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## Policy Discussion Series- V

**"Agriculture Policy in Nepal: The process of Agriculture Development Strategy"**

By

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**Venue:** Martin Chautari Seminar Hall, Thapathali

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**Time:** 3:00 pm

For some time now, the Government of Nepal has been working on Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS). This is likely to follow the path of the previous policies which followed high input agriculture but failed to adequately embrace the unique socio-ecological features of Nepal. Nepal needs an appropriately framed agricultural policy that is owned and supported by wider stakeholders in order to be able to generate required momentum for agriculture development. However, the ADS process and its content have been monopolised by a small group of techno-bureaucrats and are likely to reproduce inappropriate agriculture framework and strategies by acting on the influence of multinational corporate interests. Therefore, opening up the ADS process to wider stakeholders and allowing them the opportunity to understand and influence the process would help designing a more realistic and workable policy and strategy. This talk will highlight how the ADS process has been flawed and the experience of recent civic engagements on the same.

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