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

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
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**