

The Centre will advance sustainable development agenda through global and regional partnerships

Vision

The vision of the Centre is to support accelerated, inclusive and sustainable development and structural transformation of Nepal, taking into account the convergence between the national development goals and the global development framework—SDGs. It also aims to promote meaningful global partnership to effectively complement Nepal's national efforts.

Activities

The activities of the Centre include: (i) policy research and analysis, (ii) public policy debate and advocacy, (iii) monitoring to ensure accountability under a multi-stakeholder approach, and (iv) regional/global dialogues for sharing sustainable development experiences and fostering partnerships.

Leadership

The Centre is led by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations; former High Representative for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS); and former Foreign Secretary of Nepal. The Centre engages economists, development experts, policy analysts and academics, among other stakeholders, from within and outside Nepal.



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Over the years, Nepal has made good progress in reducing poverty, promoting human development and achieving overall macroeconomic stability. However, the current economic structure is vulnerable and fragile. There is a growing realization that efforts need to be made to move away from a consumption-oriented, import-driven and remittance-dependent economy to greater productiveness, balance and resilience. As Nepal moves on to the next phase of a post-conflict status, there are strong national aspirations and commitments to bring about a real transformation in the lives of its people.

Although situated between two emerging powers and blessed with abundant human and natural resources, Nepal's potentials remain largely untapped. Achieving inclusive prosperity requires substantial acceleration of growth with a broad-based participation of all sections of the population, particularly those who have been left behind.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) present a strong framework for convergence between national goals and global development outlook. Nepal should steward its

valuable resources to make the best use of this framework and transform its own economy and improve the lives of its citizens in an equitable manner. The stewardship should duly consider Nepal's mountainous topography that puts a high premium on the sustainable use of its natural resources.

The Centre

SAWTEE Centre for Sustainable Development (SAWTEE-CSD) has been established to promote and monitor inclusive and sustainable development in Nepal. It is an independent, non-partisan research and advocacy institution.

While the government has to take a lead role in the development of a country, it cannot deliver it alone. A multi-stakeholder approach is key to success. In this spirit, the Centre seeks to play the role of a catalyst and contribute—through research, analysis, dialogue and advocacy—to the country's accelerated development. The accent will be on structural transformation and job creation, also envisioned by SDGs. The fundamental essence of these goals—an integrated, holistic and multi-stakeholder approach, sustainability, gender mainstreaming, leaving no one behind, and global partnership—will guide the Centre's activities.

The Centre will be collaborating with all stakeholders in carrying out its activities, including political leaders, civil

servants, the private sector, development partners, experts, the academia and beneficiaries.

The Centre aims to pursue a bottom-up approach and contribute to developing a coherent national strategy for the structural transformation of Nepal's economy that is people-centred and sustainable. Nepal's adoption of a federal, democratic and republican structure warrants this as all the constituent federal units are responsible for economic development and related activities.

Nepal is a least developed, landlocked and post-conflict country. Global support and partnership plays a critical role in its development efforts. The Centre seeks to aid the national leadership in its development efforts, while enabling an enhanced, meaningful and comprehensive global partnership in the spirit of mutual accountability.

The Centre also aims to advance regional cooperation among South Asian nations and beyond in their collective pursuit of sustainable development. This is necessitated by Nepal's geographic location, its role in the creation and promotion of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), its membership in other sub-regional and inter-regional groupings. The regional partnership is part and parcel of the global partnership, as envisioned by SDGs.

SAWTEE-CSD will support accelerated and inclusive development that is people-centred and sustainable