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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the year 2020 was mired in uncertainties and confusions. Most of our research and policy engagement activities were affected. Some of the activities were cancelled, some postponed, while some others were held through virtual means as well as physical presence maintaining health protocol. Despite unpredictable times, SIAS team has been able to continue its research, organize discussion forums and policy engagements and publish papers by collecting real time data during the pandemic.



Priorities and focus of the research have been slightly shifted. Our focus is towards analyzing the impacts of COVID-19 and the opportunities for future research and engagement. Despite the COVID situation, SIAS team was successful to continue field engagement and data collection, with modified approaches of distance data collection and virtual engagements. We took COVID as an opportunity to analyze how people, local institutions and governments have been coping with uncertainties in the sectors of agriculture, employment, education, water resource management. Our engagement with multiple stakeholders including policy makers, academia and practitioners through the seminar series entitled 'Nepali Society in and after the Pandemic' created a debate on how the society will interact and cope with the uncertainties. SIAS has also made remarkable progress in publications during the time, including COVID related-journal articles and blogs.

Overall, the activities of the year 2020 have been the learning grounds for SIAS to continue working strategically amid the pandemic and progress towards achieving the goals envisioned in its Strategic Plan (2019-2022). I would like to thank the board of directors, members, executive director, members of the management committee, all the staffs, partners and the collaborators for their contribution in this journey.

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Netra Timsina, PhD  
Chairperson

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is a pleasure to share our annual report for the year 2019/20. Despite COVID-19 pandemic, this year has been another important year for us towards contributing to the goal of being recognized as an established think tank and becoming a 'Centre of Excellence'. Our research and engagements across different levels have been aligned to the direction set out in the strategic plan for the period of 2019-2022.



This year, we have made remarkable progress in terms of delivering the projects that we had initiated over the last few years. We have also successfully secured some globally competitive research funding in collaboration with universities across the continents. We have also strengthened our regional reach through a new initiative of 'Policy Perspective on Water and Development in South Asia' and continued developing our research and policy engagement capacity with the expansion of our research/professional team.

Because of COVID-19 pandemic we needed to adapt strategies to work in different research environment. We adopted flexible work arrangement and used virtual platforms for meetings. Our researchers and enumerators collected data from distance through online and telephone interviews. Due to the pandemic, we could not run some of our ongoing initiatives such as Future Himalaya Seminar Series and Policy Labs as we had planned. However, we created virtual spaces for sharing insights and developing capacity of researchers. For example, we organized a webinar series on 'Nepali Society in and after Pandemic. Under this we conducted eight webinars covering diverse issues. Further, we also organized virtual seminars and workshops to nurture young researchers on scientific writing.

I take this opportunity to thank all SIAS staff members, our partners, and collaborators for their support to make our journey productive despite the pandemic situation. I appreciate the efforts made by Yuvika Adhikari, Gyanu Maskey, Kaustuv Neupane, Suchita Shrestha, Pradip Dhakal 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.

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Dil Khatri, PhD  
Executive Director

# ACRONYMS

CDKN	Climate and Development Knowledge Network
CEDAR	Centre for Ecology, Development and Research
CEN	Clean Energy Nepal
CNRD	Centers for Natural Resources and Development
CSFL	Centre for Sustainable Forests and Landscapes
DSA	The University of Edinburgh and Development Studies Association
ICIMOD	The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ICLEI	ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability
IFSD	Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide
IoE	Institute of Engineering
NDRC	National Disaster Risk Reduction Center
NDRI	Nepal Development Research Institute
NSET	National Society for Earthquake Technology
SLU	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
UNSW	University of New South Wales



# 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 South Asia and beyond. SIAS operates in research-policy-practice interface, covering various themes: natural resource 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 South Asia region to understand and influence policy challenges and sustainable development.

## SIAS IN A NUTSHELL



### 1.1 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, of other countries while undertaking its engagements outside Nepal.



### 1.2 Vision

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



### 1.3 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, North India and Bangladesh, and intends to expand its geographical coverage in the region.



### 1.5 Objectives

- Generate action-verified lessons and the state-of-the-art knowledge, on environmental, socio-economic and political issues.
- Engage critically in the policy process 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.



