



National Stakeholders' Dialogue on

Upcoming 18th SAARC Summit: Nepal's perspectives on Climate Change, Agriculture, Food Security and Disaster Risk Reduction

16 October 2014, Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu

Jointly organized by

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and Oxfam in Nepal

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Tea coffee

8:30–9:00

Registration

9:00–9:50

Inaugural session

Welcome and highlights of the programme

Ms. Noreen Khalid, Interim Country Director, Oxfam in Nepal, Kathmandu

Special remarks

Mr. Nirmal Raj Kafle, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

Remarks from the Chief Guest

Honourable Dr. Govinda Nepal, Member, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

Remarks from the Chair

Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE

9:50–10:00

Tea coffee

10:00–14:00

Upcoming 18th SAARC Summit: Nepal's perspectives

10:00–11:20

Theme 1: Climate change

Chair: Mr. Ajay Mani Dixit, Executive Director, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Kathmandu

Presentation: Dr. Smriti Dahal, Senior Programme Officer, SAWTEE

Discussants:

Dr. Madhav Karki, South Asia Chair, IUCN/CEM; UN IPBES Task Force & Expert member, Indigenous Local Knowledge and Policy Cataloguing and Support Expert, Kathmandu

Mr. Arjan Dixit, Regional Climate Change Coordinator Asia, CARE International

Floor discussion

Chairs remarks

11:20–12:40 Theme 2: Agriculture and food security

Chair: Dr. Rajendra Adhikari, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Development, Government of Nepal

Presentation: Dr. Krishna P. Pant, Fellow, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), Kathmandu

Discussants:

Ms. Yamuna Ghale, Senior Programme Officer, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Lalitpur

Mr. Jagat Deuja, Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC), Executive Director, Kathmandu

Mr. Pradip Maharjan, Chief Executive Officer, Agro Enterprise Center, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)

Floor discussion

Chairs remarks

12:40–14:00 Theme 3: Disaster risk reduction

Chair: Mr. Yadav Koirala, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal

Presentation: Dr. Meen B. Poudyal Chhetri, President, Nepal Center for Disaster Management, Kathmandu

Discussants:

Mr. Surya Narayan Shrestha, Deputy Executive Director, National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET)

Mr. Bimal Gadal, Programme Manager, Oxfam in Nepal

Floor discussion

Chairs remarks

14:00–14:10 Summing-up and vote of thanks

Dr. Hiramani Ghimire, Executive Director, SAWTEE

14:10–15:10 Lunch