



Policy Dialogue on
Ensuring Seed Security in Nepal

13 February 2014

Hotel Everest, Kathmandu

Programme Agenda

09:00 - 09:30	TEA AND REGISTRATION
<u>Opening session</u> Chair: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE	
09:30-10:20	Welcome remarks: Mr. Navraj Dahal, Programme Director, SAWTEE (10 minutes) Special remarks: Mr. Gagan Kumar Thapa, Honorable Member of Constituent Assembly and Central Committee Member, Nepali Congress (10 minutes) Special remarks: Mr. Keshav Prasad Badal, Honorable Member of Constituent Assembly and Politburo Member, Communist Party of Nepal (United Marxist-Leninist) (10 minutes) Special remarks: Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel, Honorable Member of Constituent Assembly and Central Committee Member, United Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (10 minutes) Remarks from the chair and vote of thanks: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE (10 minutes)
10:20 - 10:35	TEA BREAK
<u>First technical session</u> Chair: Dr. Prabhakar Pathak, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Government of Nepal	
10:35-12:05	Seed-related institutional and legal mechanisms in Nepal <u>Presentation</u> Mr. Dilaram Bhandari, Chief Seed Development Officer, Seed Quality Control Centre (20 minutes) <u>Discussants</u> Mr. Durga Prasad Adhikari, General Secretary, Seed Entrepreneur Association of Nepal (15 minutes) Mr. Puspa Sharma, Research Director, SAWTEE (15 minutes) Floor discussion and remarks from the chair (40 minutes)
<u>Second technical session</u> Chair: Dr. Hari Krishna Upadhyaya, Executive Chairperson, Centre for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research and Extension and Development (CEAPRED)	

12:05-01:35	<p>Role of public and private sectors in seed sector development in Nepal, and issues of farmers' rights</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> Dr. Krishna Prasad Pant, Senior Agricultural and Environmental Economist (20 minutes)</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Dr. Devendra Gauchan, Chief, Socioeconomics and Agricultural Research Policy Division, Nepal Agricultural Research Council (15 minutes) Mr. Rajendra Prasad Shrestha, GM Agro Services (15 minutes) Floor discussion and remarks from the chair (40 minutes)</p>
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