

NCCKMC (NAST-CDKN) CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATION 2012
KATHMANDU

Brief Report

Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCCKMC) successfully organized the Policy Dialogue and Consultation on Climate Change on January 4 in Kathmandu. Minister for Science and Technology Ms Kalpana Dhamala declared the opening of the program amidst a special gathering witnessed by over 130 participants who represented 33 institutions working with climate change issues. In her opening remarks Minister Dhamala opined, twin challenges of climate change and its impacts: devising adaptation tools to cope up with impending negative effects of climate change and generation of science based knowledge for its long term solution. She suggested the gathering to suggest priority agenda on climate change in context of Nepal, come up with plausible adaptation models to protect the vulnerable groups especially the women in the rural areas and point out any gap in the national policy in addressing the issue.



Hon'ble Ms Kalpana Dhamala
addressing the program



The program was chaired by Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology Professor Surendra Raj Kafle. At the opening function, Secretary of Ministry of Science and Technology Mr Tana Gautam and secretary of Ministry of Environment Mr Krishna Gyawali gave their remarks and highlighted the importance of policy dialogue and consultation.

Two technical sessions followed the program. The first session was chaired by Professor Mangala Devi Mananadhar. Dr Dinesh Bhujju, Team Leader of NCCKMC, made presentation on the role of NAST on climate change studies and activities of NCCKMC. He highlighted the special components of learning opportunities in the Strengthening NCCKMC Project supported by CDKN. Dr Madan Lall Shrestha presented on the *Scenario Review of Climate Change and its Impacts in Nepal*, while Ms Dibya Gurung of presented on the topic *Why Gender Matters in Climate Change?*

In the technical session two, Mr Ajay Dixit made his presentation on Climate Change Adaptation: Exploring Suit of Methods. On behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Mr Arjun Thapa dealt on the National Policy of Climate Change brought by the Government of Nepal. The session was chaired by Professor Kafle.

Presented during the policy dialogue and consultation were members of Constituent Assembly, members of Climate Change Council, academic heads of university departments, high officials of various ministries, National Planning Commission, media personnel, practitioners and representatives of national and international organizations including DFID. NCCKMC is planning to organize two more policy dialogues outside Kathmandu involving local bodies, community representatives, and opinion makers. The program is being supported by CDKN as a part of NCCKMC strengthening activities.

