

Round Table Discussion
On

**Enabling Environment for Agricultural Technology Innovation and
Adoption: Policy, Legislation and Practice**

Organized by

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE)

and

Feed the Future Asia Innovative Farmers' Project, Winrock International

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Durbar Hall, Hotel Maya Manor, Kathmandu
(Near Jai Nepal Hall)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

14:00-14:30	Registration and Tea	
14:30-14:40	Introduction to the theme Mr. Amar Bahadur Thing, Nepal Country Director, Feed the Future Asia Innovative Farmers' Project, Winrock International	
14:40-14:55	Trigger presentation on "Enabling Environment for Agricultural Technology Innovation and Adoption: Policy, Legislation and Practice" Ms. Neelu Thapa, Programme Coordinator, SAWTEE	
14:55-16:20	Reflections	
	Government	Private/Development organizations
	Mr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce (TBC)	Ms. Sunita Nhemaphuki, CEO, R&D Innovative Solution Pvt Ltd
	Dr. Rudra Bahadur Shrestha, Senior Agriculture Economist, Ministry of Agricultural Development	Mr. Khoj Raj Katuwal, Chairman, Nepal Thopa Sinchai
	Representative, Department of Industry	Mr. Swoyambhu Krishna Shrestha, Chairperson, National Machinery Entrepreneurs Association

	Dr. Hari Krishna Upreti, Communication and Publication Chief, Nepal Agricultural Research Council	Ms. Moushumi Shrestha, Entrepreneur and Founder, Shree Kisan Innovation Hub Nepal
	Representative from Department of Agriculture	Dr. Krishna Prasad Pant, Senior Environmental and Agriculture Economist
	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Karn, Director General, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control	Mr. Pradip Maharjan, Executive Director Agro Enterprise Centre-FNCCI
	Representative from National Planning Commission	Mr. Krishna Prasad Bajgain, Chairperson, Aarava Nepal Modern Agriculture Nepal
	Representative from National Kisan Ayog	Mr. Keshab Datta Joshi, Programme Director, Center for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research, Extension and Development
		Mr. Kamal Raj Gautam, Himalayan College of Agricultural Science & Technology (HICAST)
		Mr. Himal Neupane, News Coordinator, Kantipur Television
		Mr. Durga Dahal, Proprietor, Dahal Concerns
16:20-16:30	Remarks by the Chair Dr. Prabhu Budathoki, Member, National Planning Commission	