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The 3rd International Conference on Mountains in the Changing World

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Program Schedule

08:00-08:45	Check -in
Inaugural Session	[Room: Nepa Duku]
08:45-09:00	Welcome and Program Highlights [Room: Nepa Dhuku]
	Dr. Prakash K Paudel, Convenor Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
Chair	Dr. Ram P. Chaudhary, Professor Emeritus Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
09:00 — 09:50	Keynote : Climate and global change in the Himalayas: An ecological perspective (OR -KN466-KEYNOTE)
	<u>Jagdish Krishnaswamy</u> Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal enclave, Jakkur Post, Srirampura, Bangalore-560064, India
09:50 — 10:40	Keynote : A half century of conservation successes in Nepal: Past lessons and future possibilities (OR -KN -1 -467-KEYNOTE)
	<u>Joel T. Heinen</u> Department of Earth and Environment, Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA
10:40 11:00	Photo Session and Tea Break
Technical Sessions	
11:00—12:30	Wildlife Conservation in the Face of Challenges (OR -AEC -1) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Krishna Pokharel, Scientist Center for Conservation Biology, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Invited : Predator-prey interdependency within mammalian niche hotspots in response to climate change in Himalayan region of Nepal (OR -AEC -1 -459 -INVITED)
	<u>Menaka Panta Neupane</u> ¹ , Manish Basnet ¹ , Prabhat Raj Dahal ² , Hari Basnet ¹ , Neeshant Modak ¹ , Maheshwar Dhakal ³ , Laxman Poudyal ⁴ , Dhananjaya Lamichane ³ ¹ International Union for Conservation of Nature, Nepal; ² Kathmandu Living Lab; ³ Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal; ⁴ Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal
	Ecological assessment of Mai Pokhari wetland: A Ramsar site from eastern Nepal (OR -AEC -1 -406)
	<u>Pranil Pradhan¹</u> , Deep Narayan Shah ² ¹ Golden Gate International College, Ram Mandir Marga, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Small mammals in Nepal: Spatial visualization and heat map analysis (OR -AEC -1 -460)
	Hari Basnet ¹ , Menaka Panta Neupane ¹ , Prabhat Raj Dahal ² , Neeshant Modak ¹ , Maheshwar Dhakal ³ , Laxman Poudyal ⁴ , Dhananjaya Lamichane ³

	¹ International Union for Conservation of Nature, Nepal; ² Kathmandu Living Lab, Kathmandu, Nepal; ³ Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal; ⁴ Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Understanding the dynamics in distribution of Chinese Pangolin under predicted climate change in Nepal (OR -AEC -1 -470)
	<u>Birendra Kandel</u> ¹ , Sujan Khanal ² , Menaka Panta Neupane ³ , Hari Basnet ³ , Nishant Modak ³ ¹ Parsa National Park, Parsa, Nepal; ² Institute of Forestry, Pokhara Campus, Pokhara, Nepal; ³ International Union for Conservation of Nature, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Beekeeping for poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation in Bangladesh (OR -AEC -1 -333)
	<u>Md Ruhul Amin</u> Department of Entomology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh
11:00 — 12:30	Symposium: Citizen Science for a sustainable Mountain Future (OR -CSS -1) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Deep Narayan Shah Himalayan Biodiversity and Climate Center (HimBioCliC), Kathmandu, Nepal
	Invited : Engaging youth for integrated water resources management in Nepal (OR -CCS -1 - 376-INVITED)
	<u>Anjana Shakya</u> ¹ , Madhav Rijal ² , Bhawani Dongol ¹ ¹ Program for aquatic natural resource improvement (Paani) project, USAID Nepal's water project, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Mid Western University, Surkhet, Nepal
	Extreme precipitation events and importance of community based rainfall measurement in Nepal (OR-CSS-1-465)
	<u>Binod Pokharel</u> ¹ , Jonathan Meyer ¹ , Simon Wang ¹ , Suresh Marahatta ² , Basant Giri ³ ¹ Utah Climate Center, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA; ² Central Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; ³ Center for Analytical Sciences, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Exploring the relations between groundwater level, rainfall, and land-use in the Kathmandu Valley (OR -CCS -1 -312)
	<u>Rajaram Prajapati</u> ¹ , Jeffrey C. Davids ^{2,3} , Nischal Devkota ¹ , Anusha Pandey ¹ ¹ SmartPhones4Water-Nepal, Lalitpur, Nepal; ² Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands; ³ SmartPhones4Water-US, CA, USA
	Groundwater quality assessment of Bhaktapur Municipality based on quality-indices and statistical-modeling (OR -CCS -1 -319)
	<u>Aalok Sharma Kafle¹</u> , Rajaram Prajapati ² , Kushum KC ³ , Anusha Danegulu ⁴ ¹ Kathmandu Engineering College, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Lalitpur, Nepal; ³ Manakamana Training and Skill Development Institute Pvt. Ltd., Kathamandu, Nepal; ⁴ Khwopa College of Engineering, Bhaktapur, Nepal
	Streams, sewage, and shallow groundwater: water quantity and quality interactions in the Kathmandu Valley (OR -CCS -1 -297)
	<u>Nischal Devkota</u> ¹ , Jeffrey Cook Davids ² , Neelam Maharjan ³ , Torgen Soderlund ² , Rajaram Prajapati ¹ ¹ SmartPhones4Water-Nepal, Lalitpur, Nepal; ² SmartPhones4Water-USA, Chico, California, USA; ³ Central Department of Geology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

