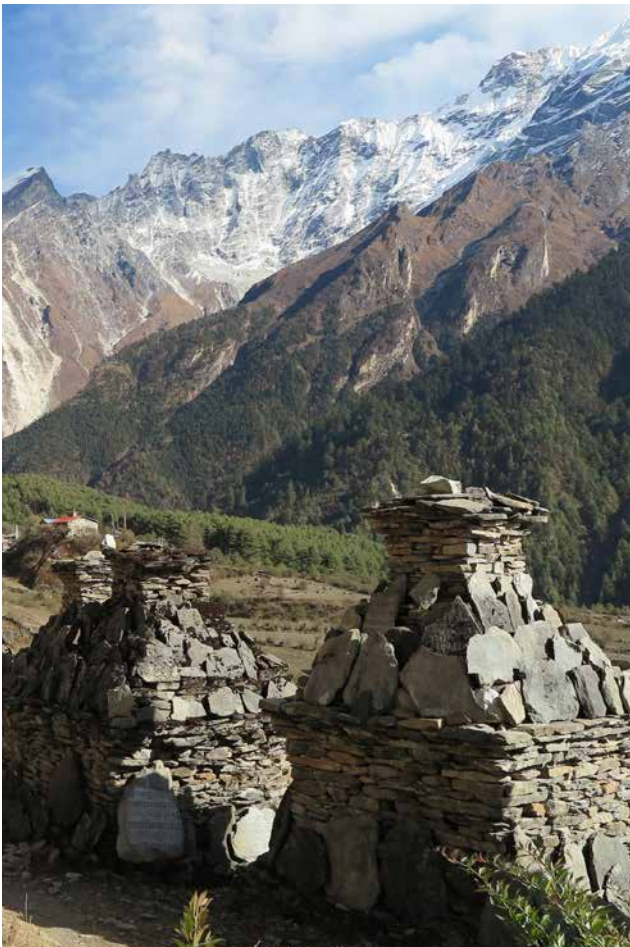


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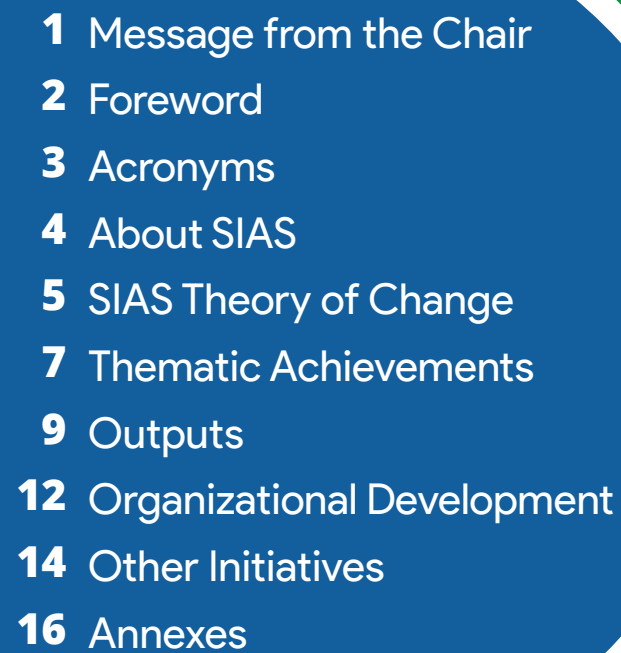
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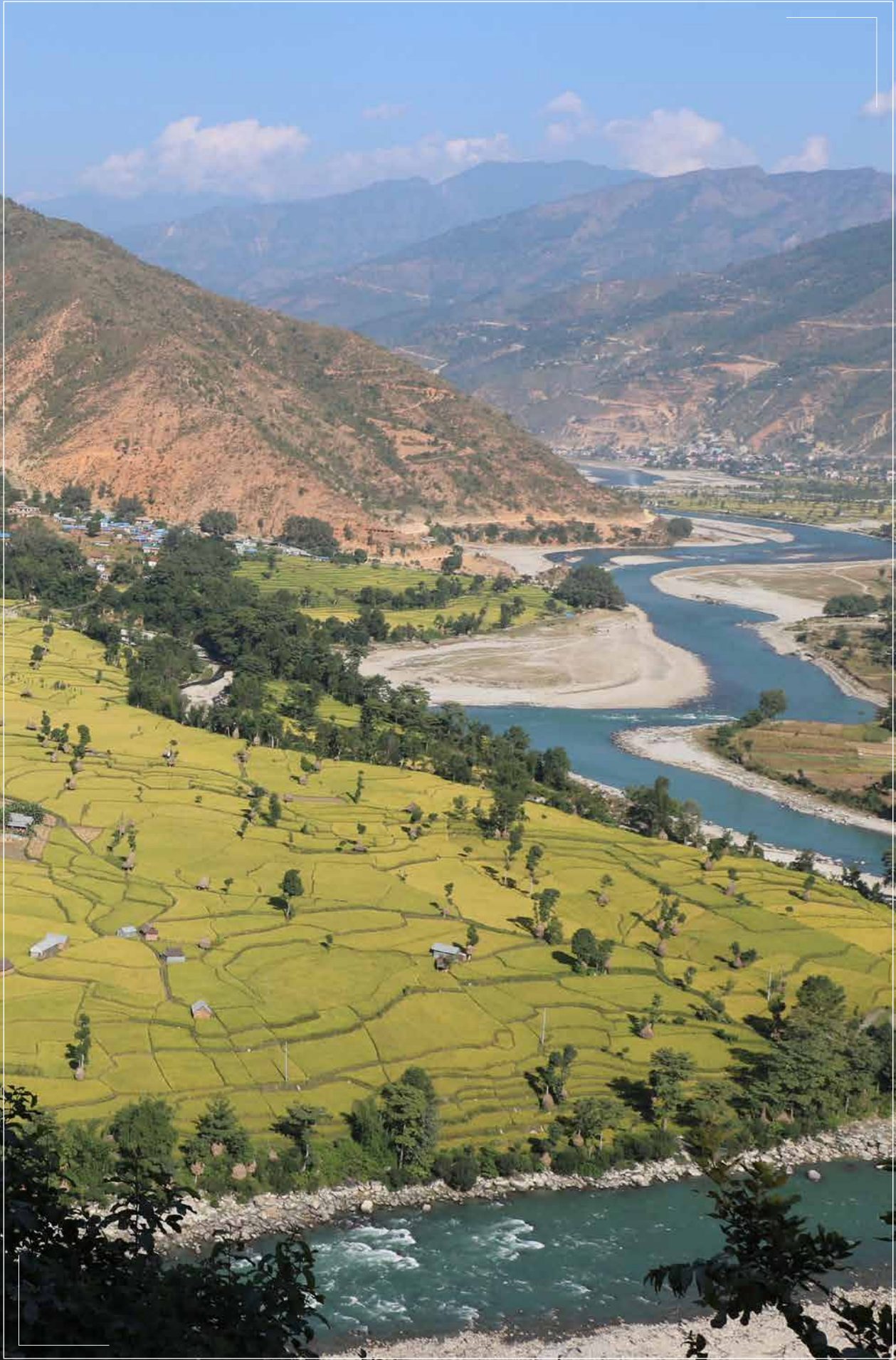
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



