



Journey to Federalism in Nepal

For Resilient society during/after Covid-19

Call for abstracts, ideas, and contribution
Opportunity to share, foster collaborate, contribute and network

Outline of the Digital/Online Knowledge Forum

Scheduled Date: 11-12 (Sunday and Monday) October, 2020

Venue: Kathmandu

Organizer: Netherlands Alumni Association of Nepal and partner organizations

Introduction

Nepal is in phase of transitional development after the new constitution in post conflict era. The elected governments are in place at federal, provincial and local levels as provisioned in the new constitution indicating the stable government at all levels. However, the development plans of the governments have been partly halted due to the global pandemic COVID-19. COVID-19 is a global health crisis of our time and the existing health system needs to be strengthened in order to tackle the public health emergency situation. Further, the secondary impact of the global pandemic is huge which has already started to take a serious toll on an economy that relies heavily on remittances, agriculture, and tourism revenues. Therefore, it is important to develop a resilient system to face the mounting public health emergency, respond to the socio-economic impact of the pandemic on the most vulnerable, and support longer-term recovery measures. Further, it is also vital to reshape the earlier development plans and policies that does not fit for the transitioning into a 'new normal' to tackle the COVID-19 crisis.

Furthermore, climate change is another issue in the longer run that poses immense challenges for rural poor relying on natural resources for livelihoods and these people have limited capacity to adapt to changing situation posing governance and management challenges for development. The available opportunities are geared for sustainable development after setting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to achieve the targeted progress in the thematic area ranging from ending poverty to technology transfer and global partnership. In this backdrop, every persons need to contribute for building a resilient society and country. A resilient society ensures robust economy with sustainable livelihood practices, equity for all (non-discriminative of gender, religion or ethnic group), health and sanitation facilities for people along with maintaining healthy environment and ecosystem. The proposed knowledge forum will provide opportunity to share such experiences and practices of the knowledge through wider outreach to contribute in strengthening the federal system in the country. Ultimately, agriculture, forest and tourism are to be sustained for the livelihoods and employment generation.

Several issues in environmental degradation, environmental justice, climate change management, urban management, and enhancing productivity of the natural and agricultural resources will be needed to be addressed in the upcoming decades. In addition, migration, youth engagement in development mainstream, inclusive governance, equity in benefit sharing, livelihoods management, research and extension are emerging issues in the journey to federalism. The two-day e-conference (conference through an electronic medium via internet) will be attended by researchers, policy makers, practitioners at government and non-governmental levels to crystallize and share available science based knowledge for addressing the current and future challenges as well as opportunities.

Major Conference Theme

- 1) Policy, Governance, and Institution
- 2) Sustainable development in agriculture and natural resource management
- 3) Sustainable Urban and Infrastructure development
- 4) Resilient Health and Sanitation

Cross Cutting Themes:

- Capacity Strengthening
- Gender / equality
- Resiliency and Vulnerability
- Economics, Finance and Employment
- Impacts of COVID-19

Themes and subthemes for paper/presentation

Principle Themes and Sub-Themes	Cross-Cutting Theme				Instruments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, Governance and Institution <p>Policy and knowledge mainstreaming for equity, gender neutrality, and good governance to build resilient society in the federal systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of government at federal, provincial and local level for enhanced livelihoods • Innovative governance options for employment generation and poverty alleviation • Gender mainstreaming in development sectors • Promote private and public engagement for sustainable economic growth and natural resources • Local Government's Role in Management of Covid-19 Pandemic • Sustainability in agriculture, forestry and tourism for livelihoods and employment generation • Strengthen coordination among law enforcement agencies, communities and enterprises in federal systems. 	Capacity Strengthening	Gender / Equality	Resilience and Vulnerability	Economics, Finance and Employment	Impacts of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical/Financial and Ecological management tools • Governance/Policy instruments • Communication, Knowledge and outreach • Education, research and development

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<p>2. Sustainable development in agriculture, and natural resource management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water–Food–Energy Nexus • Climate change, adaptation and green sector growth for prosperous society • Strengthen and promote sustainable farming systems to contribute economic growth • Water Resources Development in Nepal – Climate Change, Impacts and Implications • Community based conservation and management of forests 	Capacity Strengthening	Gender / Equality	Resilience and Vulnerability	Economics, Finance and Employment	Impacts of COVID-19	
<p>3. Sustainable Urban and Infrastructure Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Cities • Circular Economy • Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan • Environment friendly Infrastructures • Innovation on green sectors and green economy • Tourism Sector: Its Challenges and Recovery 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical/Financial and Ecological management tools • Governance/Policy instruments • Communication, Knowledge and outreach • Education, research and development
<p>4. Resilient Health and Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health and Sanitation • Health sector infrastructure development in developing countries • Preparedness in potential pandemic health crisis • Response during and post Pandemic by stakeholders 						

Abstract/Presentation Submission

Original and unpublished researches related to the themes of the conference are expected for oral or poster presentation. Please submit abstract not exceeding 250 words at our website <https://ikf.naan.org.np/>.

Abstract/Idea/Thoughts/Story should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 fonts, including title, 5-7 keywords, authors' name and address (indicating corresponding author; affiliations, email addresses, cell phone numbers of all authors).

Deadlines

- Call Open 07 July 2020
- Abstract Submission: Extended till 15 Sep
- Notification of acceptance of Abstract: Rolling Basis
- Normal Registration: Opens until 10 October, 2020
- Full Paper submission: 30 Sep, 2020 (Not more than 6 pages with 12 Times New Roman or equivalent font with 1" margin in each side)

Institutional Partnership:

Welcome for collaboration in thematic areas and technical supports.

Certificates will be awarded to all presenters.