### 1.4 Governance

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

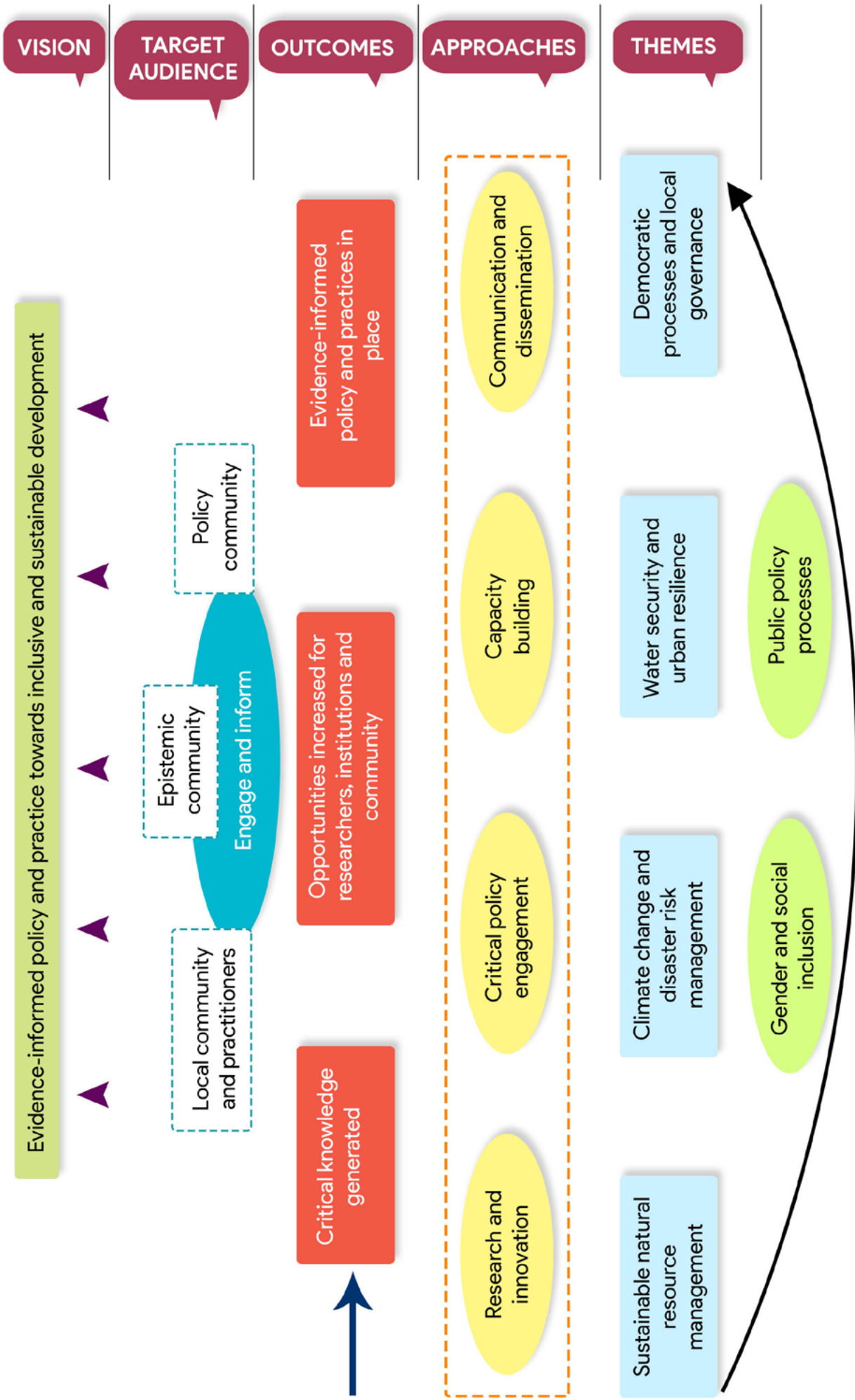


# SIAS THEORY OF CHANGE





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: 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.



**SIAS THEORY OF CHANGE**



# THEMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SIAS has been expanding its research and policy engagements on collective, adaptive, and inclusive natural resource management and analyzing and addressing conflicts in natural resource governance. This year SIAS started a project on marginal groups' engagement in revitalizing collective natural resource management. Engagements with the stakeholders have been through dialogue forums, partnerships with local governments, capacity building initiatives and publications. SIAS also contributed to the policy process through critical reviews of the draft policies on forestry and climate change and organized critical policy dialogues focused on these sectors.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

SIAS has continued research on climate risk and governance, disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, vulnerability, and resilience of local communities through different research projects. Recent projects contribute towards addressing the climate risk-related issues in the mountain landscapes of Nepal and resilience building across the Himalayan region. Through its research and local engagement, SIAS has been supporting the local governments in dealing with climate-related threats and uncertainties. SIAS has also initiated research and stakeholder engagements intending to transform the political capabilities of marginalized groups, use analytical tools to expand understanding of risks and reveal how the root causes of risks have emerged and become resilient in the urbanizing contexts.