SIAS has made notable progress in the year 2019 in terms of contributing to the knowledge generation and critical engagement on the issues related to natural resources governance and climate change. This has contributed SIAS to be recognized as a credible research institute in South Asia region. In 2019, SIAS has taken a step forward on institutional building which include development of strategic plan for the next three years, winning globally competitive research grants, expansion of research team and partners etc. The strategic document guides us to strategise our thematic preferences on research, partnership building for collective actions, engagement in policy processes and building in-house capacity for research and management.

As Nepal is now passing through the massive policy reform after the restructuring of state and political change, SIAS substantially engaged on policy process of forest, water, climate change and agriculture sectors in 2019. We specifically reviewed the bills, collectively discussed among the stakeholders at different policy lab settings and engaged with the respective parliamentary committees for providing inputs. We also extended our collaboration with local governments through active engagement in policy processes and undertaking activities to develop capacity, engaging with them for internalizing the evidence based policy making.

I would like to thank the board of directors, executive director, staffs, partners and collaborators for their contribution in this journey and hope to get your continuous support in the future as well.

Netra Timsina, PhD
Chairperson

FOREWORD



It gives me immense pleasure to share our annual report for the year 2018/19. This year has been a remarkable year for SIAS towards achieving the goal of being recognized as an established think tank and becoming a 'Centre of Excellence'. We have revisited SIAS's strategic direction developing a strategic plan for the coming three years. SIAS's research and engagements across different levels have been aligned to the direction set out in the strategic plan. We have also made remarkable progress with regard to diversifying our partnership and funding sources. We have successfully secured a number of research projects and research funds from international competition in collaboration with a number of universities from Europe, North America and Australia. We also entered into regional and local partnerships to move ahead our research and policy engagement. In this course, we have also developed capacity on research and policy engagement with the expansion of our research/professional team.

This year also marked the successful completion of a three year long multi-country research project funded by IDRC. We have initiated a number of new studies in the field of natural resources management including water, forest and agriculture, climate change, disaster risk reduction, and urban resilience. Early this year, we began our two major initiatives to build our research capacity and to enhance policy impact. These initiatives include Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL) and Future Himalaya Seminar series. This year, we were able to conduct two HPLs and three seminars under these initiatives. We intensified policy engagements through a number of policy dialogues on the issues related to water, environment, forest and climate change.

I also take this opportunity to thank all SIAS staff members, our partners, and collaborators for their support to make our journey productive. I appreciate the effort made by Suchita Shrestha, Kaustuv Neupane, Kushal Pokharel, Srijana Poudel and Kamal Devkota for compiling this report. All the achievements reported are due to the hard work of SIAS team members and support and encouragement from our board members, partners and collaborators and we look forward to receiving similar support in the days to come.

