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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The fiscal year 2022/23 has been a momentous year for SIAS in delivering intended research outputs and securing multiple funds for carrying out new research projects. Focusing on the themes like sustainable natural resources management, climate change and disaster risk management, water security and urban resilience, and local governance and policy processes, SIAS sought to address the issues related to the multi-hazard disasters, climate change, natural resources governance, and women's economic empowerment in the face of changing socio-economic context of Nepal. This year also, SIAS continued its engagement with different stakeholders including academic communities, policy makers, intellectuals and local communities at various fronts.

This annual report presents a glimpse of major activities that we accomplished in the year 2022/23. SIAS has placed its priorities towards raising institutional profile, strengthening internal capacity, supporting research enablers and enhancing research engagement of its team members. It has continued its initiatives to influence the policy process and demonstrate its commitment to the critical policy review. With multiple engagements in various policy dialogues and consultations with the respective stakeholders at different levels, SIAS has been making efforts to



internalize the evidence-based policy making and foster inclusive policy process. Through its research works, publications and policy engagements, SIAS has been contributing at its best to address the key policy gaps at local and national level. Likewise, SIAS has been immensely benefitting from its exposure to the international research sphere by involving itself in global dialogues, cross-border research partnership and collaborative studies.

Overall, the year 2022/23 has been a remarkable year in achieving our milestones and taking forward our mission of establishing SIAS as an acclaimed think tank. Our achievements to this end to date have only been possible because of hard team work as well as unfailing dedication and support from our stakeholders. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors, members, executive director, members of the management committee, all the staff, partners and the collaborators for their valuable support and diligence to attain the mission and goals of SIAS and look forward to receiving similar support in the future as well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Krishna Gyawali', written over a horizontal line.

Krishna Gyawali
Chairperson



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2023 has yet been another successful year for SIAS towards achieving its goal of being recognised as an established think tank and becoming a 'Centre of Excellence'. As we head into the next fiscal year, I feel extremely delighted to share our annual report for the year 2022/23. This annual report highlights our achievements, working approach, activities, engagements and lessons during the period. We continued to focus our research on thematic areas such as sustainable natural resources management, climate change and disaster risk management, water security and urban resilience and local governance and policy processes. We also made remarkable progress in terms of delivering high quality knowledge outputs which not only contributed to the international scholarship but also provided important evidence and lessons for national and regional level policies. Towards this process, SIAS has secured globally competitive research funding; for example, during this reporting period, a number of research projects on issues such as growing wildlife in farming landscapes, studying the relation between climate change and migration and synergy between carbon, biodiversity and livelihood outcomes of restoration initiatives. Likewise, SIAS is putting effort to expand our partnerships and collaborations across local, national and international levels with diverse stakeholders.

This year, we have published five peer-reviewed journal articles and one special issue of New Angle on "Understanding Changing Livelihoods, Vulnerability and COVID-19 Pandemic". Our other outputs such as Op-ed, blogs and research reports has also been published on different platforms. This year also, we continued Future Himalaya Seminar series and were successful in organizing half a dozen of seminars covering the diverse issues. From this year, we initiated a co-learning platform 'Research Clubs' for nurturing the emerging researchers in SIAS and beyond. We also organized different internal capacity building training and workshops such as advanced scientific writing workshop series and module for blog writing. Furthermore, we have strengthened our policy engagements through number of policy dialogues with diversified collaborator on issues related to water, climate change and wildlife.

I am deeply grateful to our institutional partners and collaborators for their continuous support to make this year productive. I acknowledge the efforts made by Salu Basnet, Gyanu Maskey, Pradip Dhakal, Anushiya Shrestha, Upasna Thapa, Dilli Prasad Poudel, Govinda Poudel and Sajjan Regmi for compiling this report. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the hardworking SIAS team for their diligent efforts to achieve our organizational goals. Finally, I am also very thankful towards our board members for their continuous support and look forward to receive similar support in future as well.

Dil Khatri, PhD

Executive Director

ACRONYMS

ARIN	Africa Research and Impact Network
AESA	Agriculture Extension in South Asia
CDKN	Climate and Development Knowledge Network
CEN	Clean Energy Nepal
DBI	Digo Bikash Institute
DWRF	Dalit Women's Right Forum
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
GCRF	Global Challenges Research Fund
HBTL	Himalayan Bio Trade Limited
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IFSD	Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide
IIDS	Institute for Integrated Development Studies
IOE	Institute of Engineering

ISB	Indian School of Business
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
KVDA	Kathmandu Valley Development Authority
LI-BIRD	Local Initiatives, Research and Development
LMC	Lalitpur Metropolitan City
NDRI	Nepal Development Research Institute
NPRN	Nepal Policy Research Network
NSET	National Society for Earthquake Technology
SLU	Swedish University of Agricultural Science
TCDSE	Tomorrow's Cities Decision Support Environment
TWAS	The World Academy of Sciences
VR	Swedish Research Council
UoE	University of Edinburgh



1  | **ABOUT SIAS**



Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) is a Kathmandu-based policy research institute striving 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 a research-policy-practice interface, which accommodates multiple themes of sustainable natural resource management; climate change, water, urban resilience; rural livelihoods and ecosystem services; democratic processes and local governance. It aims to utilise its research to create state-of-the-art knowledge to understand, engage and inform public policy processes and contribute to sustainable development in the South Asia region.



Legal Status

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



Governance

SIAS is governed by a Board of Directors (BoD) elected by the General Assembly. The board comprises of a group of professionals committed to deliver high quality research and engage in policy processes. For internal management, there is a Management Committee (MC) chaired by the Executive Director. This committee is accountable to the Board of Directors.



Vision

SIAS envisions becoming a research institution that supports evidence-informed policy and practice towards inclusive and sustainable development. It works to realise this vision of getting recognised in Nepal, South Asia and around the globe as a unique South-based high quality policy research organisation, with a reputation as a policy think tank.



Mission

SIAS's mission is to nurture, cultivate, organise and promote critical knowledge, research and scholarly learning in South Asia. It focuses its research in Nepal and South Asia (and beyond) through building regional collaborations in carrying out research and contribute to evidence informed policy process.



Objectives

- Conduct high-quality research and analysis and generate action-verified lessons and the state-of-the-art knowledge on environmental, socio-economic and political issues.
- Critically engage in the policy process from national to local levels.
- Build and enhance capacities of research community and professionals.
- Inform practitioners, policy makers and epistemic communities (researchers and academia) with evidences and rigorous analysis to support research informed policy decisions.



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SIAS THEORY OF CHANGE

SIAS has adopted the theory of change as its organizational development framework (Figure 1). The theory of change describes how it contributes to realizing its vision of evidence-informed policy and practice towards inclusive and sustainable development. As illustrated, SIAS invests in research interventions and policy analysis that leads to achieving desired outcomes, informing its target audience and contributing to achieving its vision. It works across four central thematic areas: i. Sustainable natural resource management ii. Climate change and disaster risk management, iii. Water security and urban resilience, iv. Local governance and policy process; and Gender and social inclusion and public policy processes are the cross-cutting themes (Figure-1 themes). SIAS strives to generate critical knowledge and evidence (Figure 1- outcomes) to inform, empower and capacitate policymakers, practitioners and epistemic communities (Figure 1- target audience) through research and innovation, policy engagement, capacity development and research communication (Figure 1- approaches). It strategizes policies and actions to foster evidence-informed policy and practices through engagement with the epistemic community, the policy community, the local community, and practitioners. In doing so, it adopts four interconnected approaches of research and innovations, critical policy engagement, capacity building (of researchers and stakeholders), and communication and dissemination.