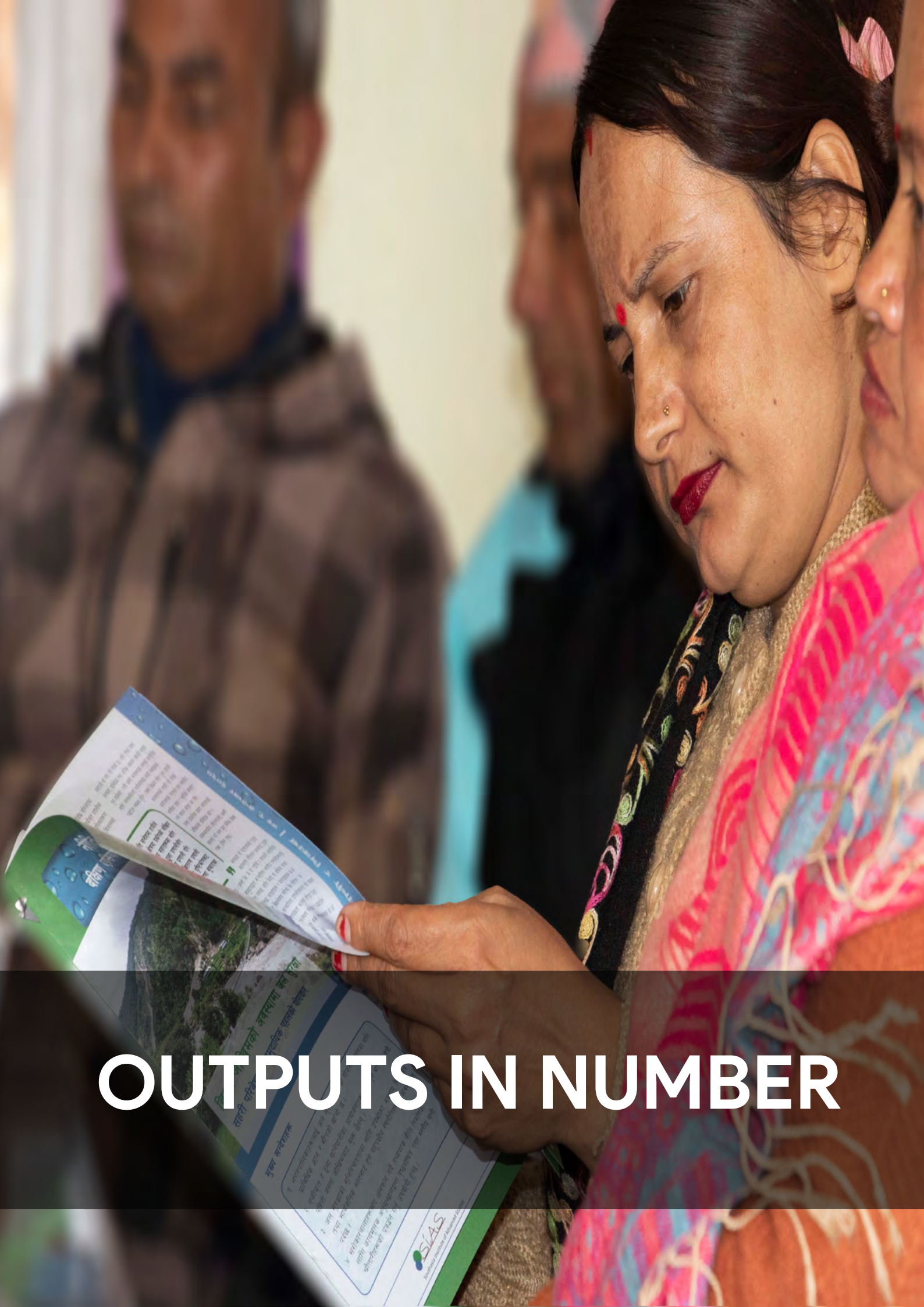
## WATER SECURITY AND URBAN RESILIENCE

This year, SIAS focused on synthesizing, publishing, and disseminating knowledge and insights gathered through recently completed projects. A special issue on New Angle, numbers of journal articles at external outlets, policy briefs are in the press while an edited book is at the final stage. **Pani Chautari** has been conducted in some of the towns we worked in and was appreciated for the evidence-based policy process. SIAS in collaboration with Sydney-based Institute for Development and Study Worldwide (IFSD), has initiated a new outlet called 'Policy Perspective on the theme Water and Development in South Asia'. This series features articles that provide research-informed and practice-based insights for sustainable, equitable, and effective management of water resources in South Asia and the Himalayan region.

Taking Socio-Ecological System (SES) approach and expanding its resilience perspectives, SIAS conducted illustrative case studies for understanding the responses and resilience of rural communities and the local governments in the context of climate risk and change. Critically analyzing the rural dynamics, SIAS is also exploring how smallholders cope with and adapt to environmental, economic, and social changes, and how these processes affect the landscape they inhabit. Our knowledge and insights on rural livelihoods and resilience building will be disseminated in the years to come.

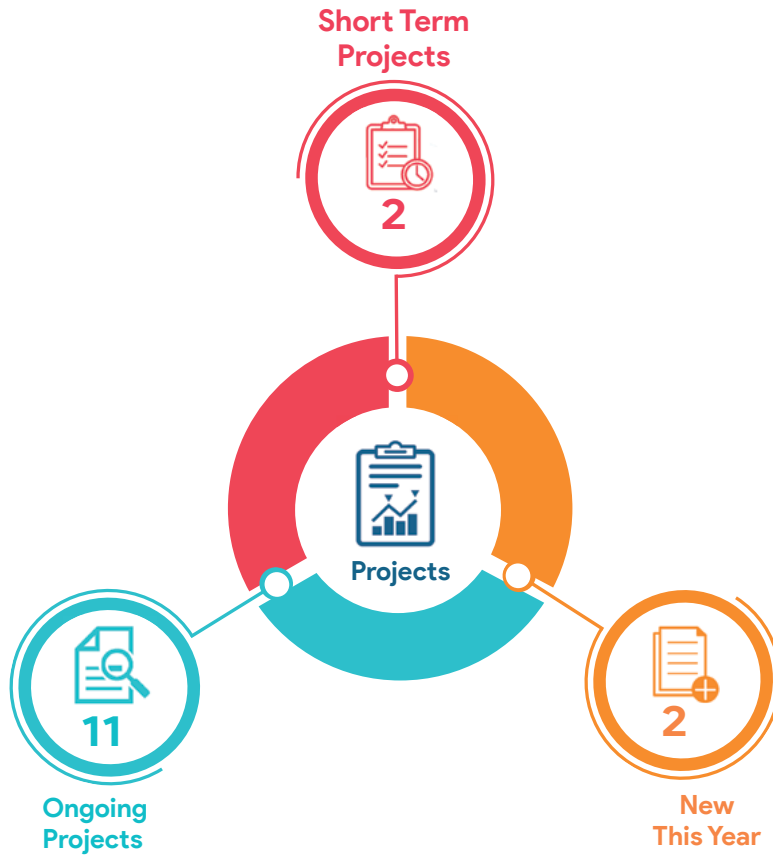
## LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND POLICY PROCESSES

SIAS engaged with some local and provincial governments especially in the institution-building and policy formulation processes. Our focus has been on documenting the institutional capacity, resource distribution strategies, and the local governance for containing COVID-19 and the local responses to the lockdown imposed to contain the same. Unpacking unprecedented differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, SIAS organized eight webinar series bringing academicians, elected local governments, researchers, practitioners, communities, and other stakeholders into dialogue and knowledge exchange platforms. Additionally, using COVID-19 as an external shock and stress, SIAS explored how households in the rural communities cope with the external shock and what strategies are adopted by the local governments to confront such risk.