Dil Khatri, PhD
Executive Director

ACRONYMS

CAMPS	Climate Adaptive Water Management Plans for Cities in South Asia
CoCooR	Conflict and Cooperation over REDD+ in Mexico, Nepal and Vietnam
CoE	Community of Evaluators
DBI	Digo Bikas Institute
DCA	Dan Church Aid
FEDWASUN	Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal
GCRF	Global Challenges Research Fund
HPL	Himalayan Policy Lab
ICLEI	Local Governments for Sustainability
IDRC	International Development Research Center
IFSD	Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide
IOF	Institute of Forestry
ISSET-N	Institute of Social and Environmental Transition Nepal
LI-BIRD	Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development
MuAN	Municipal Association of Nepal
NASC	Nepal Administrative Staff College
NDI	National Democratic Institute
NPRN	Nepal Policy Research Network
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
SIAS	Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies
SLU	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
UNSW	University of New South Wales
YAE	Youth Alliance for Environment

ABOUT SIAS

Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) is a Kathmandu based policy research institute aiming to become a 'Centre of Excellence' in policy research in South Asia. It was established in 2011 for undertaking research, policy engagement, and scholarly exchange across Southasia. SIAS operates in research-policy-practice interface, covering various themes: natural resources management; climate change, water, and urban resilience; livelihoods and economic development; and democratic processes and local governance. It aims to utilize its research to create state-of-the-art knowledge in the South Asian region to understand and influence policy challenges and sustainable development.

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LEGAL STATUS

SIAS is a not-for-profit-institution registered under the Company Act of Nepal. It enjoys rights conferred under the Company Act and other applicable laws, and will uphold to relevant laws of Nepal and, when appropriate and relevant, of other countries while undertaking its engagements outside Nepal.



VISION

SIAS's vision is evidence informed policy and practices towards inclusive and sustainable development. It seeks to contribute to this vision as recognized in Nepal, South Asia and around the global as a unique South asia based high quality policy research organization, with a reputation as a policy think tank.



MISSION

SIAS's mission is to nurture, cultivate, organize and promote critical knowledge, research and scholarly learning in South Asia. Based in Kathmandu, it has currently been focusing its activities in Nepal, Northern India and Bangladesh, and intends to expand its geographical coverage in the region.



GOVERNANCE

SIAS is governed by a board of directors elected by general members. It is a professionally managed group for delivering high quality research outcomes.



OBJECTIVES

- Generate action-verified lessons and the state-of-the-art knowledge on environmental, socio-economic and political issues
- Engage critically in the policy processes from national to local levels.
- Develop capacity of research community and professionals.
- Inform practitioners, policy makers and epistemic community (researchers and academia) through diverse form of communication and dissemination of the knowledge generated through research and policy analysis

SIAS THEORY OF CHANGE

Figure 1 summarizes SIAS's Theory of Change. SIAS seeks to contribute towards inclusive and sustainable development (vision) by generating knowledge through action research and critical policy analysis. Further, it seeks to foster evidence informed policy and practices through engagement with the epistemic community, policy community and community of practices (i.e. local communities and governments). In doing so, it adopts four major approaches of research and innovations, critical policy engagement, capacity building (of researchers and stakeholders) and communication and dissemination. It works across four thematic areas and two cross-cutting issues.