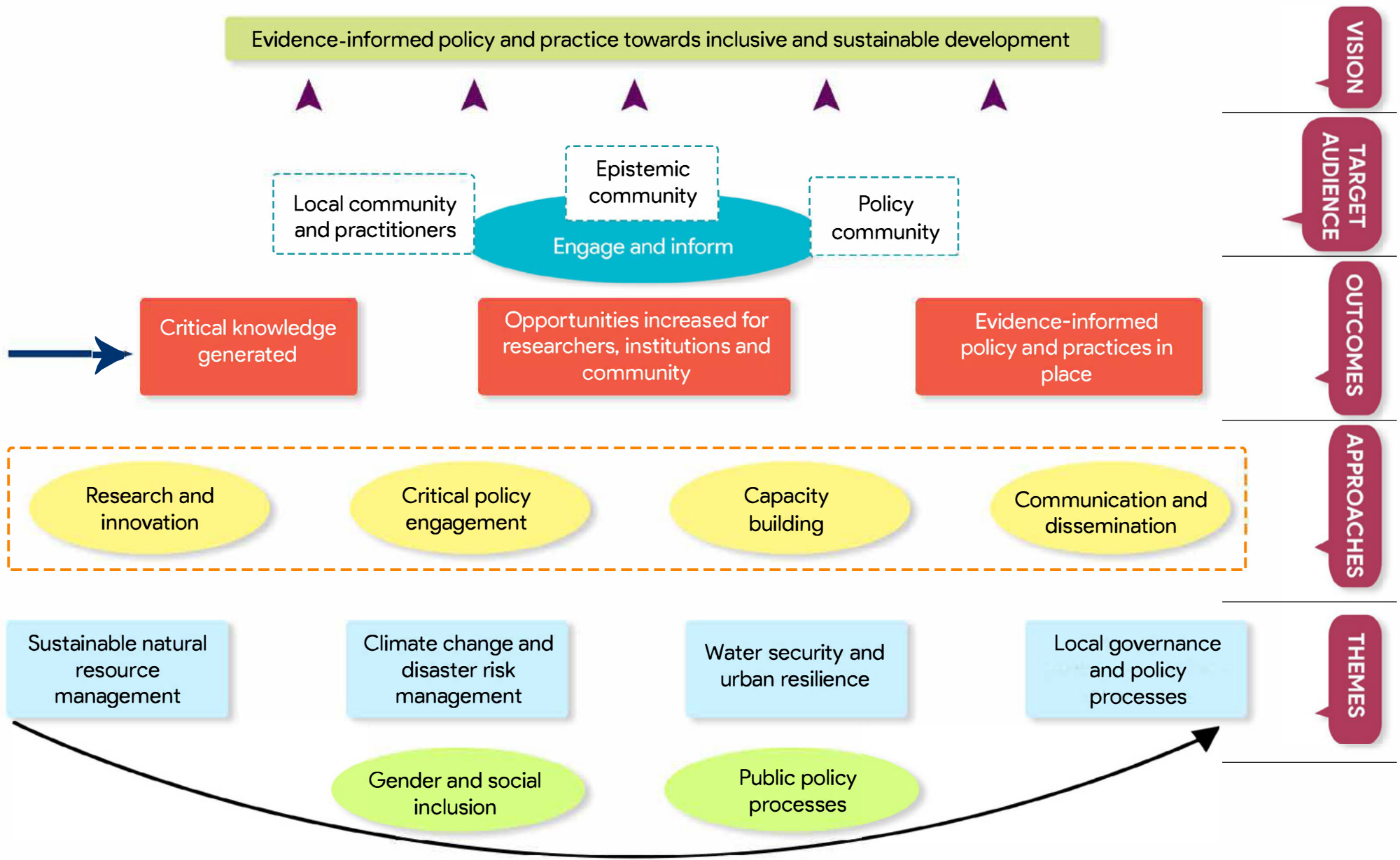


Figure 1. SIAS theory of change



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THEMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Sustainable Natural Resource Management

SIAS has been continuously engaging in policy research related to agriculture, forest, land, and rural livelihoods focusing on smallholder farming, forest management and governance, and agro-forestry-based enterprises. This year also, SIAS conducted multiple research projects that have explored different aspects of natural resources management in the face of changing socio-economic context of Nepal and the Southasia region. These research and policy engagements helped SIAS continue to document the changing relationship of people with natural resources in the context of high rural migration, changing livelihoods and post COVID-19 challenges. To complement this approach, SIAS has started a new action research project that aims to investigate wildlife encroachments as an unintended negative consequence of forest restoration and explored some of the potential policy responses to address the problem faced by smallholder farmers in the Himalaya. Additionally, we are also studying the roles of local institutions in forest restoration and reflect on impacts global environmental priorities and differential implications at the local level. Adopting political ecological and intersectional lens, SIAS is unpacking different constraints that create barriers to sustainable and equitable resource governance and women's economic empowerment. Likewise, recognising the importance of an integrated approach for sustainable resource management, SIAS continues its efforts to comprehend the interlinked drivers and processes of landscape and watershed degradation.

SIAS organised local, provincial, and national level workshops and policy dialogues in order to strengthen its engagement with the local people and stakeholders and foster policy-research linkages. These dialogues focused on topics such as institutional and productive functionality of community forestry, agri-business enterprises, water management and collective efforts for sustainable and equitable natural resources governance. SIAS is credited for co-producing local resource-based economic opportunities for rural women and driving policy-relevant research on the issues of forest (wintergreen promotion and reflection on silviculture-based management) and water management.

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management

SIAS has been engaging in research-policy-practice domain that help foster science and public policy linkages on climate change and disaster-related issues. Often these aspects are integrated as the cross-cutting issues in our research and analyses, particularly in water and agriculture that affect the lives and livelihood of millions of people in the region. One of the notable initiatives SIAS has embarked on is a long-term research project that focuses on migration as a strategy to adapt to climate change. The research aims to analyse how climate change influences migration dynamics and intersects with other underlying drivers that increases migration. We have also promoted national and local level dialogues on the challenges of climate change to share research findings that help create opportunities to foster science-policy linkage. We have published a special issue of the *New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Science and Public Policy* on 'Urbanisation and Disaster Risks in the Himalaya', Volume 7 (1), 2021, which analyses disaster risk production and management in the context of rapid but haphazard urbanisation in the Himalayan region.

Giving continuity to co-produce an analytical tool for identifying the root causes of multi-hazard risks with the active participation of local communities, local governments, and national-level stakeholders, SIAS has expanded its work in the Western Nepal. While developing visions of tomorrow's cities, we formed disaggregated groups including women, youth and socio-economically poor members of the community and documented their visions for the future development of a risk-sensitive land use plan. In our urban and disaster risk research, we have profoundly recognised gender as one of the key themes. Our analyses delve into the vulnerabilities and capabilities of women and marginalised urban inhabitants, incorporating the intersections of various identities.





Water Security and Urban Resilience

SIAS continued to remain at the forefront of research and analysis that support strengthening local water governance, ensuring water security, and addressing gender and social injustices in access to water and water-related decision-making. With over a decade of engagement in water research focusing on issues relevant to sustainable water management, equity and justice issues and climate-induced risks on water systems, SIAS has contributed to evidence-informed policy and practices that help bridging the knowledge gaps between the communities and local governments. SIAS has also been prominent in knowledge exchange through national-level policy dialogues, and participation and contribution in national, regional and international-level water policy labs, seminars, conferences, and scientific publications. More recently, we have also initiated research communication through research materials in vernacular languages such as blogs focusing on mid-hills springs and videos documenting the evidence. We have also adopted a participatory approach in appraising the status of water resources within our study areas.

SIAS has continued to explore urban marginalisation issues. Documenting local knowledge, perspectives and visions and strategically amplifying their agency, SIAS is uncovering the issues of urban marginalisation and focusing on the development of political capabilities of the marginalised people, strengthening the voice of poor, women and marginalised people in the urban planning. Besides, our research engagements and approaches are centered around the gendered politics of water governance. We unravel complex gendered experiences of water management, which are further compounded by the intersections of gender, caste and class and other social divisions. Our aim is to uncover the experiences and perspectives of the marginalised communities around drinking water distribution, source management and related decision-making processes.

Local Governance and Policy Processes

We have been focusing on research and policy engagement to understand the challenges faced by the local governments in delivering the state-services, policy making and mobilising the resources as provisioned in the constitution. This has helped us to highlight the opportunities and constraints that the local governments encounter in managing resources across various sectors and fulfilling their mandated roles. Our primary objective is influencing the local and national policy processes by leveraging research findings, engaging in stakeholder dialogues, and sharing knowledge across sectors, including water, climate, forest and disaster management. We work closely in collaboration with local governments and communities to strengthen their capacities in designing, piloting, and encouraging the adoption of nature-based activities that help in sustainable environmental management and improved food, water, and livelihood security.