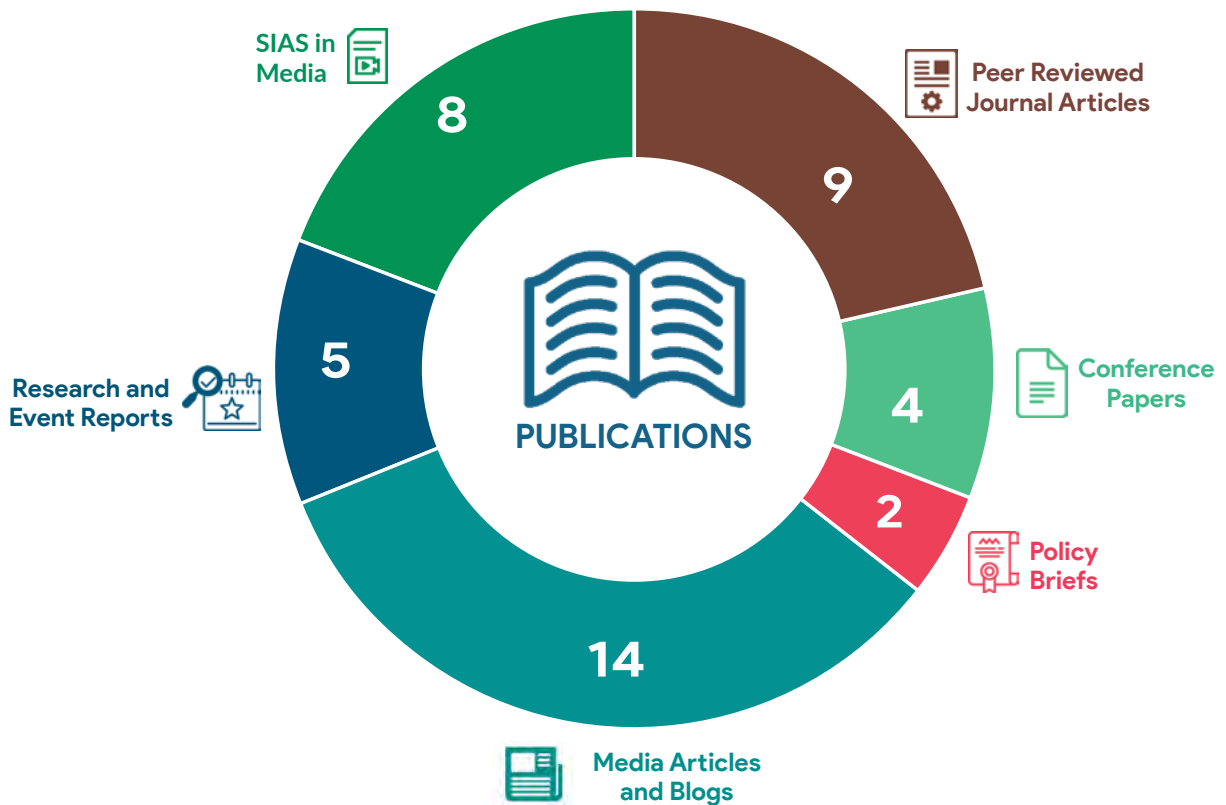


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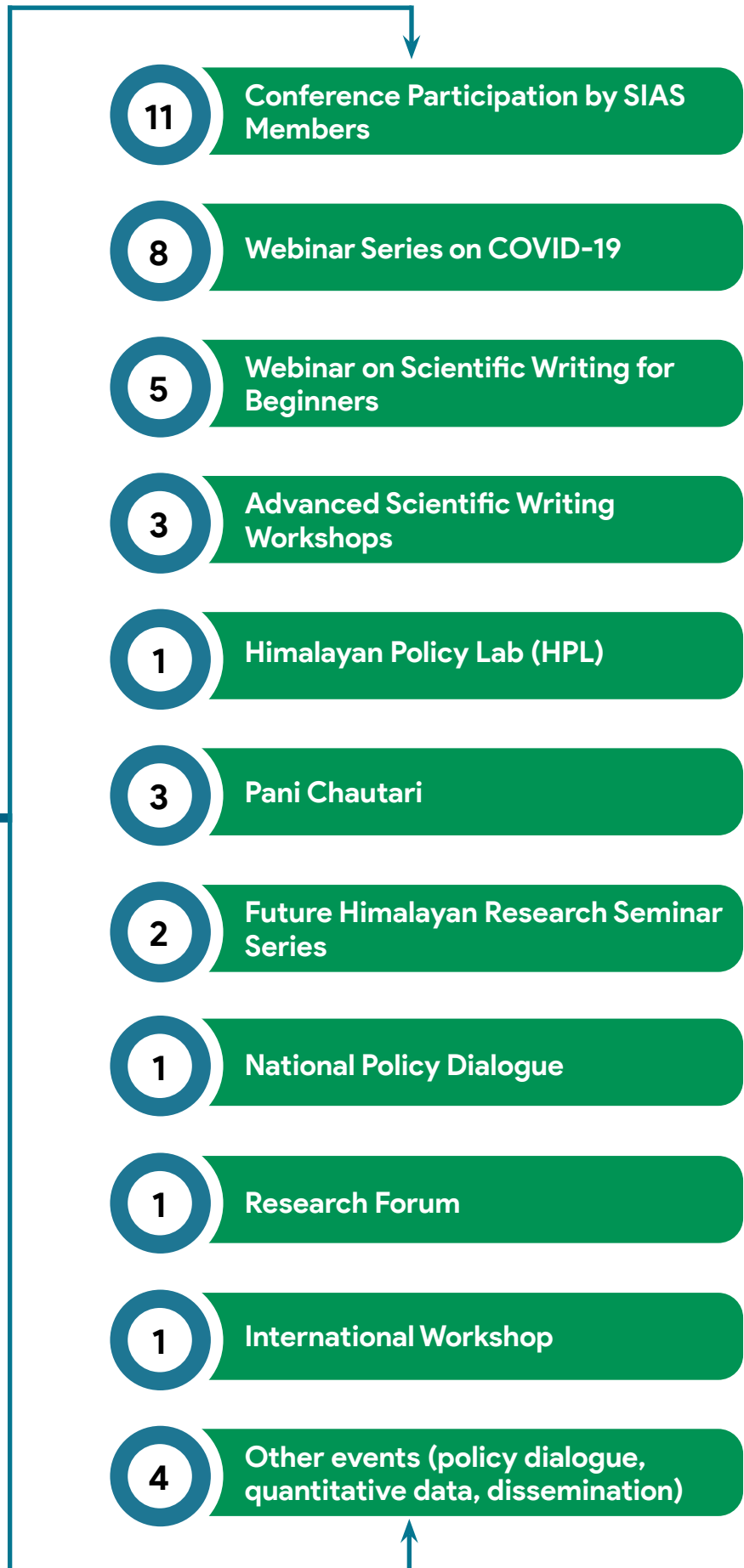
# PROJECTS



