



LUCCC Dialogue
Climate change diplomacy
Launching of the LUCCC in Nepal

Background:

Climate change is a global challenge that does not respect national borders. Emissions anywhere affect people everywhere. Therefore, this requires solutions that need to be coordinated at the international level through international cooperation. After the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1992, countries are continuously engaged in multilateral process to develop consensus in finding solution to address climate change. Thus, the term "Climate Diplomacy" has been one of the key areas that the countries are focusing to influence international climate change decision-making process.

The 2015 UN climate change conference held in Paris adopted the Paris Agreement with a goal to hold the global average temperature to well below 2°C and pursue the efforts to limit the temperature rise to 1.5°C. The diplomatic success that culminated in the adoption of the Paris Agreement provides the world with a new global climate governance framework that contains valuable elements in the fight against the climate change.

LDC Universities Consortium for Climate Change (LUCCC)

The least developed countries (LDCs) represents the world's poorest nations and despite of having least contribution to the warming of the planet, these countries are highly vulnerable to the impacts of the climate change. Participation of LDCs in the ongoing UN climate change negotiations is important both for the success of the negotiations as well as for sustainable development of the LDCs. The LDC government and diplomats requires substantial analytical work and continuous technical support to engage and contribute to the process. The LDC Universities Consortium for Climate Change (LUCCC) stands best to serve the LDCs by providing such support by mobilizing it's pool of experts and academia. The LUCCC is a South-South, long-term capacity-building programme by 10 Universities from the LDCs to exchange knowledge on climate change, primarily through training and research.

The School of Environmental Science and Management (SchEMS), affiliated to Pokhara University is a founder member and lead for thematic work on Climate diplomacy for LUCCC.

The Dialogue – launching of LUCCC

The 'LUCCC dialogue' on Climate Change Diplomacy is one of the regular and first event organized by SchEMS as a lead for LUCCC's thematic work on 'climate diplomacy and negotiation'. The objective of this very first event is to launch the work of LUCCC in Nepal and broaden its partnership with Nepali universities, academia and professionals engaged and interested to contribute on climate change diplomacy.

The dialogue includes sharing of latest development of the LUCCC activities; remarks from distinguish panel members on engagement of LDCs including Nepal at climate negotiations; and discussion on the role of academia on climate diplomacy. Please refer page two for the detail agenda of the dialogue.



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The way forward for Nepal

Draft agenda

Date and Venue:

The 'Dialogue' will be held on 16 February 2018 at the premises of School of Environmental Science and Management (SchEMS), Baneshwor, Kathmandu. Please refer the [map](#) for exact location.

Participants:

The expected participants of the Dialogue include representatives from government agencies and universities in Nepal, including selected individuals engaged in climate change and diplomatic affairs.

Draft Agenda

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| 09:00 – 09:15 | Arrival and registration with morning tea/coffee |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Opening of the Dialogue, welcoming and introduction: |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- LUCCC introduction and launching |
| 09:45 – 10:05 | Special remarks highlighting Nepal's engagement and priorities at global climate change negotiations and inputs to LUCCC workplan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative, Ministry of Population and Environment, Government of Nepal- Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative, Tribhuvan University and Kathmandu University, highlighting the role of academia and research institute.- Representative, ICIMOD, UNDP and other development partners highlighting priorities of the region and possible collaborations |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | Open discussion |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Way forward and Closing remarks followed by lunch |

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