



Public Policy Workshop

on

“Nurturing Public Policy Research Capacity in Nepal”

3-4 October 2012
Kathmandu, Nepal

SESSION PLAN

02 October 2012 (Tuesday)

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| 4: 00 pm | Assemble at ASD office and depart for Park Village Resort, Budanilakantha |
| 5:00 pm– 5:45 pm | Check-in |
| 5:45 pm | Assemble at Banyan Hall (First Floor in the Main Building)
Tea/Coffee served |
| 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Opening Session-
Welcome remarks by Mr. Sushil Raj Pyakurel, Chair, Alliance for Social Dialogue |
| 7:00 pm– 8:30 pm | Dinner - Earth Watch Restaurant |

Note: Collect your packet for the workshop after the opening session from the Banyan Hall or contact anyone from ASD.

03 October 2012 (Wednesday)

POLICY RESEARCH

9: 00 am - 11.00 am: Session 1: Policy Research

Moderator: *Mohan Manandhar, Executive Director, Niti Foundation*

Framing the session: Navigating Policy Research: Issues, Challenges and Our Interest - Hari Sharma, Director, Alliance for Social Dialogue (ASD)

Presentations:

- Policy Research Methods- Lessons from Practice: Eoin Young - Program Director, International Center for Policy Advocacy (ICPA)
- Policy Research needs in Nepal, Dileep Adhikary- Senior Director, Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)
- Sharing of Findings of Policy Diagnostic Study- Padmendra Shrestha, Program Officer, Niti Foundation

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Summarizing the issues of the Session - Eoin Young

11:00 am- 11:30 am:

TEA BREAK

11:30 am – 1:00 pm: Session 2: Political parties, Local governance and Experts

Moderator: *Hari Dhungana, Executive Director, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)*

Presentations:

- Intra Party Conflict- Dimensions and Policy Measures: Chiranjibi Bhandari, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2012
- Local Democracy in the Political Transition of Nepal: Niru Gurung, ASD and SIAS Policy Research Fellows- 2011
- Dynamics of Urbanization in Nepal -Role of Local Government in Its Proper Management: Kamal Devkota, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2102
- Failure of State Restructuring Commission- Lessons for Effectively Engaging Experts in Policy Making: Gunjan Dhakal, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2102

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Feedback to the policy researchers -Eoin Young (ICPA), Rajan Bhattarai (NIPS) and Bayartsetseg Jigmiddash (OSF Mongolia)

1:00 pm -2:00 pm:

LUNCH

2:00 pm- 3:30 pm: Session 3: Panel Discussion on Locating Policy Research and Advocacy in Contemporary time

Moderator: *Hari Sharma, Director, ASD*

Discussants - Mohan Manadhar (Niti Foundation), Dileep Adhikary (NSCA), Lisa Quinn(ICPA) and Gerelmaa Amgaabazar (OSF Mongolia)

3:30 pm- 3:45 pm:

TEA BREAK

3:45 pm- 4:30 pm: Session 4: Experience Sharing

Moderator: *Gerelmaa Amgaabazar, OSF Mongolia*

- Policy Research and Fellowship Experience: Munkhbat Orolmaa, Research Fellows, OSF Mongolia
- Mentoring Policy Research Fellow- Exhilaration and Challenges: Tur-Od Lkhangvajav, OSF Mongolia

Discussion and Question/ Answer

4: 30 pm- 6:00 pm: Session 5: Education

Moderator: *Hira Vishwakarma, Member, ASD*

Presentations: Education

- Universal Primary Education in Nepal: Issues and Policy Concerns-Binaya Kushiyait, Associate Professor - Central Department of Education, Tribhuwan University
- Temporary Teacher Management in Nepal- Need for Policy Formulation: Ram Gaire, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2102
- Scholarship Policy for Dalits and its Effectiveness : Dal Bdr. Biswakarma, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2102

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Feedback to the policy researchers - Lisa Quinn (ICPA), Hari Dhungana (SIAS), Amuda Shrestha (ASD)