# PUBLICATIONS







## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

SIAS researchers have published their research findings in leading international journals. A total of 9 peer-reviewed journal articles have been published this year. A special issue of *New Angle* has been published on Water Scarcity and Sustainability in the Himalayas, Volume 6(1), 2020 with 6 articles. Likewise, SIAS researchers have also published and contributed as co-authors to a number of book chapters, published 2 policy briefs, presented a total of 11 conference papers at National and International conferences.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

Events and activities of SIAS have been featured in broadsheet national dailies, online news portals, televisions, and radios this year. 8 such media reporting have been covered this year. Additionally, SIAS researchers have written a total of 14 media articles and blogs as an attempt to reflect public discourses on the issues of natural resource management, water management, local governance, climate change, disaster management and policy reform. Some of the blogs have been around COVID-19 pandemic in relation to these issues.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

SIAS has continued its efforts to build the research capacity of its members. This year, SIAS has put efforts into improving the academic writing skills of researchers through scientific writing workshops, where participants were mentored by in-house and external Senior Researchers. SIAS hosted a two-month-long field course on environment and development for the Master's students of the University of Edinburgh via online platforms. SIAS continues to organize research forums, an informal discussion to share insights on ongoing research. SIAS researchers also reflected on their experiences and challenges of data collection, fieldwork, and writing through interaction with an international Professor in the Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series. Integrating capacity-building activities in a research project, SIAS also trained field-based research assistants to develop their research skills.







# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## INSTITUTION BUILDING

SIAS undertook some institutional development initiatives. It continued its project development and policy engagements with existing and new partners. SIAS has drafted the Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) policy which is at the stage of approval by the BoD. SIAS continues its policy of systematic documentation of achievement and lessons through publishing an annual report. With the restrictions in mobility and surge in the COVID-19 cases, SIAS continued its activities following the governmental safety guidelines and taking flexible approach of working from home. It also prepared COVID-19 prevention guidelines for the safety of its staff at the office and during fieldwork. SIAS has hired additional staff for the projects as well as administrative works for this year.

## PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING DIVERSITY

SIAS has succeeded in expanding its partnership and diversify funding sources this year. It has intensified partnership and collaboration with existing partners such as the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), ISET-Nepal, Institute of Engineering (Pulchowk), Lumanti with two new research projects. It has further extended its new partnership with ICIMOD and continues working on regional issues emerging across the HKH region. The University of York, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, Chiang Mai University and SEI Asia became new collaborators of SIAS since this year.

SIAS has continued its prior collaboration with the University of Edinburgh and organized a short-term field course. It also extended its partnership with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resource Research by jointly hosting an international workshop to materialize the Belt and Road Initiatives. Similarly, SIAS has continued research and policy engagement with institutions such as Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWASUN), Municipality Association of Nepal (MuAN), and several national research institutes namely National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Niti Foundation among others. A list of local and international partners and collaborators is provided in Annex.





# OTHER INITIATIVES



## WEBINAR SERIES

With the COVID-19 containment restrictions to meet in persons, SIAS organized online discussions series on ‘Nepali Society during and After the Pandemic.’ Eight webinars were organized during March and April among inviting academicians, researchers, intellectuals, and local elected representatives to discuss key issues and impacts of pandemic, ongoing responses and opportunities within the context of the crisis in sectors of agriculture, employment, education and disaster. Some of these discussions were captured in blog posts (See Annex 1).

## POLICY PERSPECTIVES IN SOUTH ASIA

SIAS has initiated Policy Perspective in South Asia series from this year with technical support from the Development and Study Worldwide (IFSD). This series features articles that provide research-informed and practice-based insights for sustainable, equitable, and effective management of natural resources in South Asia and the Himalayan region.



## FUTURE HIMALAYAN RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

SIAS has conducted two seminars under the Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series this year inviting national and international experts to contribute towards fostering critical analytical skills and knowledge development of researchers. The seminar series reflected on the experience of the researchers on doing fieldwork and the challenges faced by the researchers during the course of data collection, analysis and, writing; and using the field material in writing, coding and analyzing the data. Another series reflected on engaged research and political transformation in Nepal.



## 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 publishes a public policy journal – New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Sciences and Public Policies. This year, SIAS published a special issue of New Angle on ‘Water Scarcity and Sustainability in the Himalayas’.