	Development (OK -MINS - 1) [Koom: Degnas]
12:30—13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-15:00	Wildlife conservation in the face of challenges (OR -AEC -2) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Menaka Panta Neupane International Union for Conservation of Nature, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Status of Pangolin trade in Nepal (OR -AEC -2 -353)
	<u>Bishal Sharma</u> , Prakash Chandra Aryal, Sandesh Neupane GoldenGate International College, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Distribution, habitat utilization and threats to Chinese Pangolin (Manis Pentadactyla Linnaeus, 1758) in Eastern Chure, Nepal (OR -AEC -2 -279)
	<u>Nabin Bhandari</u> ¹ , Tej Bahadur Thapa ² ¹ Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Central Department of Zoology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Habitat analysis of the Chinese Pangolin (<i>Manis pentadactyla</i>) Suryabinayak Community forest, Bhaktapur, Nepal (OR -AEC -2 -329)
	<u>Kiran Gosai</u> Khwopa College, Tribhuvan University, Bhaktapur, Nepal
	Habitat analysis of the Chinese Pangolin (<i>Manis pentadactyla</i>) at Manthali Community forest, Bhaktapur, Nepal (OR -AEC -2 -340)
	<u>Mahendra Prasad Uprety</u> Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Perception, distribution & readiness to protect Pangolin in Rani Community forest, Makwanpur, Central Nepal (OR -AEC -2 -409)
	<u>Gauri Javaswal</u> , Kamal Raj Gosai Department of Environmental Science, Tri-Chandra Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Role of women in biodiversity conservation: Lesson learnt from HIMAWANTI Nepal (OR - AEC -2 -456)
	Anita Shrestha, Gopi Paudel HIMAWANT, Nepal
	Habitat use by snow leopard and perceived impacts of climate change (OR- AEC-2-470)
	<u>Binaya Adhikari</u> Kathmandu Forestry College, Kathmandu, Nepal
13:30 - 15:00	Symposium: Citizen Science for a Sustainable Mountain Future (OR -CCS -2) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Bhesh Raj Thapa SmartPhones for Water Nepal and International Water Management Institute (IWMI) – Nepal Office
	Invited: Building Citizen science Asia: Community, partnerships & SDGs (OR -CCS -2 - 415-INVITED)
	<u>Mendel Wong</u> , Scott Edmunds <i>CitizenScience.Asia</i>
	Mapping the springs of the Kathmandu Valley: Can citizens accurately measure spring discharge? (OR -CCS -2 -316)

11:00-12:30Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable
Development (OR -MHS -1) [Room: Begnas]

