with closing remarks and decisions on the way forward for the rest of the study process, followed by lunch and networking for all attendees.



Dr. Krishna Pahari, Team Lead of the study, and Lead of NDRI's Livelihood and Food Security Program presenting on his previous work

NDRI participates in National Symposium on Super El Niño and Climate Risk

NDRI participated in the “National Symposium on Super El Niño and Climate Risk: Implications for Water, Food, Energy and Disaster Resilience in Nepal,” held on 13-14 August 2026. The symposium was organized by the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS) under Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of the Government of Nepal including the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM), in collaboration with FAO, IWMI, and various other organizations.



Dr. Divas Basnyat, Lead Water & Climate Program, NDRI

presenting on the topic “Possible Preparedness Against Super El Niño’s Impact in Hydropower and Energy Security”.

NDRI contributed to the symposium through a research

presentation and active engagement in constructive discussions on the potential impacts of Super El Niño on Nepal’s water, food, energy, and disaster resilience sectors. These contributions supported the broader effort to develop a Sectoral Super El Niño Contingency Framework and a National Policy Brief on Super El Niño Preparedness, aimed at strengthening Nepal’s preparedness and resilience to climate-related risks. NDRI was represented at the symposium by Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead Water & Climate Program, Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Co-lead Water & Climate Program and Mr. Girish Lamsal, Research Associate, who participated in the research, technical, and policy discussions throughout the event.

The symposium provided an important platform for NDRI to share its research, exchange knowledge with diverse stakeholders, and contribute to strengthening Nepal’s preparedness and resilience in the face of emerging climate risks.

NDRI participates in MUHAN Project Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Sindhuli

On 21st August, Mr. Rajendra Kumar Shrestha, Research Associate and Ms. Garima Bindari, Consultant Research Associate participated in the MUHAN Project Knowledge Sharing Workshop held at the meeting hall of Sunkoshi Rural Municipality, Sindhuli. The workshop brought together representatives from the municipality and wards, community forests, drinking water authorities, and local communities to share project findings and discuss practical approaches for sustainable springwater management.



Mr. Rajendra Kumar Shrestha, Research Associate presenting in Sunkoshi municipality hall

The programme featured presentations on key project findings, stakeholder discussions on potential technical interventions, and deliberations on future pathways for effective springshed management.

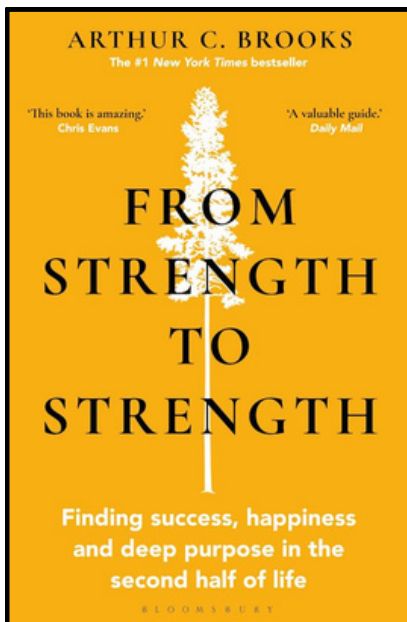


Field discussion for potential intervention sites selection

On 22th August, the team conducted field validation of potential sites for the recommended technical interventions within the delineated springshed of Thulo Khola, Sunkoshi. The field visit focused on assessing site suitability and validating the proposed interventions to support evidence-based planning for sustainable springwater management in the area.



Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Co-Lead, Water & Climate Program, NDRI, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation at the Nature-based Solutions workshop.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The quality of your life is determined by the quality of your choices."

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NDRI Executive Director welcomes Professor Dr. Indra Prasad Tiwari, Chancellor of Gandaki University to NDRI