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Policy Discussion Series XXII

Climate and Environmental Policy in Nepal: Key Challenges and Experiences
by
Ganesh Shah, Former Minister, Environment, Science and Technology

Venue: Martin Chautari Seminar Hall, Thapathali

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Environmental protection and addressing climate change constitute ever-important policy concerns in Nepal. The country is no stranger to the consequences of the environmental degradation and negative impacts of climate change. Likewise, Nepal is also a signatory to several international environmental agreements, but environmental degradation, climatic impacts and disasters continue to persist as significant challenges.

In Nepal, the emergence of environmental concerns in national process came together with the initiation of our national planning process in the 1950s. Parallel with the heightened international interest on environment and development, as demonstrated in the Earth Summit 1992, Nepal made more concerted effort in environmental policy making from the eighth five-year plan (1992-1997). Later, the foundation of the legal structure for environmental protection was laid by the Environmental Protection Act 1996 and the subsequent Environmental Protection Rules 1997. In subsequent period, more attention is paid on climate change policies, such as on NAPA 2010 and Climate Change policy 2011.

However, there still remain gaps and challenges in addressing environmental and climate change concerns at different levels. Ganesh Shah, as the former Minister and an environmental activist, will discuss the issues and opportunities.

Ganesh Shah is the Former Minister for Environment, Science and Technology. He is a Mechanical Engineer by profession and has received his M-Tech (Technical Engineering) from Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University in 1973. Together with his political career, Mr. Shah is advocate of the environmental and climate change issues in Nepal.

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