<u>Anusha Pandev</u>^{1,2}, Jeffrey Colin Davids^{3,4} ¹NAMI College, Jorpati, Nepal; ²SmartPhones4Water, Nepal; ³Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands; ⁴SmartPhones4Water-USA, Chico, California, USA

Round Table Discussion

13.30—15:00 Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable Development (OR -MHS -2) [Room: Begnas]

15:00 — 15:20 Tea Break

15:20—16:50	Plant Ecology and Conservation (OR - PEC -1) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Susma Giri
	Floristic composition of eastern mid-hills of Nepal (OR -PEC -1 -453)
	Mohan Sangroula ¹ , Mohan Siwakoti ² , Chitra Bahadur Baniya ² ¹ Damak Multiple Campus Damak, Jhapa, Nepal; ² Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Regeneration and dynamics of Himalayan Fir at a central Himalayan treeline ecotone (OR - PEC -1 -269)
	<u>Niels Schwab</u> ¹ , Ryszard J. Kaczka ² , Aleksandra Lewandowska-Duzy ¹ , Jürgen Böhner ¹ , Ram P. Chaudhary ³ , Thomas Scholten ⁴ , Udo Schickhoff ¹ ¹ Physical Geography, Center for Earth System Research and Sustainability (CEN), University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany; ² Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland; ³ Centre for Applied Science and Technology (ReCAST), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; ⁴ Department of Geosciences, Chair of Soil Science and Geomorphology, University of Tübingen, Germany
	Identification of high priority sites for Rhododendron conservation in China (OR -PEC -1 - 290)
	<u>Nawal Shrestha</u> Peking University, Beijing, China
	Green algae as potential sorbent for trace elements (OR-PEC-1-350)
	Yaman Kumar Sahu ¹ , Khageshwar Singh Patel ¹ , Erick Kibet Towett ² ⁷ Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, India; ² World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
	Vascular plant colonization pattern along the spatio-temporal gradient around the Gangapurna Glacier foreland, Manang, central Nepal (OR -PEC -1 -398)
	<u>Ilina Bajracharya</u> , Chitra Bahadur Baniya Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Altitudinal vascular species richness pattern in west Nepal (OR -PEC -1 -451)
	Babu Ram Nepal ^{1,2} , John Skartveit ³ , Chitra Bahadur Baniya ¹ ¹ Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; ² Butwal Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; ³ University College, NLA, Bergen, Norway
	Carbon emissions trading and clean development mechanism: Overview and expectations for Nepal (OR -PEC -1 -322)
	<u>Kushum KC</u> ¹ , Aalok Sharma Kafle ² ¹ Manakamana Training and Skill Development Institute Pvt. Ltd.; ² Kathmandu Engineering College, Kalimati, Kathmandu
15:20—16:50	Mountain Livelihood and Sustainability (OR -SAM -1) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Kedar Rijal, Professor Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

	Invited : Risk management and assessment on the environmental projects (OR -MLS -1 -469-INVITED)
	<u>Tom Wielickii</u> California State University, Fresno, CA, USA
	Comparative efficacy of <i>Trichoderma viridae</i> , <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> and mixture of bio fertilizers against club root of Broccoli caused by <i>Plasmodiophora brassicae</i> (OR -MLS -1 -262)
	<u>Sarkal Jyakhwo</u> HICAST, Nepal
	Analysis of watersheds in Gandaki Province, Nepal using QGIS (OR -MLS -1 -330)
	<u>Ram Chandra Paudel</u> , Keshav Basnet Infrastructure Engineering and Management Program, Pashchimanchal Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Kaski, Nepal
	A participatory research experience on crop establishment in the char lands of northern Bangladesh (OR -MLS -1 -367)
	<u>Abdul Karim</u> Department of Agronomy, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangaladesh
	Nutritional composition of biomass
	<u>Pravin Kumar Sahu</u> ¹ , Suryakant Chakradhari ¹ , Yaman Kumar Sahu ¹ , Khageshwar Singh Patel ¹ , Erick Kibet Towett ² (OR -MLS -1 -351)
	¹ School of Studies in Environmental Science/Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, CG, India; ² World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
15:20 — 16:50	Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable Development (OR -MHS -3) [Room: Begnas]
16:50—17:00	Tea/coffee break

