



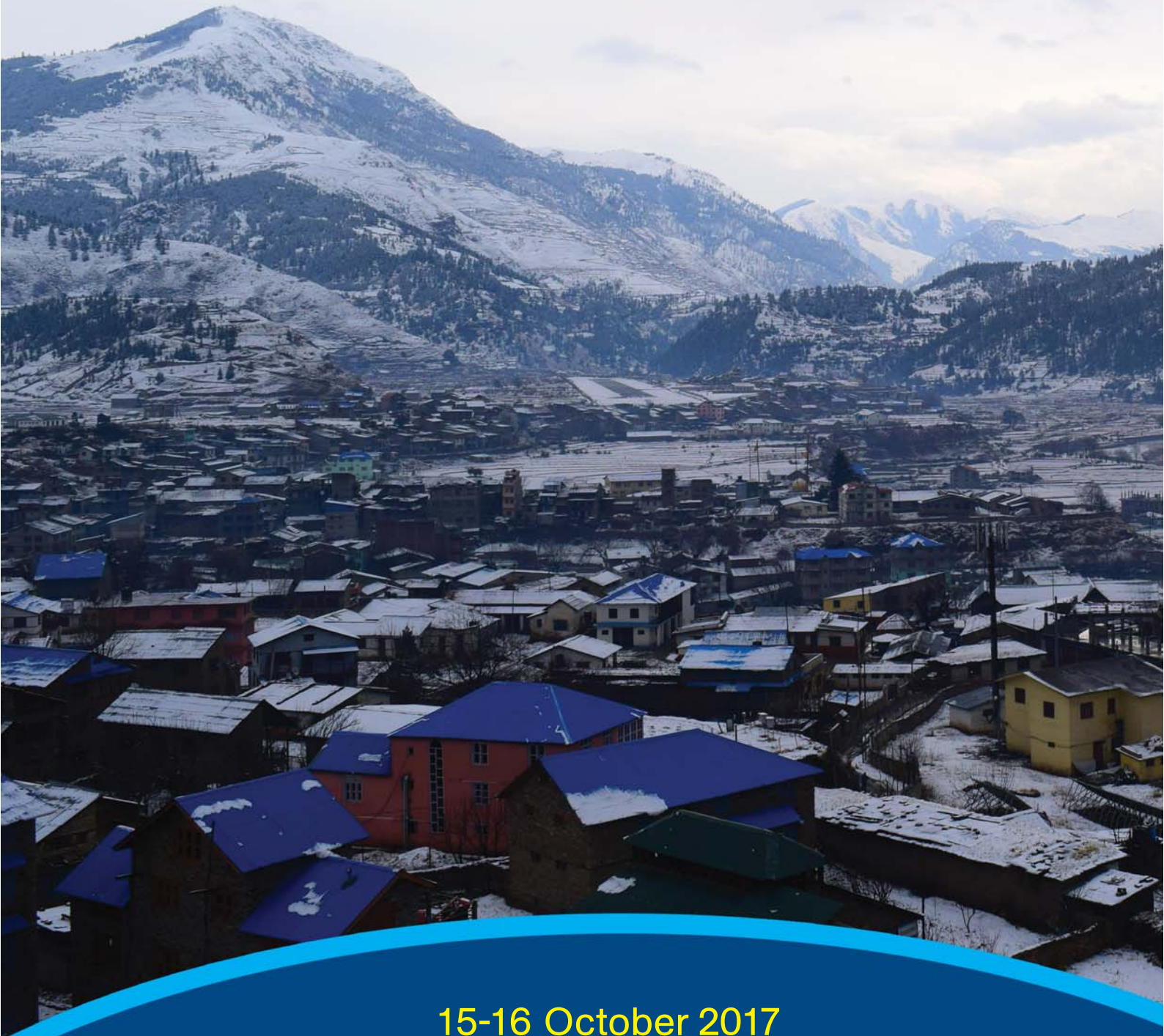
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# National Conference

**Climate Change, Food Security and Freshwater: Tackling  
Constraints and Nurturing Opportunities in Mountain region**



15-16 October 2017  
Jumla



## About the conference

This year's World Food Day, on 16th October 2017, is being observed to change the future of migration, invest in food security and rural development. Nepal, as a least developed country experiences both internal and external migration in high numbers. Investing in food security has been challenge since many mountain people are leaving their home to settle in plains and abroad to avoid food problems in mountains and secure better livelihood. Climate change has direct and severe impacts on food security and poses a serious threat to natural freshwater regime of the mountains, which will have implications on water and other ecosystem goods and services to millions of people downstream. Climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction measures need to be integrated into the overall development approaches and agenda

Governance and Policy are among primary causes leading to amplifying the existing problem. Government of Nepal has prepared climate change policy in 2011 and is on the verge of adopting food security bill that is being formulated with the help of law commission and FAO. Nepal now a federal state has adopted new state restructure, in the changing and new state restructure we need to have discussion how can climate change adaptation intervention and climate resilient development be worked in line with the new state restructure. In addition we also need to have public discourse on the right to food bill concerning the mountain people. There is also need of ground level discussion with local elected bodies and reviewing of existing policies in line with new state formation.

There is a need of consideration on approaches to address loss and damage associated with adverse effect of climate change in Nepal. The livelihood and survival of the people of the mountain region is closely related to the piece of land and number of their cattle and if it is affected by the sudden change in climate pattern migration remains the only one option for their

survival. It is important to develop actions to address the implication of migration associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

## Objectives

The overall objective of the conference is to draw attention of national and international stakeholders and develop action plan supporting climate justice, food security, livelihood and policy governance issues on climate change and give emphasize to rights based approach to development.

## Participants

Total of 50 participants including wider stakeholders working on food security, climate change, and mountain development, parliamentarians from the region, policy makers, political leaders, journalist, media and representatives of the local communities, alliance of mountain districts of Nepal and the members of NCSMI will participate in the conference.

## Modality

The Conference will have plenary, panel discussion with experts, field visits, interactions with community, presentation on research paper and findings of study reports. This discussion will lead to further recommendation on the subject.

## Themes

Theme 1: Food Security and livelihoods

Theme 2: Fresh water and Mountain Disaster

Theme 3: Human Rights and Climate Change

Theme 4: Governance and Policy issues on Climate Change

## Important dates

Date of Departure from Kathmandu: 14th October 2017

Conference Days: 15-16 October 2017

Arrival at Kathmandu: 17 October 2017

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