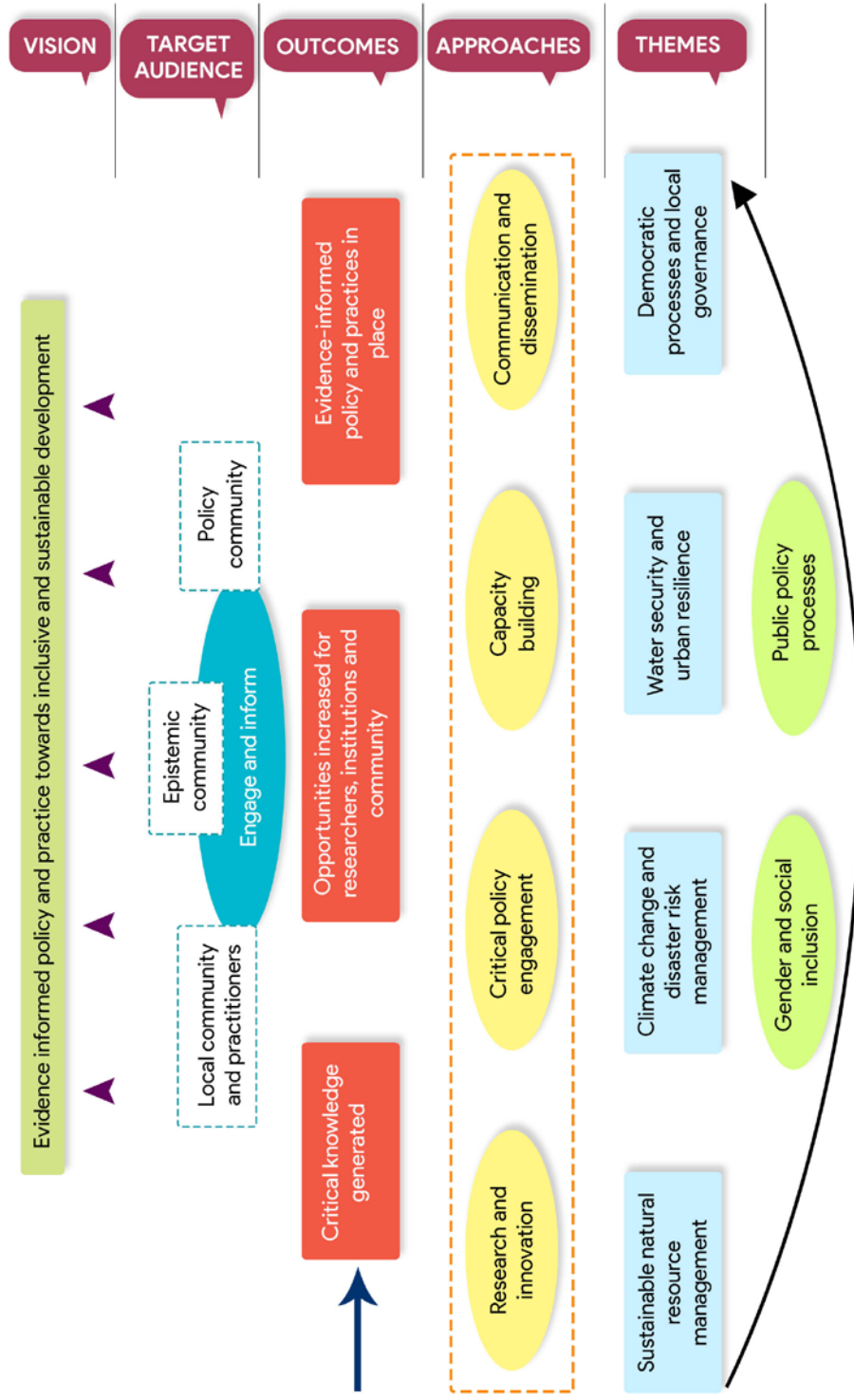


Figure 1: SIAS Theory of Change





THEMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS

SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

SIAS has been making continuous efforts towards inclusive and climate adaptive natural resource governance through research, stakeholder engagement, local government partnership, publication and capacity building. SIAS in collaboration with local governments has piloted some nature-based solutions and institutional mechanisms for water management and taken useful insights from these endeavours to respective municipal policies. SIAS has carried out critical review of the ongoing policy reform on forestry and climate change and effectively coordinated 5 policy round tables to inform the on-going sectoral policy revisions such as forestry, environment, water, agriculture, climate change.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

SIAS has been conducting research on understanding climate risk and addressing the vulnerability of local communities through on-going and few new projects. SIAS has recently started a new project to explore ways of making urban planning and development resilient to multiple disasters by informing the current processes of urbanization and disaster risk management or mitigation. Through its research and local engagement, SIAS has been providing support to local governments to deal with climate related disaster risks.

WATER SECURITY AND URBAN RESILIENCE

SIAS has successfully accomplished a multi-year research on urban water security funded by IDRC, a Canadian research organization, and continuing its engagement with municipal actors towards informing their planning processes through the knowledge generated from action research. It has developed a tool called “Pani Chautari” (Water Forum) to foster local dialogue on urban resilience and water security. SIAS researchers have proactively articulated their evidenced-based understanding on issues of water security and urban resilience through publication and active engagement in policy processes.

DEMOCRATIC POLICY PROCESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

In the past few years, SIAS has expanded its work in the area of democratic policy processes and local governance. With the policy formulating process of government, SIAS has taken this opportunity to foster critical policy dialogues on the ongoing institution building at local level. Additionally, SIAS has engaged with both national and local level institutions to inform the policy processes. To increase state-citizen relations, additional interaction with parliamentarians has been prioritized to articulate citizen voice and interest group preferences in policies and laws.



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ACADEMIC PUBLICATION

SIAS researchers have published their research findings in leading international journals. A total of 15 peer reviewed journal articles have been published this year. Likewise, SIAS researchers have also published and contributed as co-authors to a number of book chapters, published five policy briefs, presented a total of 14 conference papers at National and International conferences. In 2018, a special issue of *New Angle* has been published on *Water security, governance and justice in the Himalaya under a changing climate*.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Events and activities of SIAS have been featured in broadsheet national dailies, online news portals, televisions, and radios this year. Additionally, SIAS researchers have written a total of 10 media articles and blogs as an attempt to create a public discourse on the issues of natural resource governance, water management, local governance, climate change, disaster management and policy reform.

HOSTING CONFERENCE

Third Public Policy and Governance Conference

This year, SIAS jointly hosted the 3rd Public Policy and Governance, a South Asia level conference held in Kathmandu with the conference theme of “Expanding Public Choice and Market Opportunities” with Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC) and other collaborators. More than 300 scholars, academics, and practitioners from South Asia in the field of public policy and governance participated in the conference. SIAS has also taken the lead role in documenting the proceedings of the conference. To advance the discourse on its thematic working area, SIAS contributed as a presenter, panelist and delegate in various national and international seminars and conferences.

Local Water Conference

SIAS hosted national level Local Water Conference in Dhulikhel in collaboration with Municipality Association of Nepal (MuAN), Dhulikhel Municipality, ISET-N and LiBird . This conference was an encounter of local government officials, researchers, policy makers and academia and provided a platform for discussion on water related issues faced at local level. There is a firm commitment from the organizations to carry on the conference of these level.

