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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENT AND IMPACTS ON LIVELIHOOD

Kathmandu, Nepal
10-12 January 2017



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Central Department of Botany, Nepal
Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Nepal
City University of New York (CUNY), USA
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Venue: Crown Plaza Soaltee, Kathmandu

INTRODUCTION

Biodiversity has been an important subject of research and global discourse since the Convention on Biological Diversity, as it forms the basis of people's life and livelihoods. Biodiversity is closely linked to climate, culture and conservation efforts.

Protecting the unique assemblage of biodiversity together with meeting the need of people under the scenario of climate change remains a great challenge. Climate change has emerged as one of the most important environmental, social and economic issues today. The impacts are most severe for the global poor and South Asia is one of the regions highly affected by these changes. In this backdrop, an International Conference on Biodiversity, Climate Change Assessment and Impacts on Livelihood (ICBCL) has been programmed in Kathmandu from January 10 to 12, 2017.

The conference will focus on approaches from the natural and social sciences to support economic development particularly in developing countries, which faces serious climate hazards, biological invasion, biodiversity loss, agriculture and water stress. The three day international conference will bring together eminent scientists, policy makers and development workers for integrating science, technology, policy and action. Emphasis will be on innovative applications of scientific and technological research to promote rural enterprises and broad based improvements in nutrition, health or living standards. This conference will also include opportunity for developing knowledge sharing hubs, regional working groups, action plans and pilot projects for regional climate change adaptations and village based agriculture enterprises.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Agriculture and Livestock:** Climate resilient cropping; Modeling, Changing crop distribution and production; Integrated pest management; Soil, water and nutrient management; Small-scale and sustainable agro-business.
- Climate Change:** Climate science and modeling; Impacts and adaptation assessment; Hazard prediction and preparedness.
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:** Status, threats and management of biodiversity; Biological invasions; Carbon sequestration; Payment for ecosystem services; Ecosystem-based adaptation.

- Water Resource Management:** Hydrologic modeling; Snow and glaciers; Water governance; Efficiency and innovation.
- Gender and Livelihood:** Nutrition, health and well-being; Environmental justice; Development for marginalized groups; Women's empowerment and enterprises.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit Abstracts through EasyChair system

<https://easychair.org/conference>

For detail see the website: <http://icbcl17.org>

Abstracts should be related to the theme of the conference and should not exceed 250 words.

DEADLINES

- Abstract submission: 15 September 2016
- Abstract selection notification: 30 September 2016
- Early bird registration: 30 November 2016
- Paper submission by February 15, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

All the selected abstracts for the conference will be published in a conference Abstract book. Presented papers and posters will be published in the proceedings. Both review and selected papers will be considered for publication in special issues of the peer-reviewed journals *Climate* and *Environments*.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel room rates are typically US\$ 50 to 150. Participants from abroad are advised to book hotel rooms well ahead of the program. Please book a room yourself at your choice, or the organizers can help to find suitable one on request.

Suggested hotels in Kathmandu are:

Crown Plaza - Soaltee (www.crowneplaza.com)

Hotel Himalaya (www.hotelhimalaya.com.np)

Hotel Annapurna (www.annapurna-hotel.com)

Greenwich Hotel (www.greenwichnepal.com)

Kathmandu Guest house (www.ktmgh.com)

Grand Hotel (www.grandhotelnepal.com)

REGISTRATION FEE*

Participants	Early Bird Registration (Before 30 Nov 2016)	Late Registration (After 30 Nov 2016)
From outside SAARC countries	US\$ 350	US\$ 450
From SAARC countries	US\$ 150	US\$ 200
Institutional participation from Nepal	NRs. 10,000	NRs. 12,000
Individual participants from Nepal	NRs. 4000	NRs. 5000

* Registration fee includes the cost of kit, documents, lunch and refreshment provided during the conference

PAYMENT

Please use the following information for payment of registration fee.

Bank: Nepal Bank Limited, Kirtipur, Kathmandu.

Account name: USAID-CDB-TU Project

Account no. 0450010061215000001

Bank Swift Code: NEBLNPKA

POST CONFERENCE TOUR ON REQUEST

- Half day tour to National Botanical Garden, Godavari on January 13, 2017
- Tours will be arranged on request through travel agent for Chitwan National Park/ Annapurna Conservation Area, USAID Project Site
- Official travel agent:** Yala Adventure, Kathmandu
<http://www.yalaadventure.com>

OPPORTUNITY TO BE CO-ORGANIZER / CO-SPONSOR

The conference organizers request to concerned/interested organizations to be co-organizer or partners by sponsoring the conference

EXHIBITION

Space is available for exhibition. Interested organizations are requested to contact conference secretariat

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Pre Registration Form

First Name: Mr/Mrs/MsLast name(in capital).....

Designation: Prof./Dr.....

Address:Tel.....Fax.....

Email.....Nature of presentation (tick one): Oral Poster Participation only Exhibition

Proposed title for a paper/poster.....

Thematic Area.....Tour Preference.....

Any special request.....

Signature.....Date.....