

# NEPAL CLIMATE UPDATE

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## Editors' Summary

This issue abridges both good and bad news. The workshops on climate change can help the policy makers to strengthen actions being undertaken in response to climate change and upgrade the strategies. Although, the policy failed to prioritize gender issues while developing strategies to combat climate change its happy to note that the government is developing Gender in Climate Change Strategy for Nepal emphasizing women a bit later. One more time government should be thanked for contributing poverty reduction by focusing on the poorest and most vulnerable people, particularly women by approving climate change support program. In contrast to it, the impacts of climate change made scientist's night sleepiness and this reminded that everyone should be alert and initiate concrete move for its mitigation.

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## **Workshop on climate change**

Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre organized a policy dialogue and consultation on climate change in Biratnagar. The workshop drew local media persons, academicians and representatives of stakeholders concerned, local government bodies, political parties and local communities.

*February 8*

*The Kathmandu Post*

## **Clamoring attention to CC**

The workshop on “Climate change, gender and social inclusion” was jointly organized by Sungabha Development Co-operation and Nepal Development and Research Academy at Ilam to implement the district level energy unit in climate change. The workshop highlighted the paper presented by the resource person about the present scenario of climate change and its impacts, gender and social inclusion in regard of climate change.

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## **NCCCKMC Highlight**

NAST-NCCCKMC successfully conducted a Policy Dialogue on Climate Change and Consultation and Mobile Library for Climate Change Awareness in the eastern region of the country. The Policy Dialogue and Consultation was conducted in Biratnagar, Nepal's industrial hub in eastern lowland Tarai. Professor Maheswor Man Shrestha, Vice Chancellor of Purbanchal University had inaugurated the program amidst a hall full of over 100 enthusiastic participants who represented government line agencies, research and educational institutions, political parties, local and non government organizations, youth volunteers and mass media. The Mobile Library was organized at Bhanu HSS, Fungling Bazar, Taplejung, Srijung HSS, Gopetar, Panchthar, Adarsha HSS at Ilam Bazar, Ilam and Shree Janta HSS, Triyuga, Udayapur. The program attracted hundreds of enthusiastic high school students as they knew it was important for them to understand about the much-talked topic but less told. Teachers, principals and members of school management committee also observed the program. A dozen of colorful posters in simple Nepali language with photos or graphics explaining about climate change and its impacts on human health, agriculture, forests, biodiversity and livelihood were displayed at the premises of the schools.

## **Climate change laid scientists' dismal**

The rate of rising temperature at Himalayan region drew scientists' attention abiding the foreseen negative impacts of climate change. The fast melting of glaciers led the variation in shape and size of glacial lake and about 67% of changes has already been seen said the team leader of Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center, Dr Dinesh Raj Bhujju. Climate change experts opined the impacts had felt in many sectors and the scenario of intense rainfall, scanty rainfall, and long monsoon rainfall pattern observed were due to climate change.

*February 11*

*Gorkhapatra*

## **Untimely fruiting**

The fruiting of apples had been seen prior a month in Solukhumbu's Bagbani Center. The fruiting mostly seen in species of apple named Annabherit/Lochling and this untimely fruiting was linked to climate change by the locals and workers working in the center.

*February 12*

*Gorkhapatra*

## **Policies failed to prioritize gender issue**

Although, women play a more central role in building their communities' climate resilience, they were neglected in every aspect. Even the policy framework Local Adaptation Plans of Action (LAPA), the existing policies and strategies such as National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) and Climate Change Policy 2011, though, designed to help the vulnerable communities; lack mainstreaming gender issues while developing strategies to combat climate change. Therefore, seeing the urgency to incorporate gender issue, IUCN in coordination with the MoE is developing Gender in Climate Change Strategy for Nepal.

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## **Govt support program**

The government has approved Nepal Climate Change Support Programme (NCCSP) to support the local level adaptation programs in 14 districts of Mid and Far Western regions to adapt to the climate change impact. The program acts under the national framework developed for Local Adaptation Plan for Action (LAPA) focusing on effective implementation of the Climate Change Policy 2011 and development and implementation of necessary strategies and adaptation actions at the local level.

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