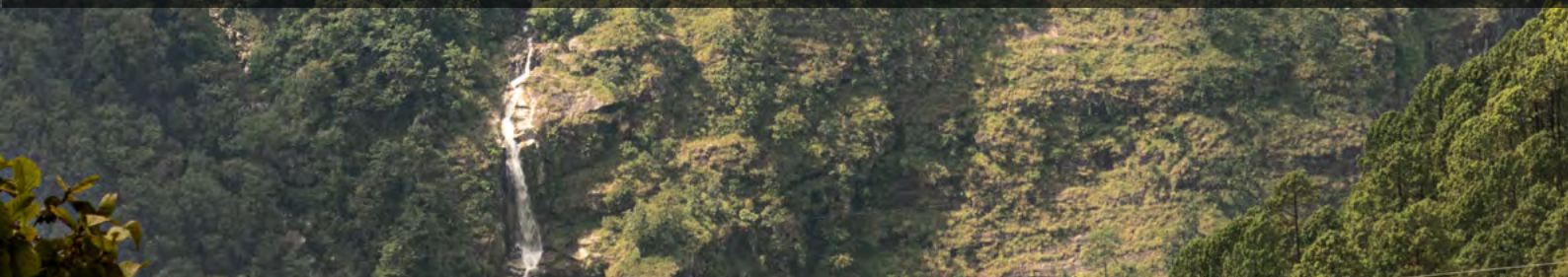
## HIMALAYAN POLICY LAB

Policy Lab is a unique approach to critically discuss policymaking processes involving the use of new policy tools and techniques. It aims at improving policy initiatives by fostering research-community partnerships. SIAS hosted one Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL) this year aiming to facilitate critical discussions on questions of knowledge politics in the Himalaya, and to produce alternative forms of knowledge, which, subsequently, increase the possibility of transcending the world of academics, policy, and practice.





# ANNEXES





# ANNEX 1: PROJECTS AND EVENTS

## ONGOING PROJECTS

SN	Project Name	Project Period	Funded by	Collaborators	Project objectives
1	Conflict, Violence and environmental change (CoVEC)	2016-2020	Swedish Research Council (VR)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU-Sweden), Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS- Nepal), Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NORAGRIC- Norway), African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS- Kenya), University of New South Wales (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
2	Governing climate resilient futures: gender, justice and conflict resolution in resource management (JustClim)	2019-2021	Swedish Research Council	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) Sweden, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Science and Technology, Kenya	To probe the link between gender and social inequalities, conflict, and how they affect sustainable and resilient climate development pathways.
3	Revitalizing community-managed irrigation systems in the context of out-migration in Nepal	Jan 2019- Dec 2022	Swedish Research Council	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Institute of Development Studies (IDS), STEPS (Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability) center at Sussex University in the UK, University of British Columbia (UBC).	To identify the pathways through which a greater engagement of marginal groups can help to revitalize collective natural resource management. Through a study of farmer-managed irrigation systems in Nepal, the project will analyse how community-managed irrigation systems are changing as a result of male outmigration and how these changing household structure and labor relations open up possibilities for marginalised groups to engage with collective irrigation management.

4	GCRF Multi-hazard urban disaster risk transition: reducing disaster risk in tomorrow's cities	Feb 2019- Dec 2021	Global Challenge Research Fund/ University of Edinburgh	Institute of Engineering (IoE), Practical Action, National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET), Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), National Disaster Risk Reduction Center (NDRC), Lumnati Support Group for Shelter.	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.
5	City level water forum for inclusive and equitable water governance	Jul 2019- Jun 2020	Climate and evelopment Knowledge Network (CDKN) Asia Program managed by Local Governments for Sustainability, (ICLEI) South Asia	Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide (IFSD), Sydney, 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)
6	Institutional networks and self-organized adaptation: Tracing the democratic architectures of climate response (INSA)	Jul 2019 to Jun 2022	Swedish Research Council	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)- Sweden, University of Minnesota Twin Cities- 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. It further explores ( 1 ) the portfolios of climate risks that different households face; ( 2 ) the political channels through which citizens seek support for climate threats; ( 3 ) the networks of interaction through which state responses are developed; and ( 4 ) the recursive effects of these responses on households' experience of climate risk.
7	Assessing resilience building with illustrative case studies in Nepal	Jan 2020- Dec 2020	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	ICIMOD	To conduct case studies and develop resilience markers on common regional issues emerging across the HKH region that will help to identify recurring patterns of Socio-Ecological System (SES) behavior for generalization.

8	The practice of resilience in mountain landscapes: exploring risk and landscape investments in rural Nepal (PECA III)	Jan 2020- Dec 2022	Swedish Research Council	Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU), ForestAction Nepal	To investigate large collective and individual labor investments in the landscape by understanding people's landscape use. It does so in a situation where patterns of out migration create a situation of rural labor scarcity, which has relatively unknown consequences for land uses and landscapes.
9	Transforming political capabilities for equitable resilience (PolCap)	Nov 2019- May 2023	University of York/Global challenge research fund	University of York, ISET Nepal, IoE Pulchowk, Chiyang Mai University, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, King Mongkuts University in collaboration with other team members ING MONGKUT'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SEI Asia,	To transform the political capabilities of marginalised groups in our study cities (i.e., Nepal and Thailand), so that the integration of development and disaster risk planning occurs in ways that provides them with control over their environment.
10	State-citizen relations and stakeholder deliberation in federalizing forest management in Nepal	Jan 2019- Sep 2019	Niti Foundation	Niti Foundation and SIAS	To offer substantive contribution to the on-going policy processes across different sectors by informing formal policy-making processes and mobilizing civic voices and alternative discourses.
11	UoE - SIAS field course Nepal experience sharing	Apr 2020- May 2020	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh and SIAS	To run field course for the master's students of environment and development from UoE in Nepal. This was second series organised online due to COVID.