We have organised focused-dialogues on wildlife risks bringing together the relevant stakeholders in a common forum. Engaging with diverse stakeholders- including indigenous inhabitants, local women farmers and local government officials- in deliberative forums, we focused on discussions that contribute to devising solutions related to environment and climate change, natural resources management, urban and disaster resilience, women's economic empowerment and inclusive local governance. SIAS ensured that these engagements were inclusive with active participation of women and marginalised communities and the research team members constantly encouraged and facilitated them to voice their key concerns. SIAS has continued policy analysis identifying the policy gaps in gender and social inclusion, incoherence in sectoral policies as well as challenges in policy translation.





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OUTPUTS IN NUMBER

Projects



16 | Ongoing Projects


Publications



3 | New Angle Journal Articles




5 | Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles



1 | Video



1 | Policy Brief



6 | Op-ed/Blogs : English (5), Nepali (1)



4 | Research and Event Reports



1 | Booklet



1 | Booklet Review



Events

34 Major Policy and Research Related Events

- International (1), National (9), Province (1), Local (11)
- Policy Dialogues (6)
- Future Himalaya Research Seminar Series (6)

16 Capacity Building Events

16 Participation in International Forums By SIAS Members

Academic and Policy Relevant Publications

SIAS researchers have been publishing their work in leading international journals. A total of five peer-reviewed journal articles have been published this year. In addition, we have published four articles on a special issue of *New Angle* on 'Urbanisation and Disaster Risks in the Himalaya', Volume 7 (1). The issue is available in hardcopies and are also publicly accessible in SIAS website. The issue was distributed in different local, national and international events.



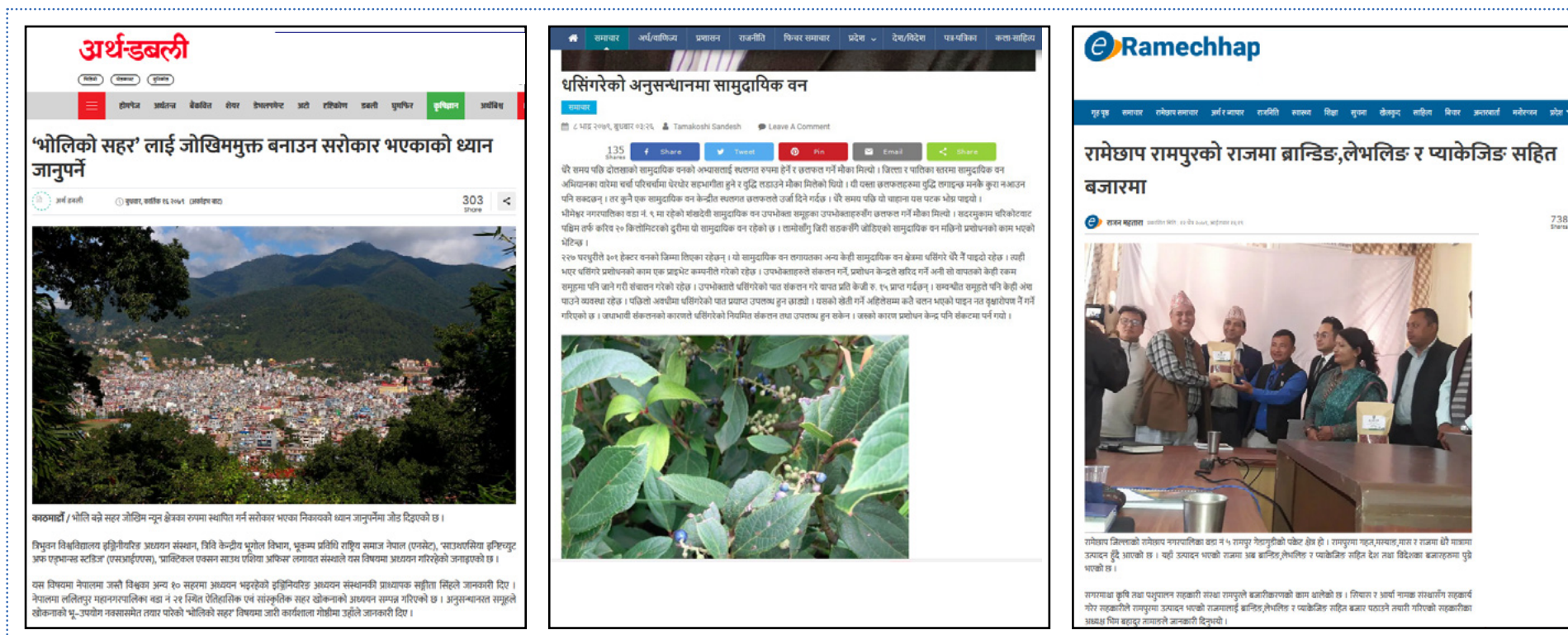
Similarly, one article has been published on a special issue of New Angle on 'Understanding the Changing Livelihoods, Vulnerability, and COVID-19 Pandemic', Volume 8 (1), 2022. A special issue on "Women's empowerment in natural resources management in the Himalayas", Volume 9 (1), 2023 is underway with authors working on their manuscripts.



Media Coverage

Like in the previous years, activities and events of SIAS have been featured in national dailies and also widely reported in the online news portal. The national and local level events of Tomorrow Cities project have been featured in renowned online media house in Nepal, including *Online Khabar* and other media outlets like *Artha Dabali*, *Capital Dainik*, *Sabdapati*, etc. Likewise, our action research on Wintergreen plantation in the Community Forest (CF) of Dolakha and *Rajma* branding have been highlighted by local media.

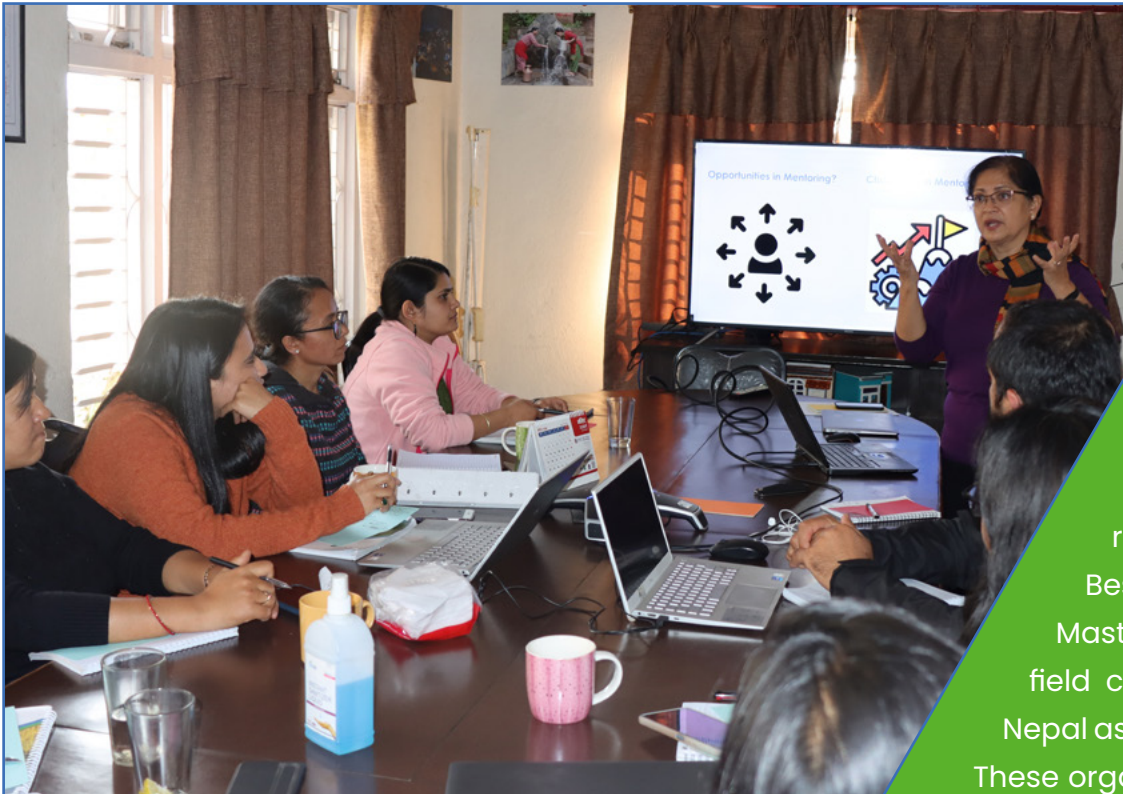
This year, SIAS researchers published a total of six blogs/Op-ed (5 English and 1 Nepali). These blogs/Op-eds drew on the findings, insights and experiences of the researchers on local water management policies and practices, causes of urban disasters, implications of emotional reflections while performing qualitative research, and implications of COVID-pandemic in agribusiness of smallholder farmers of Nepal.