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8:30 - 10:00	Symposium: Biological Invasion in the Changing World (OR -BIC -1) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Suresh Ghimire, Professor Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kritipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Invited: Biological invasion in Nepal: Agendas for research and management (OR -BIC -1 - 468)
	<u>Bharat Babu Shrestha</u> Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kritipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Determinants of coverage of invasive <i>Chromolaena odorata</i> in Sal forest of Chure (OR -BIC -1 -424)
	LN Sharma, M Watson, B Adhikari, B Karna, E Poudel, BB Shrestha Forest Action Nepal, Kathmandu, Npal
	Inventory of invasive alien plant species in Godavari Landscape, Nepal (OR -BIC -2 -448)
	<u>Srijana Joshi</u> ¹ , Anil Shrestha ² , Neha Bisht ³ , Sunil Thapa ¹ ¹ International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development; ² Department of Plant Science, California State University, Fresno, CA, USA; ³ National University of Singapore, Singapore

	Contribution of native and naturalized plant species to the biomass production in grasslands of Siwalik region, Nepal (OR -BIC -1 -428)
	Deviram Bhattarai, Bharat Babu Shrestha Central department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Diversity of naturalized plants species across land-use types in Kailali district, west Nepal (OR -BIC -1 -445)
	Ganesh Datt Joshi, Mohan Siwakoti, Bharat Babu Shrestha Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
8:30 - 10:00	Symposium: Challenges of food safety monitoring in least developed countries
	(OR -CFS -1) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Bhanu Bhakta Neupane, Professor Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Invited : Food quality system and the current status and role of laboratory in food quality control in Nepal (OR-CFS-1-690-INVITED)
	Lekhanath Kandel Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Determination of nutritional value of different rock salt samples obtained in Nepalese market (OR-CFS-1-381)
	<u>Saraswati Pandeya</u> , Bhanu Bhakta Neupane Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Study on the effect of cooking and storage conditions in the loss of iodine from iodized salt samples (OR-CFS-1-397)
	<u>Megh Raj Yonjan</u> ¹ , Bhanu Bhakta Neupane ^{2,3} ¹ Amrit Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; ³ Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Optimization of pesticide PADs (OR-CFS-1-365)
	<u>Pravin Pokhrel</u> , Basant Giri Center for Analytical Sciences, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Smartphone based microscopic assay for detecting (oo)cyst of <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> (OR-CFS-1-384)
	<u>Rojina Duwal</u> ¹ , Sajeev Wagle ¹ , Bhanu Neupane ² , Basant Giri ¹ ¹ Center for Analytical Sciences, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
8:30 - 10:00	Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable Development (OR -MHS -4) [Room: Begnas]
10:00 - 10:20	Tea/coffee
10:20 - 11:50	Symposium: Biological Invasion in the Changing World (OR -BIC -2)
	[Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Suresh Ghimire, Professor Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Plant functional traits of an invasive weed Ageratina adenophora (Asteraceae) along elevation gradients in Chitwan-Annapurna Landscape, Nepal (OR -BIC -2 -434)
	Anju Sharma Poudel, Bharat Babu Shrestha, Pramod Kumar Jha Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