CAPACITY BUILDING

SIAS is continuing its effort to build research capacity of its members. During this year, writing workshops and seminars for SIAS researchers were held. For instance, to provide conceptual clarity and to develop researchers’ skill in policy brief writing, a seminar on policy writing was organized in 2018. SIAS also hosted a field course on environment and development with the University of Edinburgh where four Nepali students got the opportunity to participate.





ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INSTITUTION BUILDING

To provide strategic direction of the organization's initiatives, SIAS has finalized its strategic plan (2019 – 2021). SIAS has adopted a policy of systematic documentation of achievements and lessons through publishing annual report. SIAS has also endorsed its publication and authorship policy.



PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING DIVERSITY

This year, SIAS has been able to diversify its funding sources and partnership. SIAS has entered into the Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with the University of Edinburgh and started collaboration through a multiyear research project and field courses. SIAS has intensified collaboration with existing partners such as Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) with three new projects and exploring new collaboration with Chinese Universities. SIAS is seriously mulling over more substantive collaboration with local institutions such as Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWASUN), MuAN and national research institutes namely National Democratic Institute (NDI), Niti Foundation among others for research and policy engagements. List of partners and collaborators from local through international levels is provided in Annex 4.





OTHER INITIATIVES

POLICY LAB

Policy Lab is a unique approach to critically discuss on policy making that involves the use of new policy tools and techniques. It aims at improving policy initiatives by fostering research-community partnerships. SIAS has hosted two Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL) so far aiming to facilitate critical discussions on question of knowledge politics in the Himalaya, and to produce alternative forms of knowledge, which, subsequently, increase the possibility of transcending the worlds of academics, policy and practice.

FUTURE HIMALAYAN RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

SIAS has conducted three seminars under the Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series inviting national and international experts to contribute towards fostering critical analytical skills and knowledge development of researchers.

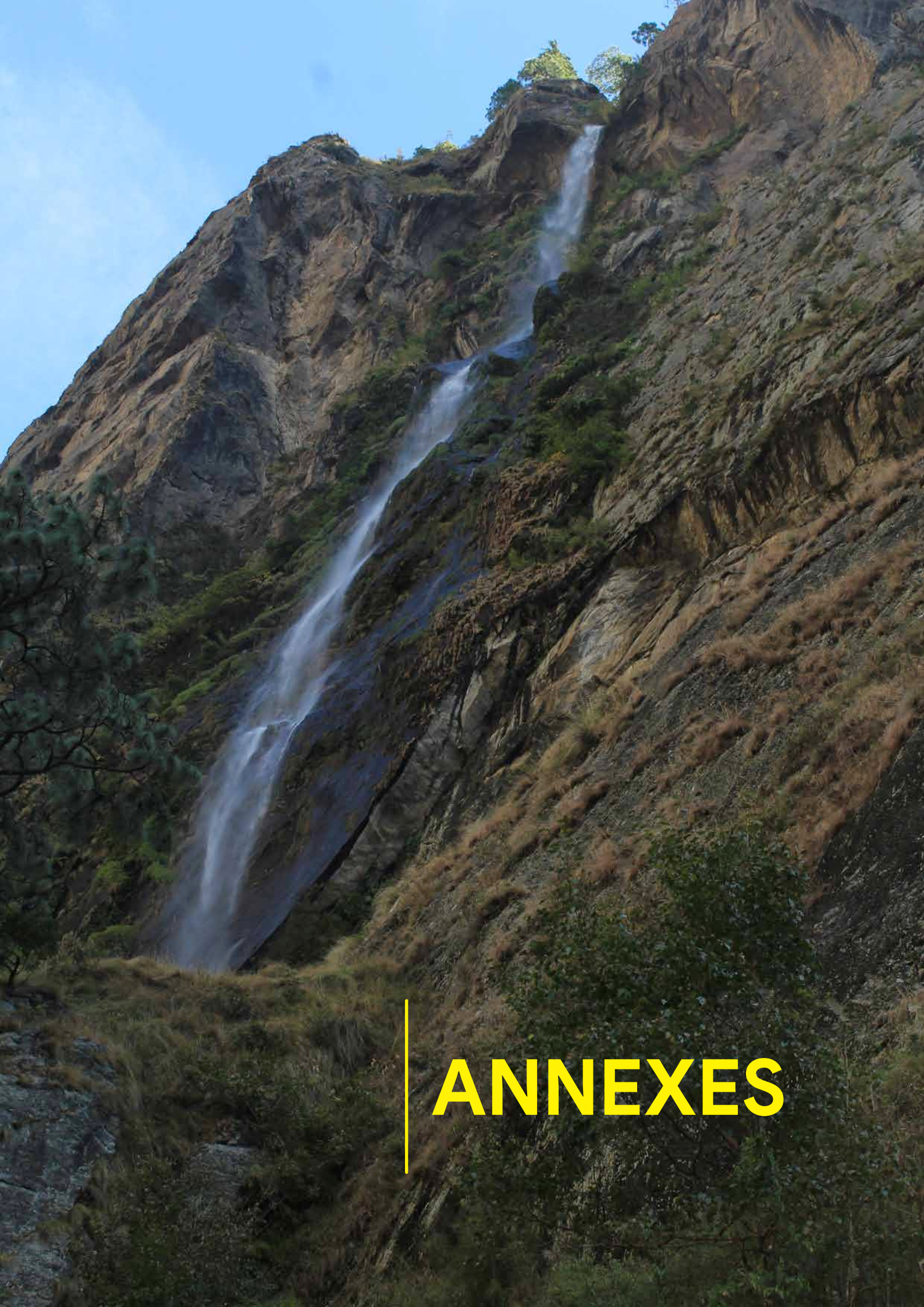
NEPAL POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK (NPRN)