Capacity Building

As in the past years, this year also, SIAS organised various capacity building events and continued its efforts to enhance the research skills of emerging researchers, including its staff, interns, partners and collaborators. A novel co-learning platform 'Research Clubs' has been initiated for nurturing the emerging researchers in SIAS and beyond. A total of four Research Clubs, organised this year, facilitated the researchers' ideas and findings of their working papers and theses. As a part of fostering the analytical and reflective writing, SIAS organised two blog writing workshops. Committed to elevate the effectiveness of its capacity enhancement activities, SIAS invited a recognised external resource person who acquainted the participants with invaluable tips on blog writing and provided feedback on the blogs they drafted. Likewise, SIAS also organised a number of capacity building workshops on career development and mentoring to guide the researcher in conducting and analysing research and writing. Integrating capacity building activities in research projects, SIAS has been working closely with the field officers and the project team members and organising training and capacity building workshops to enhance their research skills. Through the Future Himalaya Research Seminar series (as explained in detail below), SIAS continued to offer in-house and external researchers a platform to share their finding, experiences and insights from their ongoing and completed research works.





SIAS has been organising advanced scientific writing workshop series to nurture the academic scientific writing skills of the researchers. SIAS has continued this initiative this year as well. In-house and external senior researchers are mentoring the participants of this workshop. Besides, SIAS organised two-weeks long field course for the Master students of University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. The field course involved renowned researchers and professionals in Nepal as facilitators, field visits within and out of the Kathmandu Valley. These organised sessions and exposure visits helped the students gain valuable insights of the environmental and developmental activities in Nepal, including the efforts of professionals and community members in addressing these challenges. Cultivating a culture of research and co-learning, SIAS continued supporting its researchers and creating conducive environment for their active participation and presenting in both academic and policy forums. This year as well, SIAS researchers participated and presented in various international forums, policy dialogues, workshops, lecture series, methodological and theoretical webinars, international conferences and policy labs to share the research learnings and experiences.





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ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Institutional Building

SIAS undertook some organisational development initiatives and worked with universities and a range of other national and international research organisations to implement new research projects and expanded its networks and partnership in the region and beyond. In addition, SIAS organised several research and policy events virtually and in-person. Like in the past, SIAS publishes its annual report this year to systematically document the achievements and lessons learnt. We are committed to promote gender and social workforce diversity. SIAS and our team sensitises and promotes Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) approaches in office as well as during the field activities. SIAS has recruited additional staff for different research projects and administrative work this year. Some of the SIAS researchers have been competitively selected for the higher studies in renowned universities with full scholarships this year as well. For instance, Ms. Avipsha got enrolled in a fully funded Master's program at Asian Institute of Technology. Likewise, Ms. Supriya Lama got funding for Master's program at University of New South Wales and Ms. Monika Giri was awarded fully funded Ph.D. position at University of Georgia. Binod Adhikari started his PhD through a joint project between SIAS and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). They will be SIAS's partners, collaborators or researchers in the future.

Partnership and Funding Diversity

SIAS has put in a great deal of efforts to broaden its partnership and diversify its funding sources this year. It has continuously strengthened its prior partnership and networking with existing research organisations and applied for different research grants in collaboration with both existing and new partners in Nepal and beyond. With some recently initiated new projects, our research partnerships with national research institutes and local governments have been further expanded. In addition to the longstanding focus in qualitative research, SIAS has been engaging into large-scale quantitative research projects. Our focus and commitments in quantitative research have contributed to expand our research portfolio as an institution with expertise in both qualitative and quantitative research. SIAS's expertise in qualitative and quantitative research has generated opportunities to build networks with diverse stakeholders in the field of natural resources management (land, water, forestry, and agriculture). Through the Tomorrow's Cities project, we have also been conducting multidisciplinary action-research that helped foster collaboration among physical scientists (geologists, earthquake, landslides and floods experts), urban planners and architects (engineers) and human geographers. A list of partners and collaborators of SIAS has been provided in Annex 3.



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OTHER INITIATIVES

Policy Perspectives in South Asia



In line with its regional engagement strategy, SIAS has been carrying out critical reviews of national water policy documents, engaging in regional dialogues and reflecting on the policy-practice interface in partnership with the Institute for Study and Development Worldwide (IFSD) based in Australia.

Himalayan Policy Lab

Considering the Himalayan fragility in terms of geography as well as being a socially deprived region, the Himalaya Policy Lab engages in an agenda of transformation of Himalayan socio-ecological systems to encompass socio-environmental justice. This Policy Lab is a unique approach that facilitate evidence informed policy dialogue where policy stakeholders engage with the researchers and utilise research findings to find policy solutions. It aims at improving policy initiatives by fostering research (epistemic)-community partnerships. SIAS in collaboration with renowned research organisations, such as IFSD will keep on organising future Himalayan Policy Labs.



Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series



SIAS introduced Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series which has been recognised as a platform that cultivates the culture of scholarly exchange and shared learning. It provides opportunities to the national and international researchers and experts to present their research and benefit from the feedback of the participants of the series. Every year SIAS invites experts to contribute towards fostering their critical analytical skills and knowledge development. Besides, presenting the research findings and receiving feedback, the seminar also contributes to build social and intellectual relationship with contemporaries and experts from diverse array of research tradition within the overarching themes. This year, we organised six such seminar series which were delivered by international academicians and practitioners working across the world. The seminars were conducted in the hybrid modality i.e., both online and in person. This year, the seminars focused on various aspects of sustainable and inclusive resource management, including changing socio-economic conditions of Nepal triggered by out-migration and COVID-19 pandemic. The series fostered discussions on various aspects of community conservation, forest restoration in the context of global climate goals, contribution of buffer zone program in improving the park-people relationship and overview of food system in Nepal.



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ANNEX 1: PROJECTS AND EVENTS

List of Projects During This Year

S.N.	Project Name	Project period	Funded by	Collaborators	Project Objectives
1	Co-producing a shock-resilient business ecosystem for women-engaged enterprises in Nepal (CREW)	Nov 2021-Apr 2024	International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada	Aria Solutions, NIMS College, Himalayan Bio-Trade Pvt. Ltd. (HBTL)	(1) identify gender-based constraints faced by women farmers and entrepreneurs; (2) create an ecosystem of support for the promotion of inclusive women-engaged enterprises; (3) capacitate target beneficiaries and build their agency and voices; (4) disseminate knowledge and inform policies and practices towards enhancing women's economic empowerment
2	SIAS- UoE Field Course	Apr 8-21, 2023	University of Edinburgh (UoE)	University of Edinburgh	Allow UoE Master's students to gain valuable insights into the environmental and developmental challenges in Nepal as well as efforts of professionals and community members in addressing these challenges.
3	Learning to 'Leave No One Behind': Equitable and sustainable livelihoods in natural resource governance (Nepal and India) – developing an international research cluster (LLNOB)	May 2021-Dec 2022	UK Research and Innovation	University of Edinburgh and Forest Action Nepal	(1) generate a shared vision of the most pressing research needs; (2) explore the role of learning from previous and ongoing interventions in natural resource governance; and (3) strengthen networks and trial and reflect on technology platforms which support on-going dialogue and future funding applications.

