

Roundtable Meeting on
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (IWRM) IN NEPAL
Is there a middle way forward?

|Friday, Aug 29, 2014|9:00-15:30|

|Yalamaya Kendra, Mazlis Hall, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur|

There have been several major attempts to introduce IWRM and river basin management principles in Nepal, and notably in the Koshi basin. These government- and donor-led initiatives have sought to implement the main pillars of IWRM, namely: intersectoral coordination, water management based on hydrological boundaries, balancing social equity, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability and the participation of a broad range of stakeholders across multiple scales in decision-making. However sound are these principles in theory, their implementation has been difficult in practice.

This workshop organized by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in partnership with the Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) aims at initiating a series of deliberative discussions on whether IWRM principles and river basin planning are or are not adapted to address key water management issues in Nepal, and in the Koshi basin in particular, and to reflect upon possible alternative ways of addressing these issues. The discussions will span across different scales of decision-making and different sectors.

The main target audience is key selected government planners and decision-makers working in water and energy management, with inputs from other relevant stakeholders including (I)NGOs, research organizations and donor agencies involved in water resource management in Nepal.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

9:00	Registration	
09:15	Welcome and introduction	Mr Kamal Devkota, SIAS
09:30	Welcome note	Dr Luna Bharati, IWMI
09:40	Rationale for the workshop	Dr Floriane Clement, IWMI
09:50	Remarks	Ms Radha Kumari Gyawali, Hon'ble Minister for Energy (tbc)
10:00	IWRM: Theory to Practice	Dr Floriane Clement, IWMI
10:10	Discussion	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
10:40	Water Use Master Plan: an approach to operationalise IWRM at the local level	Mr Bikram Rana, Helvetas
10:50	Discussion	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
11:20	Watershed Approach for Water and Soil Conservation	Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management
11:30	Discussion	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
12:00	Break	
13:00	Relevance of IWRM for Irrigation Development and Management	Department of Irrigation
13:10	Discussion	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
13:40	Basin Approach in Hydropower Planning and Development	Ministry of Energy
13:50	Discussion	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
14:20	Break	
14:30	IWRM: Law and Practice	Mr Ravi Sharma Aryal, Legislature Parliament Secretariat
14:40	Discussion and ways forwards	Facilitated by Dr Hari Dhungana, SIAS
15:20	Concluding remarks	Dr Luna Bharati, IWMI
15:30	High Tea	

*Participation by invitation only