



A half day workshop on

## KNOWLEDGE AND POLICY ON WATER AND LANDSLIDE HAZARDS IN POST EARTHQUAKE NEPAL

|Monday, July-06, 2015 | 14:00 – 17:00|  
|Caravan Hall, Summit Hotel Lalitpur|

As the relief and rescue effort on Nepal’s 2015 earthquake gives way to recovery and reconstruction, attention has drawn into other hazard risks triggered by it. The scale of risks in the present monsoon is indicated by the landslides in Taplejung, where a village was swept killing 56 people and leaving hundreds of families homeless. There are indications of the drying up of water sources, change in water table, which will change access to water. Coupled with the effects of earthquake, the people in the hills and mountain districts are poised to new risks of landslide, dislocation, uncertainties of agriculture and other livelihood opportunities. For those of us engaged in research and policy on disasters as well as water and livelihood sectors, some questions become immediately pertinent:

1. What are the key knowledge gaps to manage water and landslide hazards that Nepali society should fill to build a resilient society in the future?
2. What lessons can be learnt from our past experience of managing landslides in Nepal?
3. What immediate policy reforms would help reducing vulnerability of the rural households?
4. What are main research questions on policy and institutional responses to disasters?

This workshop brings together researchers, experts and practitioners working on disasters, landslides, water management, and social and policy sciences to reflect on and draw up shared research and action agendas. The insights are expected to feed into ongoing research and engagement efforts and to policy processes initiated by the government and other relevant actors.

### Workshop Schedule

14:00	Registration	
14:15	Welcome and Introduction	SIAS
14:30	Expert presentation I	Madhukar Upadhya
14:50	Expert presentation II	Prem Narayan Kandel, DG-DSCWM
15:10	Viewpoints from panelists	Dipak Gyawali, Hari Krishna Shrestha, Jagannath Joshi
15:40	Moderated discussion	Participants
16:50	Closing remarks	Krishna Gyawali
17:00	High tea	

*\*Sessions moderated by Hemant Ojha, \*\*Participation by invitation only.*