4	Transforming political capabilities for equitable resilience (PolCaps)	Jan 2020–March 2024	Economic and Social Research Council	University of York, Chiang Mai University, Stockholm Environmental Institute, ISET Nepal, Institute of Engineering (IoE), Pulchowk, Lumanti	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 provide them with control over their environment.
5	The practice of resilience in mountain landscapes: exploring risk and landscape investments in rural Nepal (PECA III)	Jan 2020–Dec 2023	Swedish Research Council (VR)	Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU), Forest Action 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.
6	Governing climate resilient futures: Gender, justice and conflict resolution in resource management (JUSTCLIME)	Jan 2019–Dec 2023	Swedish Research Council (VR)	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.

7	Institutional networks and self-organised adaptation: Tracing the democratic architectures of climate response (INSA)	Jul 2019- Dec 2022	Swedish Research Council (VR)	SLU, Sweden, University of Minnesota Twin Cities- USA, Indian School of Business (ISB)- India.	To develop the concept of self-organised 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.
8	GCRF Multi-Hazard Urban Disaster Risk Transition: Reducing Disaster Risk in Tomorrow's Cities	Feb 2019- Mar 2023	UK Research and Innovation	IoE, Practical Action, National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET), Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI).	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.
9	SLU-Building Research Collaboration Network: "Forest and agrarian transition, smallholder practices and the new forms of land governance: Building research collaboration among Brazil, Nepal and Peru"	Nov 2018 - Dec 2022	Swedish Research Council (VR)	Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU)	Support to deepen cross-country understanding on the specificity of the context of case study countries, mutually develop shared analytical understanding and conduct comparative analysis and to identify innovative research ideas for future comparative research across the Amazon and Nepalese Himalayas

10	Conflict, Violence and Environmental Change (COVEC)	2016–2022	Swedish Research Council (VR)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway, African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya, University of New South Wales, Australia.	To enhance scientific understanding of how climate change produces concerns for legitimacy, conflict and violence in the governance of forests and water resources.
11	DMRS	Dec 2020–Dec 2023	University of Colorado	National Science Foundation, USA University of Colorado Boulder, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, and Purdue University.	Quantitative data collection through survey from 50 Community Forest User Groups from four districts of western Nepal and contribute in developing papers based on the survey findings.
12	NEXUS Gains	August 2022–May 2023	International Water Management Institute (IWMI)		Identify and map key state and non-state actors including private sector and community-based organizations and groups across federal, provincial and local levels with varying mandates for planning, policy-making and coordination, policy implementation and day-to-day operations in the WEF sector.

13	CLIMIG - A New Interdisciplinary Framework for Studying the Relation between Climate Change and Migration	2022 - 2028	Swedish Research Council	University of Gothenburg, University of Oslo, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Organisation of Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa, Ethiopia	The project aims to establish a bold interdisciplinary research environment comprising the natural and social sciences to examine how climate change affects migration processes in three of the world's most populated mountain areas: the Ethiopian highlands, the Andes, and the Himalaya. This will be done by using a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods ranging from in-depth ethnographic fieldwork to non-linear climate modelling methods.
14	Wild animals – Biodiversity or Pest? Creating local dialogues for dealing with farming-wildlife conflicts in rural Himalayan landscapes	May 2023 - Dec 2026	Swedish Research Council (FORMAS)	SLU	This interdisciplinary research aims to investigate the linkages between farming-wildlife conflicts and the socio-economic dynamics of agricultural retreat and forest expansion in culturally diverse mountain communities in Nepal. It also explores the possible ways to mitigate the problem and contribute to ongoing policy processes. In this research initiative, action research has been recognised as a pivotal element in the creation of knowledge, fostering discussions on policy matters involving stakeholders ranging from local to national levels.

15	ASHA: Addressing the issue of climate change through Strengthened literacy, Hands-on knowledge and Awareness	Feb 2023–Dec 2025	The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)– Elsevier)	Dalit Women’s Right Forum (DWRF)	Improve climate literacy and climate awareness among women and girls of two municipalities from Western Nepal and promote women-led green enterprises.
16	The Network Project - ‘Living with uncertainties in South Asia Mountains’	Jun 2023 - Jun 2025	Swedish Research Council (VR)	SLU, Sweden, Keystone Foundation, India and Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan	Support to deepen cross-country understanding on the specificity of the context of case study countries, mutually develop shared analytical understanding and conduct comparative analysis and to identify innovative research ideas for future comparative research across the Himalayas.

Policy Labs and Workshops

International			
S.N.	Events	Date	Key Highlights
1	Himalayan Spring Water Policy Lab Forum- III: Responding to Declining Springs in Nepal	19 September 2022	SIAS researchers Ms. Monika Giri and Mr. Binod Adhikari presented their research insights on the contestation and trade-offs of Himalayan Spring uses. They focused on the increasing water stress in the Himalayan spring water uses, leading to competing demands and therefore on the increasing contestations over available water resources.

National			
1	Joint Project Sharing meeting	28 June 2023	The event was jointly organised by SIAS and ForestAction Nepal along with their consortium partners. SIAS and its partners shared their reflections on the CREW project's interventions, approaches and reflections in its three districts under themes like understanding barriers and constraints, enterprise development through technological and institutional innovations, capacity enhancement to amplify voices and agency, and knowledge dissemination and policy uptake.
2	Stakeholder dialogue on the challenges and opportunities of Multistakeholder Initiatives in the Water, Energy, Food, and Ecosystem	18 May 2023	SIAS and International Water Management Institute (IWMI) jointly organised this workshop. Representatives from government, development sectors, civil society organizations, academia, and research organisations in the WEF E sector participated and shared their experiences and insights of engagements in multistakeholder initiatives and platforms. Discussions were done focused on challenges and ways forward to support, reactivate, sustain, and strengthen these platforms to foster holistic thinking and effective and coordinated decisions for inclusive, integrated, and sustainable use, management, and governance of WEF E resources at the local level.
3	Unveiling of "Khokana Visioning Booklet" for the Tomorrow's Cities Decision Support Environment	28 March 2023	The Khokana Visioning Booklet which was prepared by compiling disaggregated visions and, subsequently, a collective 'Meta vision' of Khokana through Tomorrow's Cities (TC) project was officially launched and unveiled in a special event with the presence of distinguished chief guests. The guests were Mr. Chiribabu Maharjan, Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC), Ms. Manjali Shakya Bajracharya, Deputy Mayor of LMC, Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Singh, IoE and Mr. Rabindra Maharjan, ward chair of LMC-21, Khokana.

4	Tomorrow's Cities Workshop on Risk Agreement for Khokana	17-18 February 2023	The workshop brought together the different stakeholders of Khokana to agree amongst the four envisioned future scenarios - one community-envisioned scenario and the other three scenarios developed by Kathmandu Valley Development Authority (KVDA) and eventually came to the agreement on a common vision.
5	Reflective Workshop on Issues and Opportunities of Community Forest Management in Nepal	20 December 2022	The workshop aimed to unpack the challenges of collective actions on Community Forest (CF) in recent years, create a space for open dialogue and draw insights for future policies and action towards the better management of CF in Nepal.
6	NEXUS Gains Workshop (Energy sector)	27 November 2022	During the workshop, feedback on the preliminary insights on the energy sector actors/institutions and multi-stakeholder platforms and their roles and responsibilities in the federal context were sought. The sessions reflected on the need of collaboration between the interconnected sectors, and sectoral actors at various scales.
7	NEXUS Gains Workshop (Forest sector)	25 November 2022	The findings obtained during the exploration and mapping of major actors and their roles in forest and biodiversity sector at all three levels of government were presented. The discussion session focused towards identifying the space for multisectoral platforms in the existing institutional setup of the government and their working modality.
8	Tomorrow's Cities All Partners Conference	31 October – 4 November 2022	The conference had an intensive discussion on how the Tomorrow's Cities Decision Support Environment (TCDSE) - a computation tool to analyse future multi-hazard risks can be taken up in the new cities.
9	Joint Project sharing meeting	11 September 2022	The meeting aimed to share the IDRC funded projects' conceptual framing key achievements, issues and challenges. It was jointly organised by SIAS with Forest Action Nepal.

