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Participants of the Youth Stakeholder Consultation Meeting at NDRI

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HEADLINES FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- **NDRI** in collaboration with the **Air Quality Management Consortium (AQMC)** and **Green Decision Labs & Research (GD Labs and Research)** organized a Youth Stakeholder Consultation Meeting
- **NDRI** participates at **Kathmandu Climate Week 2026** through the **World Food Forum Nepal Youth Chapter**
- NDRI visits the **Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (HICAST)**



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Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), in collaboration with the Air Quality Management Consortium (AQMC) and Green Decision Labs & Research (GD Labs and Research) organized a Youth Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on October 1, 2026, at NDRI, bringing together around 20 participants to discuss air quality management, environmental sustainability, and youth engagement from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The program was chaired by Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, Executive Director, NDRI with Prof. Dr. Punya Prasad Regmi, Senior Research Specialist, as the Chief Guest. The session was moderated by Er. Samip Sigdel, Co-founder, GD Labs and Research and included keynote remarks, discussions, special remarks, and deliberations on key takeaways and the way forward.

Representing NDRI, Ms. **Sophiya Shrestha**, Senior Research Assistant, and Mr. **Pramit Ghimire**, Research Associate from the Water and Climate Program (WCP), along with **Ms. Binita Shahi**, Research Associate, from Livelihood and Food Security (LFS) participated in the consultation. The meeting aimed to encourage youth engagement and foster dialogue on air quality management, environmental sustainability, climate change, and innovative approaches to raising awareness.

The consultation focused on three key themes: air quality programs as STEM education, campaigning and awareness, and youth and innovation. Participants engaged in roundtable discussions and shared perspectives on strengthening youth participation in air quality initiatives, promoting environmental awareness, and exploring innovative approaches to address air pollution. The meeting highlighted the importance of youth participation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing in advancing cleaner air and sustainable air quality management.

Some glimpses of the Youth Stakeholder Consultation Meeting



NDRI participates at Kathmandu Climate Week 2026 through the World Food Forum Nepal Youth Chapter

On Saturday, 3rd October 2026, Dr. **Shikha Thapa Magar**, Executive Director of Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), delivered the keynote address for Kathmandu Climate Week 2026 during a session titled "Climate-Resilient Agrifood Systems: From Realities to Local Action." at Techspire College, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu. The session was moderated by Asbina Shrestha, Member of World Food Forum Nepal.

The session explored the importance of strengthening agrifood systems to address climate-related challenges and translate evidence and experiences into practical, locally driven actions.



Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, Executive Director, NDRI presenting at Kathmandu Climate Week 2026

Her insights on climate impacts, resilient farming systems, and the need for locally appropriate solutions provided a strong foundation for the discussions that followed.

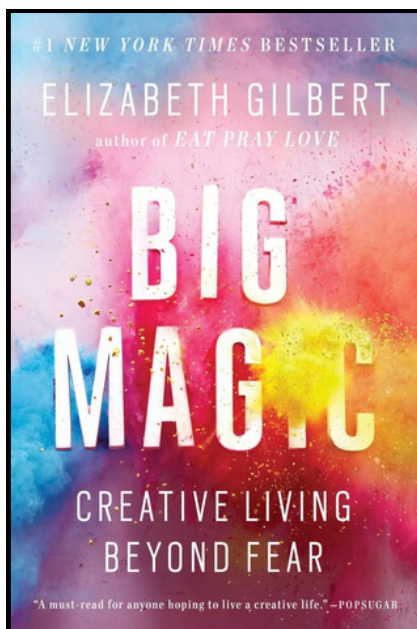


Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, Executive Director, NDRI providing her insights

Her keynote provided an important foundation for connecting climate challenges with practical, locally driven action. The session also featured an engaging group exercise where participants explored a range of climate and agrifood challenges, including climate shocks, biodiversity loss, drought, women's roles in agriculture, and land abandonment.



Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, Executive Director, NDRI at Kathmandu Climate 2026



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The future is shaped by the decisions we make and the actions we take today."

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A delegation from NDRI, visited the **Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (HICAST)** and met with Dr. Binayak P. Rajbhandari, Executive Director, to discuss potential collaboration and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NDRI and HICAST in agricultural research.