## POLICY LABS AND SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, FORUMS

S.N.	Events	Date	Organisers
1	Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL- 2): Writing Policy Briefs to Maximise Impact: Sharing Insights from Practice	9 Aug 2019	SIAS, IFSD, CEDAR, ForestAction, University of Canberra, Nims college
2	CAMPS project dissemination workshop	30 Aug 2019	SIAS
3	SIAS research forum on 'doing literature review'	30 Sep 2019	SIAS
4	Workshop of research and reflection	12 Nov 2019	SIAS, Forest Action
5	Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series: The Burden of Evidence: connecting research objectives and methods (Andrea Nightingale)	12 Dec 2019	SIAS
6	Future Himalayan: Research Seminar Series: Engaged Research and Political Transition in Nepal: Reflections and Re-imagination	28 Jan 2019	TU, SIAS and Nims College
7	Workshop on quantitative data collection	3-5 Feb 2020	SIAS
8	Webinar on Scientific writing for beginners (5 events)	5-10 Apr 2020	IFSD, SIAS and NIMS
9	<p>COVID Webinar Discussion Series: Nepali Society During and After the Pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plights of Migrants In the pandemic (24 April 2020)</li> <li>• Brain Drain in the Nepali Society: Is the Pandemic also the Panacea? (1 May 2020)</li> <li>• Nepali academia and think tanks: Emerging Opportunities and Post COVID-19 challenges (8 May 2020)</li> <li>• Policy provisions for employment generation: Implication of COVID-19 (15 May 2020)</li> <li>• Agriculture Prospects to Combat COVID crisis (22 May 2020)</li> <li>• Challenges and Opportunities of local government during COVID crisis (29 May 2020)</li> <li>• Managing Multi-hazard Risks: Lessons from COVID Crisis and Way Forward, (5 June 2020)</li> <li>• COVID Crisis: Differential Vulnerabilities of Women and people from Marginal Communities (12 June 2020)</li> </ul>	24 Apr- 12 Jun 2020	SIAS
10	<p>Advanced Scientific Writing Workshop (3 events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Workshop (9 June 2020)</li> <li>• Mentors Workshop (28 June 2020)</li> <li>• Thematic workshops (10 and 12 July 2020)</li> </ul>	Jun-Jul 2020	SIAS, NIMS College and Institute for Study and Development Worldwide (IFSD)

## POLICY DIALOGUE AND PANI CHAUTARI

S.N.	Events	Date	Organisers
1	Revisiting Water and Sanitation Bill for Clean and Equitable drinking water and Sanitation access	29 July 2019	SIAS, FEDWASUN, MuAN
2	Bidur Pani Chautari	17 Oct 2019	SIAS, Bidur Municipality and Bidur Drinking Water Users Committee
3	Diktel Pani Chautari	17 Jan 2020	SIAS, Diktel Rupakot Majhuwagadhi Municipality
4	Dhulikhel Pani Chautari	27 Feb 2020	Dhulikhel Municipality and SIAS

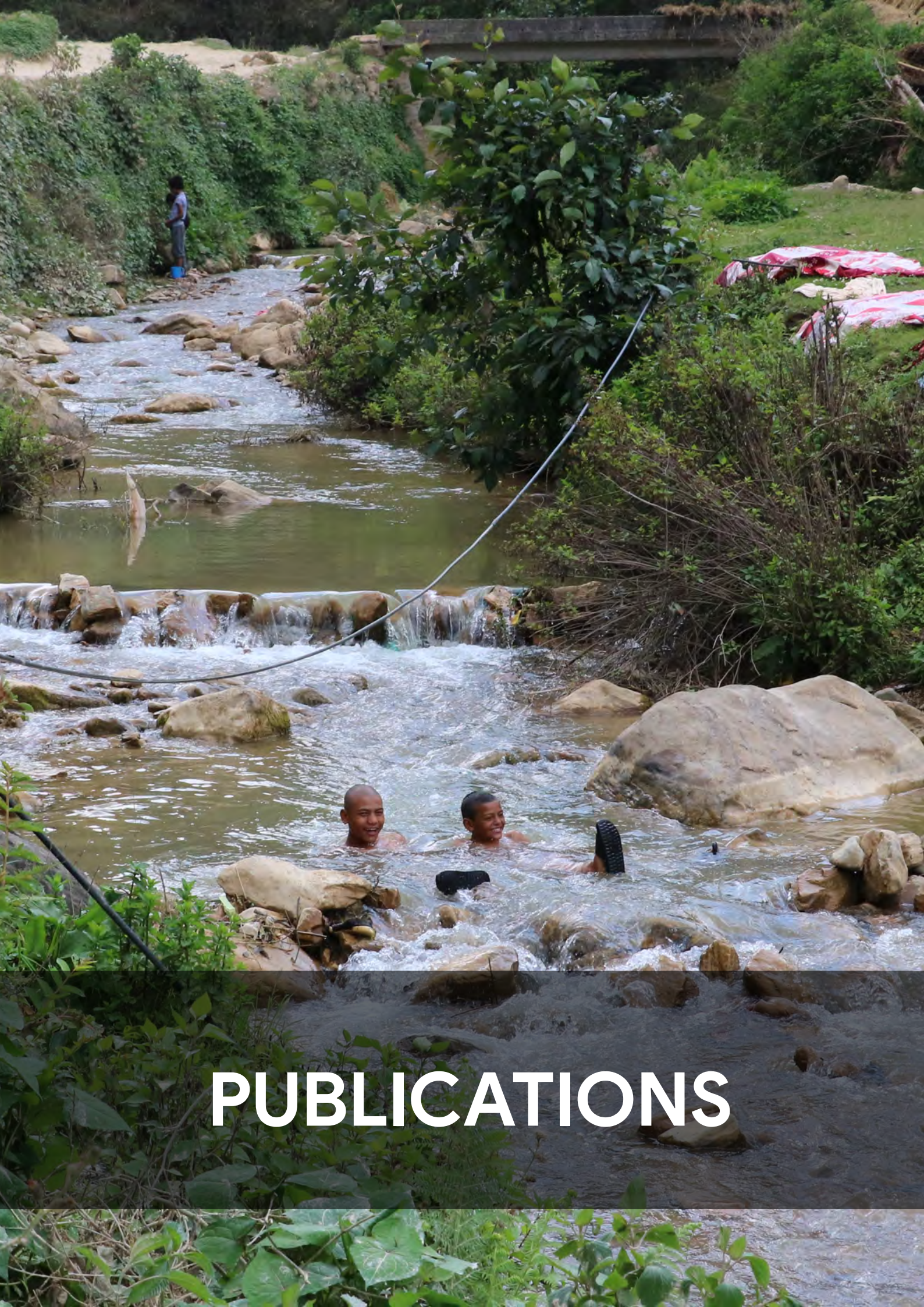
## INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