Province			
1	District level workshop in Dolakha and Ramechhap	8-9 May 2023	The preliminary research results related to changing dynamics of farming and community forest management were shared. Discussions were done on the current challenges of community forestry in the changing social and economic situation in the district. The conference fostered dialogue between the communities, local governments, federal/provincial government authorities, and SIAS researchers.
Local			
1	Future Visioning Workshop on Tomorrow's Resilient and Equitable City in Rapti (Deukhuri)- the Capital City of Lumbini Province, Nepal	14-15 June 2023	The workshop broadly aimed to co-produce the Community and Authority's visions for a resilient and equitable capital city in the Rapti Valley over the next 30 years or so. The workshop comprised a total of 75 participants with 46 participants (18 females) representing the communities and authorities.
2	Deliberative Forum- Gender Responsive Budgeting	13 June 2023	The deliberative forum conducted with Malarani Municipality intended to discuss about the findings of the review and analysis of Gender Responsive Budgeting and programs of the RM and discuss how upcoming budget and programs of the municipality can be made gender friendly and inclusive.
3	Deliberative Forum on enterprise development through technological and institutional innovation in Ramechhap	26 March 2023	This deliberative forum was organised by SIAS, ARIA and Sagarmatha cooperative. Government, non-government and private stakeholders working on agriculture sectors were the participants. In the forum, cooperative shared it's legume focused business plan, ARIA updated the use of digital technology and product branding and SIAS facilitated discussion on sustainability of the current interventions on legumes. The brand of legumes produced by women farmers named as Char Gharey was also introduced.

4	Research Output Dissemination and Reflective Workshop	3 March 2023	This workshop had three major objectives: (i) sharing the findings of the study conducted at kavrebhanjyang (ii) handing over the research reports, maps and summary of the findings prepared in Nepali language to the municipal and ward government (iii) facilitating deliberative discussions between the local governments and communities for discussing options for inclusive, equitable and sustainable water management in the area.
5	Follow up GESI training on women's right and entitlement and gender based constraints to women farmers	16 February 2023	A follow up GESI training was provided to women champions of Ramechhap. This follow up training prioritised the gender-based constraints and women champions prepared their action plan to work on them.
6	Deliberative forum on women farmer's empowerment	26 January 2023	A deliberative forum was organised by the CREW researchers to sensitise local elected representatives on the usefulness and mandate of adopting a gender-responsive budgeting by the municipalities. At the end of the training, seven local women leaders were identified to facilitate gender-based constraints.
7	Training on women's right and entitlement and gender based constraints to women farmers - Dolakha	16-17 January 2022	This training covered gender issues in wintergreen value chain, women's engagement in local planning process, women's rights and entitlements in existing policies, and small women-led enterprises. At the end of the training, four local women leaders were identified to facilitate gender-based constraints.
8	Training on women's right and entitlement and gender based constraints to women farmers- Arghakhanchi	7-8 December 2022	This training covered gender issues in vegetable value chain, women's engagement in local planning process, women's rights and entitlements in existing policies, and vegetable value chain. At the end of the training, seven local women leaders were identified to facilitate gender-based constraints.
9	Training on women's right and entitlement and gender based constraints to women farmers- Ramechhap	12-13 October 2022	This training covered gender issues in legumes value chain, women's engagement in local planning process, women's rights and entitlements in existing policies, and legumes value chain with product branding. At the end of the training, four local women leaders were identified to facilitate gender-based constraints.

10	Village level meeting: Identification and status of local water resources in Kavrebhanjyang	10 September 2022	This meeting was an important process of enhancing political capabilities and focused on sharing and verifying the information on names, location and status of local water sources and updating the maps jointly with the communities.
11	Deliberative forum – Vegetable marketing issue with focus on <i>Haat bazaar</i>	28 August 2022	This forum intended to discuss on vegetable marketing issue in the leadership of Sandikharka Municipality for engagement on the issue of resuming local weekly market (<i>Haat bazaar</i>).

Future Himalayan Research Seminar Series

S.N.	Events	Date	Key highlights
1	From the River to the Shivers: The Construction of an Anthropological Thesis subject in Bardia National Park (BNP, Bardiya)	30 May 2023	Nolwen Vouiller, Psychomotor Therapist (Sorbonne University, Paris) and Anthropologist (UCLouvain, Belgium) and currently a third-year PhD student in Anthropology (University of Liege, EHES) shared experiences and insights from her ongoing PhD research which was focused on intercultural subjectivity and multi-species relation captured over time and space. She shared methodological reflections and her engagement with the community people as well as their sociocultural activities.
2	Community Forestry in Nepal through the lens of a Dynamic Integrated Socio-Environmental System	21 May 2023	Dr. Rajan Prasad Parajuli, Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University shared his preliminary findings and reflections based on recent fieldwork and community-level workshops conducted in Pyuthan and Salyan district of Nepal. Highlighting some of the socio-economic changes triggered by increasing out-migration and the COVID-19 pandemic, he pointed out the challenges and opportunities of community forestry, the current state of forest management dynamics, and changing rural livelihood priorities.

3	Communities and conservation of global biodiversity	26 April 2023	Dr. Teri Allendorf, the Executive Director of Community Conservation Viroqua, Wisconsin, USA shared her experiences and learning of community conservation from Peru, Cameroon, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar and Nepal reinforcing the need of recognizing the knowledge and capacity of the community and engaging them in decision making highlighting that conservation begins from the community.
4	Forest Restoration in the Context of Global Climate Goals: Community Forestry Institutions and Prospects for More Democratic Forest Governance	3 February 2023	Dr. Harry Fischer presented his interesting research in Himachal Pradesh, India that examined the effect of 30+ years of tree plantation, which showed no statistically significant improvement in the forest canopy on average, while species composition has shifted away from biodiverse native forests to monoculture pine plantations.
5	Partnership with local communities for protected area management: An assessment of Buffer Zone program in Nepal	29 November 2022	Dr. Neelam Chandra Poudel shared about the preliminary findings from his recent assessment of the extent to which Nepal's distinctive Buffer zone program has promoted conservation and contributed in improving the park-people relationship.
6	Co-creation of visions for sustainable food systems: the Swedish experience and its adaptations in the Nepali context	15 July 2022	Dr. Shyam Basnet highlighted the food system in Sweden, introduced the participants to the Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land-Use and Energy (FABLE) approach, and presented an overview of the food system in Nepal.

Capacity Building Events

Advanced Scientific Writing Workshop Series			
S.N.	Events	Date	Key Highlights
1	Seminar I: Writing Synopsis: Introduction and Problem Statement	3 May 2023	The participants were oriented about synopsis writing with a broad focus on introduction and problem statement of an academic article. The key challenges/struggles in writing the introduction section were also discussed talked and suggestions on overcoming the challenges were provided.
2	Mentors' meeting	4 June 2023	The mentors of the Workshop series were oriented about the seven principles of mentoring. They were also reminded to take into consideration the context of mentees-cultural and political economy as well as the subjectivity of mentees in relation to research and writing stating that the power asymmetry between mentees and mentors are often overlooked while focusing on the technical aspect of doing and writing research.
SIAS Research Club			
1	<p>Gendered vulnerability in the navigation and response to environmental and other stressors in rural Nepal - Filippa Dahlback</p> <p>Community-based reforestation in Nepal: Understanding perspectives and values of local women on community forestry and landscape changes - Tina Jahn</p>	27 February 2023	<p>Master's students from Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Ms. Filippa Dahlback and Ms. Tina Jahn shared about their preliminary findings from their fieldwork in Ramechhap.</p> <p>Ms. Tina shared the perspectives and values of local women on community forestry and landscape changes while Ms. Filippa focused on gendered vulnerability in the navigation and response to environmental and other stressors in rural Nepal.</p>

2	Negotiating the urban possible: The politics of socio environmental change in Nepal's growing peri-urban centers	27 January 2023	Ms. Sveva Lazzati, a Master's student of International Development from Amsterdam University shared some of her initial findings on the entry points for emancipatory and equitable change and development of political capacity in marginalised communities.
3	Hydro-social mapping, exploring the current state and issues of drinking water management in Kavrebhanjyang and Diktel	27 September 2022	Ms. Monika Giri and Mr. Binod Adhikari presented their findings and insights from their ongoing research in Kavrebhanjyang, Dhulikel and Diktel, Khotang under the PolCap and JustClime projects. They focused on the hydrological mapping exercise being undertaken on both study sites and also introduced the objectives and methodologies adopted during the hydro social mapping at the study sites.
4	Diversified Risk shaped by Rapid Urbanization in Kathmandu	26 August 2022	Ms. Rojani Manandhar presented on "Diversified Risk shaped by Rapid Urbanization in Kathmandu", as her research paper which emphasises how the underlying socio-economic and political positionalities is exacerbating vulnerability and unequally exposing the local community to the risk of disaster.
Blog Writing Workshop			
1	Blog Writing Workshop	10 October 2022	Mr. Ramesh Bhusal, the Nepal Editor for the Third Pole and an environmental journalist based in Kathmandu shared his ideas on effective creative blog writing. Researchers and development practitioners from SIAS, Forest Action, NIMS College and Aria Solutions participated in the workshop.
2	Reflective Blog-sharing Workshop	16 December 2022	It was a follow-up event of the blog writing workshop where Mr. Ramesh Bhusal reviewed and provided his constructive feedback to the blog drafts shared by the participants. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the blog writing participants to share their experiences, learnings, and challenges in the writing and revising process.