SIAS continues to serve as the secretariat of the Nepal Policy Research Network (NPRN), which promotes policy research and dialogues and hosts the Nepal Policy Net web portal (www.nepalpolicy.net) as a web repository of public policy knowledge in Nepal. The NPRN also publishes a previously stated research journal called 'New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Science and Public Policy'.

COMMUNITY OF EVALUATORS (COE NEPAL)

SIAS has continued to serve as the secretariat of CoE-Nepal. The CoE team comprises of a pool of evaluators, development practitioners, and academicians with national and international work experiences. CoE-Nepal is committed to increase the quality of evaluation by building the capacity of evaluators and promoting the theory, practices, and use of evaluation in Nepal.





ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS

SN	Project Name	Project Period	Funded By	Collaborators	Project objectives
1.	Conflict and cooperation over REDD+ in Nepal, Vietnam and Mexico (COCOOR)	2014-2019	Dutch Research Council	University of East Anglia (UK), RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests (Thailand), Institute of Cultural Studies (Vietnam), Winrock International (USA) and Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (Mexico)	To strengthen the evidence on the impact of REDD+ on conflict and cooperation in developing countries through case studies of Mexico, Nepal and Vietnam
2.	Interaction of climate extremes, air pollution and agro-ecosystems (CiXPAG)	2015- 2019	Norwegian Research Council	Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway	To obtain a better contextual understanding of the combined impact of climate extremes and air pollution on agro-ecosystems and help to frame effective climate change adaptation and air pollution regulation measures
3.	Conflict, violence and environmental change: investigating resource governance and legitimacy in transitional societies (COVEC)	2016-2019	Swedish Research Council (VR)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NORAGRIC), Norway, African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya, UNSW Australia	To enhance scientific understanding of how climate change produces concerns for legitimacy, conflict and violence in the governance of forests and water resources
4	Climate adaptive water management plans for cities in south Asia (CAMPS)	2016-2019	International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada	Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR), India; University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia, University of Sydney (UoS), Australia, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Nepal	To investigate urban water insecurity under changing climate in small to medium sized cities in Nepal and north India, and demonstrates governance and city-scale planning strategies for adaptive and equitable management of urban water systems
5	Governing climate resilient futures: gender, justice and conflict resolution in resource management	2019-2021	Swedish Research Council (VR)	International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Oslo	To probe the link between gender and social inequalities, conflict, and how they affect sustainable and resilient climate development pathways

6	Institutional networks and self-organized adaptation: tracing the democratic architectures of climate response	2019 - 2022	Swedish Research Council (VR)	SLU Sweden, University of Minnesota, USA, Indian School of Business (ISB), India	To develop the concept of self-organized adaptation to explore how democratic political systems shape local responses to climate risk and changes
7	City level water forum for inclusive and equitable water governance	2019 -2020	Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) Asia Program managed by Local Governments for Sustainability, (ICLEI) South Asia	Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide (IFSD), Australia	To catalyse evidence informed deliberation in selected cities for inclusive water regulation focusing on equitable water access and upstream-downstream cooperation through the innovative tool of “Water Forum” (Pani Chautari)
8	Multi-hazard urban disaster risk transition: reducing disaster risk in Tomorrow’s Cities	2019-2021	Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)	SIAS and more than 24 partners	To find ways of making urban development resilient to multiple disasters by transforming the ways in which urban development and disaster risk is managed so far

SHORT TERM PROJECTS

SN	Project Name	Project Period	Funded by	Output in this year
1	Value chain and market development strategy of DCA Nepal in selected districts for selected agriculture commodity in province 6, 7	Jun – Nov 2018	Dan Church Aid (DCA)	Study report
2	End term evaluation of gender component under the developing resilient food secure communities	Dec 2018	United Mission to Nepal (UMN)	Evaluation report
3	State-citizen relations and stakeholder deliberation in federalizing forest management in Nepal	Jan– Sep 2019	NITI Foundation	Study report
4	NITI SAMBAD on access to drinking water and quality education	Feb – Aug 2019	National Democratic Institute	Policy diagnostic study reports – 2 (Drinking water and education)
5	SIAS – University of Edinburgh Field Course	14 – 24 Apr 2019	University of Edinburgh	Blogs - 5
6	End term evaluation of combating traditional practices that are harmful to women and girls	Jun-Aug 2019	United Mission to Nepal (UMN)	Evaluation report

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NEW ANGLE: NEPAL JOURNAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