12:20—13:20	Lunch
	Western Regional Campus, Institute of Engineering, Kaski, Nepal
Chair	Dr. Keshab Basnet, Professor Western Pagional Commun. Institute of Engineering. Kashi Nanal
11:50—12:20	Poster Session
10:20 — 11:50	Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable Development (OR -MHS -5) [Room: Begnas]
	Panel discussion
Chair	Dr. Bhanu Bhakta Neupane, Professor Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
10:20—11:50	Symposium: Challenges of food safety monitoring in least developed countries (OR - CFS -2) [Room: Dhuku]
	<u>Baby Babita Das</u> "Mallik" ¹ , Bipana Devi Acharya ² , Mohammad Saqib ³ , M.K.Chettri ² ¹ Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Npal; ² Department of Botany, Amrit Campus, Kathmandu, Kathmandu; ³ Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, Adamawa State University Mubi, Adamawa, Nigeria
	Responses of <i>Triticum aestivum</i> , <i>Brassica campestries</i> and some weeds to the compost of invasive species Ageratina adenophora and <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> (OR -BIC -2 -452)
	<u>Rija Manandhar</u> ¹ , Michele Clark ² , Sharon J. Hall ² , Scott Yabiku ³ , Sean Murphy ⁴ , Dirgha Jibi Ghimire ¹ ¹ Institute for Social and Environmental Research-Nepal (ISERN); ² School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University; ³ Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University; ⁴ CAB International Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI)
	Assessing a low-technology intervention to control <i>Mikania micrantha</i> in the community forests of Chitwan, Nepal (OR -BIC -2 -443)
	<u>Bhawani Nyaupane</u> , Bharat Babu Shrestha, Mohan Siwakoti Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Diversity of invasive alien plant species across land use types in Makwanpur district, central Nepal (OR -BIC -2 -440)
	<u>Rashmi Paudel</u> , Mohan Siwakoti, Bharat Babu Shrestha Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Diversity of naturalized species across land use types in Nawalparasi, central Nepal (OR -BI -2 -439)
	<u>Seerjana Maharjan</u> ^{1,2} , Bharat Babu Shrestha ¹ , Anjana Devkota ¹ , Pramod Kumar Jha ¹ ¹ Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur; ² Ministry of Forests and Environment, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Variation in plant functional traits of an invasive weed <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> along elevation gradients in central Nepal (OR -BIC -2 -437)

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13:20—14:50	Mountain Hydrology and Meteorology (OR -MHM -1) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Dibas Shrestha, Professor Central Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	River analysis using HEC-RAS (A case study in Seti River at Ramghat, Pokhara, Nepal)
	<u>Deepak Acharya</u> Infrastructure Engineering and Management, Paschimanchal Campus, Pokhara, Nepal

	Spatial analysis and statistical modelling of snow cover dynamics in the central Himalayas, Nepal (OR -MHM -1 -295)
	Johannes Weidinger ¹ , Lars Gerlitz ² , Benjamin Bechtel ¹ , Jügen Böhner ²
	¹ Center for Earth System Research and Sustainability University of Hamburg - Insitute of Geography; ² German Research Centre for Geosciences
	Estimation of surface runoff using NRCS-CN for rapid response catchment in Pokhara, Nepal (OR -MHM -1 -298)
	<u>Manoj Neupane</u> ¹ , Keshav Basnet ² ¹ Infrastructure Engineering and Management Program, Pashchimanchal Campus; ² Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
	Monitoring spatial changes in Gara Glacier in Tirungkhad Basin in Himachal Pradesh (India) between 1965 and 2016 (OR-MHM-1-283)
	<u>Sandip Tanu Mandal</u> , Milap Chand Sharma Centre for the Study of Regional Development Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
	Delineation of sustainable groundwater potential zones with multivariate analysis using integrated GIS and remote sensing approach (OR -MHM -1 -300)
	<u>Aalok Sharma Kafle¹,</u> Kushum KC ² ¹ Kathmandu Engineering College, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Manakamana Training and Skill Development Institute Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal
	Groundwater quality assessment along Bagmati river corridor (OR -MHM -1 -317)
	<u>Neelam Maharjan</u> Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	A study of risk perception of people using streets occupied with unreinforced brick masonry buildings under shoring and their risk assessment (OR -MHM -1 -318)
	<u>Bishesh Dhakal</u> Khwopa College of Engineering, Bhaktapur, Nepal
13:20—14:50	Disaster, Adaptation and Resilience (OR -DAR -1) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Rashila Deshar, Professor Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Invited: Remote sensing applications to geological mapping and disaster monitoring (OR - DAR -1 -338-INVITED)
	<u>Yasushi Yamaguchi</u> Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
	Jomda flood: Possible factors for the increased natural disasters in Tibet (OR -DAR -1 -267)
	<u>Tempa Gyaltsen Zamlha</u> Tibet Policy Institute, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, India
	The response of downstream flood control process to upstream interventions: Experiences from Bakra River Basin, Nepal (OR -DAR -1 -354)
	Saroj Karki ¹ , Suchana Acharya ¹ , Ashok Gautam ² ¹ Department of Irrigation, Nepal; ² Department of Water Induced Disaster Management, Nepal
	Resilience to natural hazards in the face of uncertainty: Introducing an alternative approach (OR -DAR -1 -423)
	Eva Louise Posch ¹ , Karl-Michael Höferl ¹ , Rainer Bell ¹ , Robert Steiger ² ⁷ University of Innsbruck, Institute of Geography; ² University of Innsbruck, Institute of Public Finance
	Low strength masonry debris as a construction material: A concept of green reconstruction