Institutional Capacity Building			
1	SIAS Strategic Planning meeting	10-11 January 2023	The meeting reflected on the SIAS thematic achievements, approaches, and challenges in the past years and prepare the SIAS Strategic Plan for the upcoming years.
2	In-house Policy meeting	27 September 2022	Discussion on the ongoing policy engagements of SIAS in different working themes (water, forest, climate, and disaster), project specific plans of further policy engagement and possible engagement strategy among the SIAS staffs.
Other Events			
1	Workshop on qualitative data analysis	30 December 2022	Prof. Andrea Nightingale from SLU shared about different processes of qualitative data analysis and the importance of each of the processes.
2	Capacity Building Workshop on Career Development	18 November 2022	Dr. Hemant Ojha and Dr. Dinesh Paudel shared ideas, experiences and learning on how multitasking can be an asset to grow as a research leader in the competitive market.
3	Capacity Building Workshop on Mentoring	17 November 2022	Dr. Meeta Sainju Pradhan, shared important and useful tips for the enhancement of professional careers.
4	NVIVO Orientation by Andrea Pettitt	18 July 2022	The facilitator gave the basics of using NVIVO Software and creating projects and assigning codes for the qualitative data analysis.

Policy Dialogues

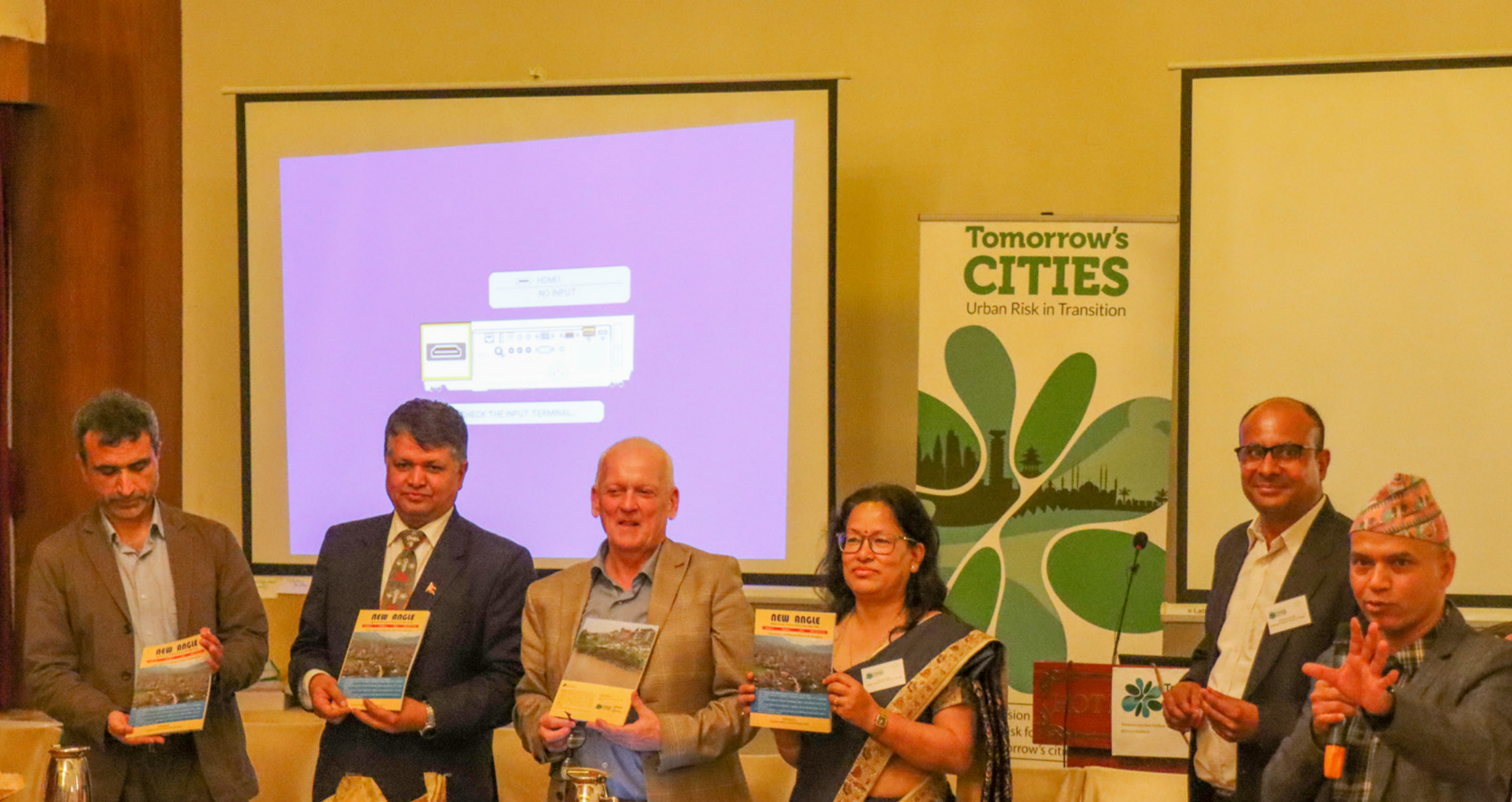
S.N.	Events	Date	Key highlights
1	Sindhuli Ban Chautari	18 June 2023	The event aimed to share key research findings from five years of research, discuss on the current challenges of community forest management and land use amidst changing socio-economic conditions, and bring insights for better use and management of community forests in the future.
2	Diktel Pani Chautari II	11 June 2023	The discussion focused primarily on how to sustainably manage water sources, additional efforts that can be made to ensure equitable distribution of water, and how an environment that includes all people in water management and access to water can be ensured.
3	Experts Consultation Meeting on Policy Implementation Challenges	9 March 2023	The consultation meeting aimed on identifying the challenges of effective policy implementation in the context of Nepal's agriculture sector with a particular focus on its intended goal of gender equality and social inclusion.
4	Climate Adaptation Dialogue	30 December 2022	There was a discussion about Nepal's ongoing adaptation policies and practices, along with the challenges and reflection of adaptation programs being implemented at the local level.
5	Province Level Policy Dialogue on 'Growing Wildlife Problems in Mid- hills of Nepal: Responding Farmer's WVoices'	29 July 2022	The primary objective of the workshop was to share the preliminary findings of the research carried out jointly by SIAS, FA, and SLU since 2019 on the impacts of wildlife on the rural livelihoods of the mid-hills region in Nepal.