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2.	दिगो विकासबारे गोष्ठी सम्पन्न	Udgossh Daily	19 Jul 2018
3.	Young Nepal Finds Enterprising Solutions to Manage Water – Techstars Startup Weekend Kathmandu: Water	Online in www.neplisite.com	30 Sep 2018
4.	उपत्यकामा खानेपानीको माग मेलम्चीले मात्रै नधान्ने	Himal Khabarpatrika	2 Oct 2018
5.	The Big fish Sabailai Paani Aqua cobs wins Techstars Startup Weekend Kathmandu: Water	GLocalKhabar	3 Oct 2018
6.	खानेपानी स्रोत जोगाउन रिचार्ज पोखरी	NEWS of Nepal	5 Apr 2019
7.	Forest bill is faulty and it raises questions over ownership: Experts	The Kathmandu Post	1 Jul 2019
8.	वातावरण विधेयकले जलवायु परिवर्तनको विषय बाइपास गर्‍यो	Online Paper Hakahaki	12 Jul 2019
9.	कर्मचारीको स्वार्थमा वन विधेयक	Kantipur Daily	1 Jul 2019

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- iii. What is an Environmentally-adjusted Index for Multidimensional Poverty?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yO5wUF9EzO8>

ANNEX 4: PARTNERS

International Organizations	National Organizations	Sub-national/Local organizations
Agriculture Extension in South Asia (AESAs)	Central Campus of Technology, Dharan	Bidur Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee
CAMVOL, UK	Centre for Disaster Studies, Institute of Engineering, T.U.	Bidur Municipality
Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR), India	Clean Energy Nepal (CEN)	Center for Environment Tourism and Development (CETD), Dharan
Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway	Digo Bikash Institute (DBI)	Dharan Sub Metropolitan City
Indian School of Business (ISB), India	Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWSUN)	Dharan Water Supply Management Board
Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide, (IFSD), Australia	ForestAction Nepal	Dhulikhel Chamber of Commerce and Industries
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway	Institute of Social and Environmental Transition Nepal (ISET-N)	Dhulikhel Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee (DDWSUC)
RECOFTC – Centre for People and Forest, Thailand	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Dhulikhel Municipality
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden	Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)	Hotel Association of Dharan
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India	Lumanti- Support Group for Shelter	Regional Hotel Association, Kavre
University of Cambridge, UK	Ministry of Forest and Environment (MOFE)	
University of East Anglia, UK	Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)	
University of Edinburgh, UK	National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET)	
University of Minnesota, USA	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)	
University of New South Wales, Australia	Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)	
University of Sheffield, UK	Nepal Entrepreneurs' Hub (NEHUB)	
University of Sydney, Australia	Nepal Forum Of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ)	
	NIMS College	
	Niti Foundation	
	Practical Action	
	SMART Paani	
	The Small Earth Nepal (SEN)	
	Youth Alliance for Environment (YAE)	

ANNEX 5: EVENTS

POLICY LABS, POLICY DIALOGUES, CONFERENCES

SN	Event Title	Organised Date	Organisers
1	Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series I “Gender Relations and Water Resource Management in Nepal: Toward a Dialogue between Feminist, Developmental and Transdisciplinary Perspectives”	5 Dec 2018	SIAS
2	Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL): Beyond Eurocentric Science and Indigenous Knowledge: Reimagining a New Politics of Knowledge for Himalayan Sustainability	21 Dec 2018	SIAS, University of Canberra, IFSD, ISET-N, Appalachian State University and Future Himalaya Institute (FHI)
3	Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series II “Interviewing Women: A Female researcher revisits her experience”	25 Mar 2019	SIAS
4	Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series III Reflections on Publication Strategies from “The Scopus Diaries and the (il) logics of Academic Survival	19 Apr 2019	SIAS
5	National Policy Dialogue on Current Opportunities and Challenges of Local Governments of Nepal	29 Jul 2018	SIAS
6	Conference on Local Water Management: Challenges and Opportunities in an Era of Change and Uncertainty	2-3 Oct 2018	SIAS, Dhulikhel Municipality, ISET-Nepal, LI-BIRD, MuAN
7	National Policy Dialogue on Agriculture Extension System in Federal Nepal	9 Apr 2019	SIAS, AESA and NPRN
8	Policy Dialogue on Revisiting Forest Bill for better understanding and communication	30 Jun 2019	SIAS and ForestAction Nepal
9	3 rd Conference on Public Policy and Governance in South Asia “Expanding Public Choices and Market Opportunities”	4-5 July 2019	SIAS, NASC, ISET- Nepal, Niti Foundation
10	Policy Dialogue on Revisiting Environment Protection Bill for Sustainable Development	12 July 2019	SIAS, DBI, NEFEJ, YAE, CEN
11	Policy Dialogue on Revisiting Water and Sanitation Bill for Clean and Equitable drinking water and Sanitation access	29 Jul 2019	SIAS, FEDWASUN, MuAN

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND FORUMS

SN	Event Title	Organised Date	Organisers
1	Techstars Startup Weekend Kathmandu Water	28-30 Sep 2018	NEHUB and SIAS
2	Dharan Paani Chautari- 6	12 Oct 2018	SIAS and Dharan Sub Metropolitan City
3	CAMPS Publication Colloquium	23-26 Dec 2018	SIAS
4	Policy brief writing orientation	27 Dec 2018	SIAS
5	Dhulikhel Pani Chautari – 5	30 Apr 2019	SIAS & Dhulikhel Municipality



PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BY SIAS TEAM MEMBERS

S.N.	Presenter/ Panelist/ Attendees	Date	Program	Presentation Title	Organizer and Venue
1.	Dr. Dil Khatri	9 Sep 2018	Pralad Yonjon Conservation Forum Series LXXVII	Shifting regimes of management and uses of forests. What might REDD+ implementation mean for community forestry? Evidence from Nepal	Resources Himalaya Foundation, Kathmandu
2	Dr. Dil Khatri	20 Nov 2018	Institute of Forestry (IOF) Seminar	What might REDD+ implementation mean for community forestry? Evidence from Nepal	Institute of Forestry, Pokhara
3	Ms. Suchita Shrestha	3-5 Dec 2018	Water Security and Climate Change Conference	Exploring the challenges and opportunities and approaches for private sector engagement to address water security in cities of Nepal	Center for Natural Resources and Development (CNRD), International Network on Sustainable water management In developing countries (SWINDON) and Food Security Center (FSC) in cooperation with AIT, Thailand and Excellence Centers for Exchange and Development (EXCEED)/ Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
4	Dr. Ngamindra Dahal	23 Mar 2019	Nepal National Water and Weather Week (NNWWW)	Climate adaptive water management plans for cities in South Asia – Project overview and key outputs	The Small Earth Nepal/ Hotel Himalaya, Pulchowk, Lalitpur
5	Dr. Roshan Bajracharya and CAMPS team	3 Apr 2019	Workshop on Water, Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change in South Asia	Climate adaptive water management plans for cities in South Asia – Project outputs and impacts	IDRC Canada/Dwarika Hotel, Kathmandu
6	Dr. Dil B Khatri	4 Apr 2019	IDRC delegates visit to Dhulikhel CAMPS research site	SIAS engagement in policy and practices: Insights from Dhulikhel	Dhulikhel Municipality

7	Dr. Dil Khatri	Apr 2019	Presentation and panel discussion in the thematic workshop of Nepal Sociological Association	Dynamics of change in rural lives and uses of forests: Implications for future forests in Nepal	Nepal Sociological Association in Thapathali
8	Mr. Kaustuv Raj Neupane	9 – 11 May 2019	International Conference and Training on Profam Software		Peking University, China
9	Ms. Suchita Shrestha	1-15 Jun 2019	International Workshop on Sustainable Development of Water Environment	Experience sharing on climate adaptive water management practices in Nepali municipalities: Connecting research and policy	The Institute of Earth Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xi'an, China
10	Mr. Kaustuv Raj Neupane	19 -21 Jun 2019	Development Studies Association Conference (Justice, rights and Inclusion in sustainable development)	Urban social movement for equitable water access in cities of Nepal	Open University, UK
11	Dr. Dil Khatri	24 Jun 2019	Contribution as panelist on dissemination workshop on political economy of water	Institutional and governance issue in water management	ISET Nepal at Entrance Café, Lalitpur
12	Mr. Kamal Devkota	26-28 Jun 2019	Resilient Cities Congress 2019	Tackling complex urban challenges: The role of collaboration	City of Bonn and ICLEI, Germany
13	Ms. Tikeshwori Joshi	4-5 Jul 2019	3rd Conference on Public Policy and Governance in South Asia- Expanding Public Choices and Market Opportunities.	Rural-urban linkages through incentive-based water management: A case from Dhulikhel Nepal	Nepal Administrative Staff College Jawalakhel, Lalitpur
14.	Dr. Dilli Poudel	16-22 Jul 2019	New point of Departure in Transitioning Disaster Reduction and Sustainability Challenges	Nepal's DRR related legal and institutional structure at the juncture of "New Point of Departure in transitioning Disaster Reduction and Sustainability Challenges	Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

ANNEX 6: SIAS TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS 2017/2018

SN	Name	Designation
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2	Chandra Lal Pandey	Senior research fellow
3	Dhanej Thapa	Research fellow
4	Dil Bahadur Khatri	Executive director
5	Dilli Prasad Poudel	Senior researcher
6	Gyanu Maskey	PhD researcher
7	Jailab Rai	PhD researcher
8	Kamal Devkota	Program director
9	Kaustuv Raj Neupane	Researcher
10	Kushal Pokharel	Researcher
11	Mani Ram Banjade	Senior researcher
12	Ngamindra Dahal	Project coordinator
13	Pema Lama	Research associate
14	Rachana Upadhya	Researcher
15	Roshan Man Bajracharya	Senior research fellow
16	Satya Bajracharya	Admin & finance manager
17	Suchita Shrestha	Research officer
18	Sanjaya Khatri	Research associate
19	Susmita Pandey	Research associate
20	Srijana Paudel	Admin & logistic officer

BOARD MEMBERS

SN	Name	Designation
1	Netra Timsina	Chairperson
2	Chiranjibi Bhattarai	Board of Director
3	Ganapati Ojha	Board of Director
4	Kanchan Lama	Board of Director
5	Krishan Gyawali	Board of Director
6	Madhav Karki	Board of Director
7	Naya Sharma Paudel	Board of Director







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