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Nepal Leadership Academy



The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) in collaboration with Nepal-based OWSD Early Career fellows, alumni, members and the Kathmandu Institute of Applied Science (KIAS), hosted a 4 day Gamechangers Workshop for 22 women scientists from 11 countries. As one of the local institutional partners, Nepal Leadership

This workshop aimed to empower women in science to drive gender policy change through enhanced leadership and advocacy skills. Participants left with renewed zeal and a novel perspective on leadership and innovation, keen to implement these tools.

Academy led a leadership course from May 21-23.

Governance Lab

Governance Lab was one of the partners conducting the evaluation of the ILO SALE project. The project aimed to enhance entrepreneurial interest and capacity among youth in Nepal and Sri Lanka, improve governmental and academic support for entrepreneurship, and boost public enthusiasm for young entrepreneurs. Key activities included training, advocacy, and policy work, resulting in increased knowledge and positive attitudes towards entrepreneurship.

Despite challenges, the project exceeded some targets, particularly in student engagement. Recommendations emphasize continued support for youth entrepreneurship, increased inclusivity, and better integration of training and competition activities in future initiatives.

Inclusion Economics Nepal

Inclusion Economics Nepal looked at how the Local Infrastructure Support Program Pilot (LISP) in Nepal selects program beneficiaries based on measures of institutional capacity and vulnerability. We compare municipalities that were eligible for the program, submitted expressions of interest, and were chosen.

These comparisons help understand the impact of selection processes at two stages: municipalities sought participation in the program by completing an Expression of Interest (EoI), and eligible municipalities were selected by program administrators.

Our analysis of the pilot expression of interest process reveals two main findings:

- Municipalities that completed the EoI are more vulnerable in terms of covid and climate risk but have higher measures of governance capacity.
- The current selection criteria weights institutional capacity more strongly than vulnerability, hence some vulnerable municipalities that applied were not selected.

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Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program (REAP)

Sunwal – SMS Voting, Selection of the Top 10, a Youth Dialogue and Workshops



In Sunwal, under the REAP-Enterprise Challenge model, 20 entrepreneurs were rigorously assessed by a panel of 6 judges using the 4 E's framework: Entrepreneurs, Enterprise, Eco-system, and Economy. Among them, the top 10 will now enter an acceleration phase.

A workshop aimed to foster strategic thinking and refine business models was also provided to the 10 entrepreneurs.

Led by an industry expert, it covered market analysis, financial planning, risk management, and scalability. Additionally, the “मेरो उद्यम, मेरो पालिका” SMS Voting Challenge was launched, allowing the REAP entrepreneurs to campaign for enterprise promotion and enhance their leadership skills.



A workshop for Sunwal Municipality's Outstanding 10 entrepreneurs aimed to foster strategic thinking and refine business models was led by an industry expert. It covered market analysis, financial planning, risk management, and scalability. Additionally, a two-day workshop, 'Leading with Purpose: Leadership and Management for Innovative Entrepreneurship,' was also held. Entrepreneurs learned to navigate rural challenges while maximizing local economic impact.

Daayitwa also hosted a dialogue on youth challenges and opportunities in Sunwal Municipality. The dialogue's core message was "आशा र अवसर यहीं छ" (Hope and Opportunities are Right Here), emphasizing optimism and opportunities for the younger generation.

Tilottama - Women Entrepreneurs Ignite Change



Tilottama's remarkable women entrepreneurs participated in the उद्यम चौतारी: समुदायसँग उद्यमी (Entrepreneurs with the Community Program) where the entrepreneurs connected and interacted with over 500 community members. Tilottama's women entrepreneurs inspired growth and amplified the message of inclusivity and progress.

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Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF)

Introducing DNPPF Fellow 2024



Aaryaa Subedi



Udyan Devkota



Shailee
Manandhar



Daya Shrestha



Aditi Upadhyaya



Astha Guragain



Tejaswi KC

We are excited to kick off the Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2024 on June 3rd. It is our pleasure to introduce this year's exceptional cohort of fellows who will be embarking on this transformative journey.

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Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan



The Poderspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan podcast series delves into values carried by the organizations of Daayitwa Abhiyaan (compassing of Daayitwa, Governance Lab, Nepal leadership Academy and Nepal Rising) discusses themes of governance, leadership and innovation with the aim to promote Sustainable Economic Development in Nepal and Evidence based Policy Research.

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Events

Nepal Fiscal Federalism Update 2024



On the 13th of May 2024 DA representatives attended an event where the World Bank Nepal Office launched the Nepal Fiscal Federalism Update 2024. The report launch event was

followed by a technical discussion. The event chair Dr. Baikuntha Aryal, Chief Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, gave the keynote address.

Event attendance South Asian Women’s Conference: Economic Empowerment Through Digitization















DA representatives attended the South Asian Women’s Conference (SAWC), which addressed critical issues inhibiting the economic empowerment of women across South Asia. The three-day (12-14 May) event featured workshops, panel discussions, and keynote speeches focused on access to finance, markets, digital technology, and entrepreneurship, with a special emphasis on MSMEs, responsible rural tourism, and climate change. Experts from SAARC countries shared valuable insights throughout the conference.

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