Participation in International Forums by SIAS Team Members

S.N.	Participants / Presenters	Date	Program	Participation/ Panelist / presenter	Organisers
1	Dilli Poudel and Rojani Manandhar	17-21 April 2023	Tomorrow's Cities International Team Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.	Participant	University of Edinburgh (UoE)
2	Salu Basnet	9 January 2023	South Asia Regional Dialogue of the transformative Futures for Water Security (online)	Participant	IWMI
3	Dilli Prasad Poudel	11-18 December 2022	Nairobi Future Visioning Workshop, Nairobi	Participant	Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN)
4	Binod Adhikari and Rojani Manandhar	29-30 November 2022	17 th APRU Multihazard symposium, Bangkok	Presenter	Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.
5	Gyanu Maskey, Pradip Dhakal, Monika Giri, Salu Basnet, Rojani Manandhar,	10 November 2022	"Creative Participatory Methods and Action Research in Nepal", Online	Participant	Creative Nepal: Arts-Health Community
6	Dilli Prasad Poudel	7 – 8 November 2022	UK Alliance for Disaster Research Annual Conference, Kathmandu	Presenter and Panelist	University of Edinburgh, the British Geological Survey and Heriot-Watt University
7	Monika Giri, Gyanu Maskey, Dilli Prasad Poudel	7 – 8 November 2022	The 10th South Asia Economic Policy Network Conference: MIGRATION IN SOUTH ASIA, Kathmandu	Participant	The World Bank, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)

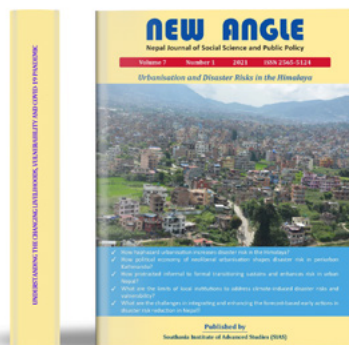
8	Sanjaya Khatri, Binod Adhikari and Rojani Manandhar	23 September 2022 (This Workshop had a 2 hours session once in a month from Jan - Sep 2022)	Workshop on Collective Reflective Learning for Social Inclusion in Nepal's Community- Based Natural Resource Management, Lalitpur (Physical/ virtual)	Participant	The University of Edinburgh
9	Dilli Poudel	19-22 September 2022	Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR), Brisbane, Australia	Participant	Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Australia - Government
10	Monika Giri	21 August- 1 September 2022	Potsdam summer school 2022: Towards a sustainable transformation - climate, energy, and nature in Changing world, Germany	Participant	The city of Potsdam, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, IAAS, Potsdam Institute of Climate Impact Research and the University of Potsdam
11	Gyanu Maskey	3 August 2022	Decolonizing participatory approaches (virtual)	Participant	Global insights co- hosted by Search for Common Grounds
12	Gyanu Maskey, Anushiya Shrestha, Salu Basnet, Parbati Pandey	4 August 2022	Himalayan Spring Water Policy lab (HS- WPL) Forum' (virtual)	Participant	IFSD, AIWC and CEDAR

13	Anushiya Shrestha and Dilli Poudel	22-23 July 2022	7 th International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD7), Thailand	Presenter/ Participant	Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University, Chiang Mai University and Mae Fah Luang University
14	Anushiya Shrestha and Dilli Poudel	19-26 July 2022	Project team meeting, Thailand	Participant	PolCaps Project, University of York
15	Anushiya Shrestha	18-19 April 2023	Inception Workshop, Italy-Virtual	Presenter/ Participant	ASHA project, TWAS-Elsevier Foundation
16	Anushiya Shrestha	15 May 2023	Farmers' Managed Irrigation System, 9 th International Conference	Presenter	FMIST Nepal



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New Angle



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Authors: Dilli Prasad Poudel, Anushiya Shrestha, Dil Khatri and Jonathan Ensor

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Authors: Netra Prasad Timsina, Dilli Prasad Poudel, Rojani Manandhar, Binod Adhikari

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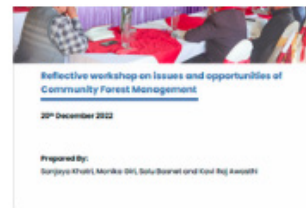


Trend of urban growth in Nepal with a focus in Kathmandu Valley: A review of processes and drivers of change

Netra Prasad Timmins, with input from Anashya Shrestha, Dilli Prasad Poudel and Kachana Upadhyaya
Tomorrow's Cities Working Paper 001
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2	वनमा वृक्षारोपण	Dainiki	16 January 2023
3	'भोलिको सहर' लाई जोखिममुक्त बनाउन सरोकार भएकाको ध्यान जानुपर्ने	Artha Dabali	2 November 2022
4	लुम्बिनीको राजधानी बसाउनेबारे अध्ययन गर्न विदेशी विज्ञको टोली दाङ जाँदै	Online Khabar	4 November 2022
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ANNEX 3: PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

International Organisations	National Organisations	Sub-national/Local Organisations
Agriculture Extension in South Asia (AESAs)	Aria Technologies Pvt Ltd.	Bidur Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee
Center for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR), India	Central Campus of Technology, Dharan	Bidur Municipality
Center for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway	Centre for Disaster Studies, Institute of Engineering, T.U.	Center for Environment Tourism and Development (CETD), Dharan
Chiang Mai University, SEI Asia.	Clean Energy Nepal (CEN)	Dharan Sub Metropolitan City
Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)	Digo Bikash Institute (DBI)	Dharan Water Supply Management Board
Indian School of Business (ISB), India	Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWASUN)	Dhulikhel Chamber of Commerce and Industries
IFSD, Australia	Forest Action Nepal	Dhulikhel Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Committee (DDWSUC)
Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resource Research China	Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk	Dhulikhel Municipality
King Mongkut's Institute of Technology	Institute of Social and Environmental Transition Nepal (ISET-N)	Hotel Association of Dharan
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	Hotel Association, Kavre
RECOFTC – Centre for People and Forest, Thailand	International Water Management Institute	
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden	Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)	
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India	Lumanti- Support Group for Shelter Regional	

University of Cambridge, UK	Meromicrofinance Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Ltd (Bank)	
University of East Anglia, UK	Ministry of Forest and Environment (MOFE)	
University of Edinburgh, UK	Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)	
University of Minnesota, USA	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)	
University of New South Wales, Australia	National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET)	
University of Sydney, Australia	Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)	
University of York, UK	NIMS College	
United Nations ESCAP	Niti Foundation	
Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing	Practical Action, Nepal	
University of Gothenberg	SMART Paani	
University of Oslo		
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú		
Organisation of Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa, Ethiopia		
Keystone Foundation, India		
Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan		

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ANNEX 4: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SOUTHASIA INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES (SIAS) (COMPANY NOT DISTRIBUTING PROFIT)

Katimandu, Nepal


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As on 31st Ashadh, 2080


Particulars	Schedules	Current Year	Previous Year
Non-Current Assets			
Plant, Property and Equipments	1	5,289,506	6,094,165
Total Non-Current Assets		5,289,506	6,094,165
Current Assets			
Receivable from Projects	2	4,144,937	4,138,276
Prepaid, Loans & Advances, Deposit	3	5,129,360	3,789,057
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	13,881,272	4,935,941
Total Current Assets		23,155,569	12,863,274
Total Assets		28,445,075	18,957,438
Equity			
Capital Fund	5	175,000	175,000
Retained Earnings and Reserves	6	4,905,213	3,204,451
Deferred Tax Liabilities		99,432	117,974
Total Equity & Non-Current Liabilities		5,179,645	3,497,424
Current Liabilities			
Programme Funds	7	20,480,384	10,604,522
Short-term Borrowings	8	-	92,000
Trade and Other Payables	9	1,369,243	4,096,647
Other Liabilities	10	1,415,803	666,845
Total Current Liabilities		23,265,430	15,460,014
Total Equity & Liabilities		28,445,075	18,957,438

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Account 15

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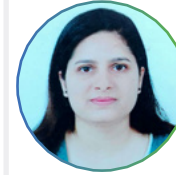
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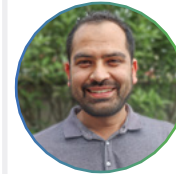
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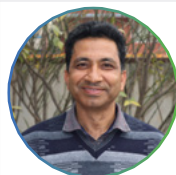
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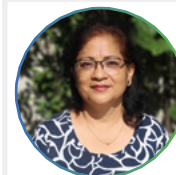
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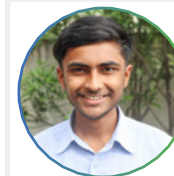
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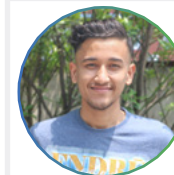
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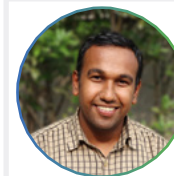
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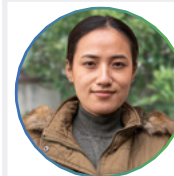
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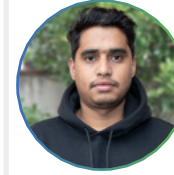
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