October 4, 2012 (Thursday)

POLICY ADVOCACY

9:00 am – 11:30 am: Session 1: Policy Advocacy

Moderator: *Geja Sharma Wagle, Director, Nepal Institute for Policy Studies (NIPS)*

Framing the session -Policy Advocacy Practices and Challenges Mandira Sharma, Chair, Advocacy Forum Nepal

Presentations:

- Fuss, Flaws and Frameworks -A Case for Commitment to Advocacy Planning: Lisa Quinn, Executive Director, ICPA
- Policy Advocacy Strategies of Civil Society Organizations of Nepal: Sandesh Silpakar, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2102
- Human Rights Policy Advocacy in Nepal- Challenges and Opportunities: Surya Deuja, Head of Department, Collective Rights Division, National Human Rights Commission Nepal (NHRC)
- Policy Advocacy and its Linkage with Law Making Process: Balaram Raut, Lecturer, Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuwan University.

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Summarizing the issues of the Session: Lisa Quinn (ICPA)

11:30 am- 11: 45 am:

TEA BREAK

11:45 am – 1:00 pm: Session 2: Media

Moderator - *Deepak Thapa, Director, Social Science Baha (SSB)*

Presentations:

- Safeguarding Public Interest in the era of Corporate Media: Case studies on Impact of Ownership on News Content: Ujjwal Prajapati, ASD Policy Research Fellows-2012
- Review of FM Radio Policy in Nepal- Discussion on Key Issues: Devraj Humagain, ASD Policy Research Fellows-2012
- Online Media in Nepal- Need for Policy Intervention: Ujjwal Acharya, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2012

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Feedback to the policy researchers – Eoin Young (ICPA), Tur Od (OSF Mongolia) and Surendra Labh (ASD)

1:00 pm- 2: 00 pm:

LUNCH

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm: Session 3: Policy Research and Advocacy on Thematic Areas

Moderator: *Surya Deuja, (NHRC)*

Presentations:

- Sharing and interaction on findings of baseline on "Tracking of Public Services towards Dalits and Marginalized": Hira Vishwakarma, Team Leader, Feminist Dalit Organization
- Forest Action's Engagement on Policy influence: Dil Bahadur Khatri, Senior Program Officer, Forest Action Nepal
- National Youth Policy 2010 - an Outcome of Policy Advocacy: Kabindra Burlakoti - Member of National Youth Policy Task Force, Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Elevating the Status of Women in Nepal: Policy Initiatives : Laxmi Tamang, Doctoral student, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney, Australia
- Political Economy of Hydro Power Sector Focusing on Identification of Constraints and Mobilization of Reform Constituencies for Addressing such Constraints : Aayush Rai, Finance and Grant Officer, Niti Foundation

Discussion and Question/ Answer

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm:

TEA BREAK

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Session 4: Policy Dynamics

Moderator- *Balaram Raut, Nepal Law Campus*

Presentations:

- Role of International Agencies in Protecting Women in the Informal Economy- Case Study of Nepal: Tara Bajracharya, ASD Policy Research Fellows -2012
- Rethinking Group Approach for Rural Development- Ways Forward: Stuty Maskey, ASD Policy Research Fellows- 2012
- Youth Involvement in Policy Realm In South East Asia : Chirada Na Suwan, South East Asia Coordinator, International Debate Education Association
- Policy Process in Bureaucracy Specifically focus on Representation in Policy Process - Climate Change Policy as an Example: Saumitra Neupane, Program Officer, Niti Foundation

Discussion and Question/ Answer

Feedback to the policy researchers - Hari Sharma (ASD), Kanchan Tamang (PAF), Gerelmaa Amaagabazar (OSF Mongolia)

5:30 pm- 6:00 pm: Session 5

Summarize issues of the workshop. Way Forward

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Reception and Dinner

05 October 2012 (Friday)

8: 30 am Check out and Assemble at the lobby, Park Village Resort, Budhanilkantha

9:00 am Depart to ASD, Battisputali