	<u>Naresh Nidal</u> , Gokarna Bahadur Motra Institute of Engineering (IOE), Pulchowk Campus, Tribhuvan University, Lalitpur, Nepal
13:20 — 14:50	Symposium: International Mountain Hack: Schools & Mountains for Sustainable Development (OR -MHS -6) [Room: Begnas]
15:00—16:30	Symposium: Air Pollution and Monitoring (OR -EPM -1) [Room: Nepa]
Chair	Dr. Rejina Maskey, Professor Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Simultaneous measurements of mixing layer height and aerosol optical properties in the urbanized mountain valley of Chiang Mai (OR -EPM -1 -442)
	Raman Solanki ¹ , Ronald Macatangay ^{1,2} , Vanisa Surapipith ¹ , Thiranan Sonkaew ³ , Serm Janjai ⁴ , Sumaman Buntoung ⁴ , Sherin Hassan Bran ¹ , Vichawan Sakulsupich ¹ ¹ Atmospheric Research Unit, National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand, Chiang Mai, Thailand; ² Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, University of the Philippines; ³ Astronomy and Atmospheric Research Unit, Faculty of Science, Lampang Rajabhat University, Lampang, Thailand; ⁴ Department of Physics, Silpakorn University, Nakhon Pathom,Thailand
	Combating air pollution in Nepal: Challenges, lessons learned and way forward
	<u>Hemu Kafle¹</u> , Basant Giri ² , Prakash Sharma ¹ ¹ Cener of Water and Atmospheric Research, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal; ² Cener for Analytical Sciences, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Features of organo chlorine pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls in urban environment of Nepal: spatial variation, sources, temporal trends, air-soil exchange and long range transport potential
	Balram Pokhrel ¹ , Ping Gong ^{2,3} , Xiaoping Wang ^{2,3,4} , Chuanfei Wang ^{2,3} , Shaopeng Gao ² , Tandong Yao ^{2,3}
	¹ Kathmandu University, Department of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, Dhulikhel, Nepal; ² Key Laboratory of Tibetan Environment Changes and Land Surface Processes, Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China; ³ CAS Center for Excellence in Tibetan Plateau Earth Sciences, Beijing, China; ⁴ University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China
	Panel discussion
15:00 - 16:30	Sustainable Agriculture of Mountain (OR -SAM -2) [Room: Dhuku]
Chair	Dr. Bharat Babu Shrestha, Professor Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
	Chemical characteristics of seed coats (OR -SAM -2 -346)
	Survakant Chakradhari ¹ , Pravin Kumar Sahu ¹ , Khageshwar Singh Patel ¹ , Erick Kibet Towett ² ¹ Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Chhattisgarh; ² World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
	Nutritional composition of biomass (OR -SAM -2 -351)
	<u>Ravin Kumar Sahu¹</u> , Suryakant Chakradhari ¹ , Yaman Kumar Sahu ¹ , Khageshwar Singh Patel ¹ , Erick Kibet Towett ² ¹ <i>Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, CG, India;</i> ² <i>World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya</i>
	Influence of integrated use of urea with cow dung, poultry manure and urban wastes in a rice- rice cropping pattern (OR -SAM -2 -361)
	Md. Mamun UR Rashid ¹ , <u>A.R.M. Solaiman²</u> ¹ Agriculture Training Institue, shemoltoli, Gazipur, Bangladesh; ² Department of Soil Science, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh
	Effect of different sources of nitrogen on growth and yield of Okra [Abelmoscus esculentus (L.) Moench] in Dhading, Nepal (OR -SAM -2 -371)

