

Consultation on
Improving Water Security in Nepal
 Agendas for Research, Policy and Practice

| Friday, Jul 11, 2014 | 10:00am-1:00 pm |
 |Yalamaya Kendra, Mazlis Hall, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur|

Addressing water security is one of the most serious challenges facing countries like Nepal. Efforts in research, policy and practice surrounding water security are underway—but important questions still remain to be understood and addressed. In particular, Nepal lacks effective institutions and decision systems to address the growing uncertainties and risks on water availability, variability, and to clarify the roles of the state and non-state actors. These problems become more complex in the context of growing urbanization, climate change, and persistence of social inequity and conflict at various scales, and weak state capacity in rural areas. At the same time, there is considerable potential at a grassroots level to address water security challenges through local informal institutions.

This consultation has been hosted by Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) in collaboration with International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in order to arrive at common themes and action points to guide research, policy and practice around water security, especially focusing on the poor and marginalized groups. It is anticipated that there will be active participation from relevant actors concerned with irrigation, hydropower, drinking water and sanitation sectors in Nepal.

Schedule

10:00	Registration and tea	
10:15	Welcome and Introduction	Kamal Devkota
10:25	Context and Agenda	Dr. Hari Dhungana - SIAS
10:35	Moderated Discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water security issues in specific sectors—Hydropower, Drinking water, Irrigation, Sanitation • Water pollution and control • Water security policies • Local institutions for water security, both informal and formal 	
11:30	Break	
11:45	Moderated Discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanization and water security • Fragile state, political transition and opportunities for change • Stakeholder’s role on research, policy and practice 	
12:45	Concluding Remarks	
13:00	Lunch	

**Participation by invitation only.