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**Prakriti Resources Centre
(PRC)**

[PROGRESS REPORT]

Introduction

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) is a non-government organization furthering the notion of sustainable development and environmental integrity. PRC focuses on areas of climate change, low carbon development and food security. Nepal being one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, adapting to its impacts is imperative. Similarly, Nepal also needs to embrace the low carbon development model for sustainability. PRC is registered with Government of Nepal under Associations Registration Act, 1977. It has affiliation with District Administration Office, Kathmandu and Social Welfare Council (SWC).

Objectives

PRC conducts research and studies to generate empirical evidences, promotes and advocates for people centered and environmental friendly policies in a participatory and inclusive manner, engages with multi-stakeholders to further the idea of sustainable development and environmental integrity, builds knowledge base and shares information, helps raise awareness on environmental issues, climate change and sustainable development through information exchange and experience sharing and collaborates with like-minded organizations and networks for effective and meaningful impacts.

Progress Report

Collaboration

In a project entitled ‘Getting ready for International Climate Finance and the Green Climate Fund’, as funded by Oxfam America, PRC conducted an extensive study on GCF and its importance to Nepal, and issued a publication for the same. Similarly, PRC also studied the various international climate funds and shared information with relevant stakeholders to disseminate information on the matter.

'Nepal's UNFCCC COP21 Position', PRC formulated Nepal's national position for COP21 through a consultative process. CARE Nepal, DCA Nepal, Oxfam Nepal, Plan International Nepal, Practical Action Nepal, and WWF Nepal jointly funded the three and a half month project. Under the project, PRC formed a working team of qualified persons, conducted consultations and meetings and prepared a brief report on the issue.

Interaction Programs

PRC has organized various interaction programs such as meetings and consultations, which have provided a clear understanding and relayed right information to the government and the related stakeholders regarding diverse issues. Such interaction programs have become a platform for the stakeholders to discuss on various issues and express their opinions.

Consultation on Climate Finance: Increasing Effectiveness and Strengthening National Capacity

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) and Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) jointly organized a discussion program titled 'Climate Finance: Increasing Effectiveness and Strengthening National Capacity' on 14th April 2016. The program was aimed at outlining the current modalities of climate finance, mapping the role of stakeholders and discussing how we can increase the effectiveness of future opportunities of finance. About twenty participants attended the program that was held in Royal Singi Hotel, Kathmandu.

Consultation on Climate Finance: Resilient and Low Carbon Development

Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE) organized a 'Consultation on Climate Finance: *Financing Resilient and Low-carbon Development in Nepal*' on 29th February 2016. The program was aimed at sharing the current progress of various climate initiatives that Nepal is undertaking and also looking at the

future opportunities. The program facilitated by Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) was held at Royal Singi Hotel, Kamaladi, Kathmandu.

Nepal's UNFCCC COP21 Position Thematic Consultation on ADP; Adaptation and Loss And Damage; Mitigation And REDD; Technology and Capacity Building

Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MoSTE) organized a thematic consultation program on “Nepal's UNFCCC COP21 Position.” It was conducted on 5th November 2015. The consultation program technically supported by Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) was held in Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu.

Consultation on Climate Change Expectation from UNFCCC, COP21/CMP11

Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MoSTE) organized a consultation program titled “Consultation on Climate Change: Expectations from UNFCCC COP21/CMP11” to share expectation from the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) meeting to be held in Paris, France. Nepal’s key perspective on the negotiating issues in relation to COP21 was also shared for valuable inputs. The consultation program supported by Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) and Clean Energy Nepal (CEN) was held in Yellow Pagoda Hotel, Kantipath, Kathmandu. It was conducted on 9th November 2015.

Consultation on Climate Finance

Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MoSTE) organized a consultation program on climate finance in relation to COP21, held in Paris, France on 12th October 2015. Various stakeholders attended the program to discuss on the issues being raised at COP21, with a special focus on climate finance. The program, facilitated by Prakriti Resources Centre, was held in Hotel Himalay, Kupandole, Lalitpur.

Publication

PRC has made a couple of publications. Some of which are- ‘Climate Finance Options for Nepal (2015)’, ‘Key Issues for Nepal in COP21/ CMP11 (2015)’, ‘Paris Agreement on Climate Change: What it means for Nepal (2016)’ . For more details visit:www.prc.org.np

1. Paris Agreement in Nepali

This publication is the unofficial translation of Paris Agreement in Nepali.

2. Climate Finance Option for Nepal

This book basically tries to put together all the information related to major international funding sources for Nepal to finance its activities on climate change sector. It briefly provides the background of the source, regional focus, investment areas, funding conditions and application procedures to acquire the funding.

3. Paris Agreement on Climate Change: What It Means For Nepal

The joint publication of Prakriti Resources Centre and DigoBikash Institute, "Paris Agreement on Climate Change: What it means for Nepal", discusses how Nepal can benefit from the recent Paris Climate Agreement.

4. Key Issues for Nepal COP21/CMP11

This publication has been prepared through a participatory process with the help of expert team and guidance from the boarder section of the stakeholders. It should guide as a reference for the Nepali delegates attending the COP21 in Paris, France and those closely following the climate negotiations. It provides broader framework and understanding on where we stand as a country on major thematic issues to be dealt during the climate negotiations.

Support to the government

The various publications and interaction programs have supported the Ministry of Population and Environment in developing Nepal’s position and better preparing for

international negotiations such as the Paris Agreement. Furthermore, the consultation programs have also been a platform for the interaction between the government and the public.

Website Restructure

The website of PRC was also restructured this year, adding more details and features to the site.

Networking

PRC is affiliated with Green Climate Fund (GCF) as a NGO observer.

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