<u>Ritikshya Poudel</u> Agriculture and Forestry University, Chitwan, Nepal

Application of GIS in agricultural sector of Nepal (OR -SLM -2 -418)

Suraj Shah Khwopa College of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Bhaktapur, Nepal

15:00—16:30 Symposium: Management of Plant Diversity for Food and Nutrition (PO -PEC -1) [Room: Begnas]

Chair

Dr. Chitra Bahadur Baniya, Professor Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Plant community, ecology and CSR functional strategy of *Linaria tonzigii Lona*, a stenoendemic species of the Italian pre-Alps (PO -PEC -1 -276)

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Dr. Keshav Basnet, Professor Western Regional Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Kaski, Nepal

Seed germination ecology of *Ageratum houstonianum*: A major invasive weed in Nepal (PO -BIC -1 -449)

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Contribution, service quality and sustainability of homestay tourism in Annapurna Conservation Area (A case study from Lwang village of Kaski district) (PO -BIC -1-363)

Sudipti Parajuli, Bikash Adhikari, Shree Kanta Khatiwada Institute of Forestry, Pokhara, Nepal

Wildlife research in Nepal (PO -AEC -1 -421)

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Shishila Baniya, Prakash K. Paudel Center for Conservation Biology, Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal

Invasive land snail Achatina fulica and its impact in Ghorahi, Dang, Nepal (PO -BIC -1 -436)

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Blue intensity shows more stable dendroclimatic signal than tree-ring width at a Himalayan treeline (PO -CCD -1 -270)

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The brink of extinction: Quantifying the stories of stone spouts in the Kathmandu Valley (PO -CCS -1 -307)

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Patterns of rainfall in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal: A citizen science based approach (PO - CCS -1 -308)

<u>Amber Bahadur Thapa¹</u>, Nischal Devkota¹, Jeffrey Cook Davids^{1,2,3} ¹S4W-Nepal, Lalitpur, Nepal; ²Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands; ³SmartPhones4Water-USA, Chico, California, USA Perception vs. reality: A story of motivating citizen scientists in the Kathmandu Valley (PO - CCS -1 -310)

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Developing ground truth data to enhance land use classification: A case study of the Kathmandu Valley (PO -CCS -1 -311)

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Citizen science in hydrology: A case study of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal (PO -CCS -1 -301)

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Post-monsoon stream, aquifer and spout interactions in the Kathmandu Valley (PO - CCS -1 -425)

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Regeneration of Ban Oak (*Quercus leucotrichophora A. Camus*) in different oak associations (PO -PEC -1 -265)

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Screening of arsenic resistant Bacillus species for possible bioremediation and plant growth promotion (PO -SAM -1 -364)

Ashish Nepal, Rashmi Roka Magar, Pratibha Rauniyar, Sushmita Dura, <u>Pramod Poudel</u>, Santosh Khanal, Om Prakash Panta, Bishnu Marasini *Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal*

Status and economics of cabbage production in Chhathar-Jorpati Rural Municipality, Dhankuta, Nepal (PO -SAM -1 -375)

<u>Sachin Gahatraj</u> Agriculture and Forestry University, Chitwan, Nepal Exploring *Bacillus* spp. for inhibiting the growth of toxigenic *Aspergillus flavus* (PO -SAM -1 -391)

<u>Priyanka Thakur</u>, Pratima Khanal, Salina Dhakal, Sushmita Dura National College, Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Soil development and soil microbial colonization pattern along the Gangapurna glacier foreland, Manang, Nepal (PO -SAM -1 -401)

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Colorimetric detection of alkaline phosphatase in milk using paper-based analytical stripe (PO-CFS-1-359)

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