



URBANIZATION Series

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Housing the Poor: Making Dreams Come True

Lajana Manandhar, Executive Director, Lumanti Support Group for Shelter

Lajana Manandhar completed M.Phil. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Technology, Lae, Papua New Guinea. Her work with Lumanti includes initiating investment in low income housing sector by making low interest housing loans available to the poor through commercial banks for the first time in Nepal. After the April earthquake, she has led Lumanti's efforts to reach out to destroyed communities in five districts in partnership with grassroots women's organizations. She is also the focal point for Kathmandu Valley's Shelter Cluster. As the Chairperson of the NGO Forum for Urban Water and Sanitation, Kathmandu, a national network of organizations she works on urban water and sanitation issues. She is a member of the Kathmandu Valley Drinking Water Management Board, the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights, Bangkok, the Huairou Commission, New York, an international network of grassroots women organizations.



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Monthly Discussion Series on Cities and Urbanization @ Martin Chautari

Nepal has the highest urbanization rate in South Asia according to recent reports. This discussion series aims to address this development by promoting conversations and facilitating exchange for a more multifaceted understanding of urbanization. Touching on a variety of topics, the series will be of interest to groups and individuals working on or studying urbanization and related processes and issues such as land tenure security, access to basic services such as water and sanitation, accountable governance, housing/shelter rights, land rights, women's rights and participation, political processes and conflict, resource management, and infrastructure development.

A platform for speakers from a variety of fields will be provided: governmental sectors, NGOs and INGOs, private businesses, community-based organizations, political parties, local *tole/wada* organizations, media houses, and academia/research organizations. Martin Chautari hopes to encourage discussions that will help raise, clarify, and problematize particular themes and issues related to urbanization and, over time, facilitate cooperation between participants to think about possible solutions to the host of challenges and contestations fostered by urban environments.

शहरीकरण छलफल श्रृंखला

मार्टिन चौतारिले शहरीकरणका विविध आयामबारे छलफल श्रृंखला सुरु गरेको छ। शहरीकरणको बहुआयमिक पक्षबारे छलफल गर्नु यस श्रृंखलाको उद्देश्य हो। पछिल्लो समय शहरीकरणबारे प्रकाशित भएका तथ्यांकलाई आधार मान्दा नेपालको शहरीकरण दर दक्षिण एसियामै उच्च रहेको देखाउँछ। नेपालमा शहरीकरणको दर तीव्र भए पनि यसका समस्या र सम्भावनाबारे सार्वजनिक तहमा जुन रूपमा बहस हुनुपर्ने त्यो भएको छैन। यसै सन्दर्भमा शहर र शहरीकरणबारे चासो राख्ने विभिन्न निकायहरू, सरकारी तथा गैरसरकारी संघसंस्था, व्यापारी, राजनीतिक दल, सञ्चार गृह, अनुसन्धानकर्ता र सर्वसाधारण, आदिले आ-आफ्ना विचारहरू आदानप्रदान गर्ने थलोको रूपमा यो श्रृंखलालाई विकास गर्ने लक्ष्य राखिएको छ। यस्तो छलफल श्रृंखलाबाट शहरीकरणका विभिन्न मुद्दाहरूबारे सरोकार राख्ने सबैले लाभ लिन सक्नेछन् भन्ने हाम्रो विश्वास छ। यस छलफल श्रृंखलामा तपाईंको सक्रिय सहभागिताको हामी अपेक्षा गर्दछौं।

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