S.N.	Events	Date	Organisers
1	International Workshop on Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) in Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges	7 Aug 2019	SIAS, and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resource Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BY SIAS TEAM MEMBERS

S.N	Participants name	Date	Program	Participants/ Panelists/Presenters	Organizer and Venue
1.	Dilli Poudel	17-19 Jul 2019	New points of departure in transitioning disaster reduction and sustainability challenges Conference	<b>Presenter:</b> Nepal's DRR related legal and institutional structures at the juncture of New points of departure in transitioning disaster reduction and sustainability challenges  Panelist: GCRF Research Hub's 'Tomorrow's Cities and Living Deltas'	University of Edinburgh, UK
2.	Dil Khatri, Kamal Devkota and Suchita Shrestha	8-15 Sep 2019	INSA project inception workshop		SLU, University of Minnesota, ISB, SIAS, Palampur, India

3.	Gyanu Maskey and Suchita Shrestha	28-30 Oct 2019	Water Security and Climate Change Conference	<p><b>Presenter:</b></p> <p>Gyanu: “Institutional responses amid ambiguities in securing urban water: a case of a city in Nepal”</p> <p>Suchita: “The role of Water Forum as a Social Learning Platform for water management in the face of climate change and urbanization: Insights from practice”</p>	Centers for Natural Resources and Development (CNRD), SWINDON – International Network on Sustainable Water Management in Developing Countries, FSC – Food Security Center, EXCEED – Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation and UASLP – Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico
4.	Kamal Devkota	18 Nov 2019	CDKN Knowledge accelerator regional training workshop	<b>Panelist:</b> Urban Resilience	CDKN and ICLEI, South Asia, New Delhi, India
5.	Kaustuv Raj Neupane	18-19 Nov 2019	CDKN Knowledge accelerator regional training workshop	<b>Panelist:</b> Circular Economy	CDKN and ICLEI, South Asia, New Delhi, India
6.	Gyanu Maskey	6-8 Dec 2019	International Workshop on Mobilizing Youth and Young Professionals in Disaster Risk Reduction through International Collaboration	Participant	Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR) at Sichuan University, Chengdu, China
7.	Kaustuv Neupane and Yuvika Adhikari	28-31 Jan 2020	Resilient Mountain Solutions annual partners’ workshop	Participants	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal
8.	Sanjaya Khatri	21 - 22 Feb 2020	Workshop entitled ‘Making Interdisciplinarity work in Environmental Change Research’	Participants	Centre for Sustainable Forests and Landscapes (CSFL), The University of Edinburgh and Development Studies Association (DSA), UK
9.	Rachana Upadhyaya	11 May 2020	Webinar on Urban water security	<b>Presenter:</b> Gender and Urban Water Security	Institute For Studies and Development, Australia (Online)



# PUBLICATIONS

# ANNEX 2: PUBLICATIONS

## NEW ANGLE

New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Science and Public Policy, Volume 6( 1), 2020.

Water Scarcity and Sustainability in the Himalayas. Volume 6( 1)

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2	उदाउँदा शहर खानेपानीको समस्यासँग जुध्दै	Aarthik Abhiyan Daily	31 Aug 2019
3	जलाधार क्षेत्र रुपाकोटमा वर्षा हुनेक्रममा फेरबदल	Nagarik News	25 Jan 2020
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# PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

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International Organisations	National Organisations	Sub-national/Local organizations
Agriculture Extension in South Asia (AESAs)	Central Campus of Technology, Dharan	Bidur Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee
Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR), India	Centre for Disaster Studies, Institute of Engineering, T.U.	Bidur Municipality
Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway	Clean Energy Nepal (CEN)	Center for Environment Tourism and Development (CETD), Dharan
Chiyang Mai University, SEI Asia.	Digo Bikash Institute (DBI)	Dharan Sub Metropolitan City
Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)	Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWSUN)	Dharan Water Supply Management Board
Indian School of Business (ISB), India	ForestAction Nepal	Dhulikhel Chamber of Commerce and Industries
Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide, (IFSD), Australia	Institute of Engineering, Pulchok	Dhulikhel Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee (DDWSUC)
Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resource Research China	Institute of Social and Environmental Transition Nepal (ISET-N)	Dhulikhel Municipality
King Mongkut's Institute of Technology,	International Centre For Integrated Mountain Development	Hotel Association of Dharan
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway	Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)	Hotel Association, Kavre
RECOFTC – Centre for People and Forest, Thailand	Lumanti- Support Group for Shelter Regional	
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden	Ministry of Forest and Environment (MOFE)	
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India	Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)	
University of Cambridge, UK	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)	
University of East Anglia, UK	National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET)	
University of Edinburgh, UK	Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)	
University of Minnesota, USA	NIMS College	
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