

Conference participants and keynotes:

About 250 national/international participants are expected to participate in the event; the eyes of the world will be on Pokhara, Nepal, in August 2013. Participation is encouraged from various national and international organizations including the academia, government and non-government. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to share their experiences and learn from each other. About 60 oral presentations and 40 posters are expected during the conference. Keynote speakers of international recognition will address each of the thematic areas.

The conference will be of interest to scientists/researchers, natural resource managers, civil society leaders, professionals, academician, and policy makers working in the field of NRM, forestry and environment. The conference will give space to PhD/MS students and young researchers for presenting their research findings to the global community. A limited number of scholarships will be provided to participants from developing countries in the form of travel grants and living costs.

Conference venue:

Hotel Fulbari Resort, Pokhara, Nepal.
(Hotel Fulbari Resort offers special conference rates for accommodation of Nepali, Indian and International participants.)

Important dates:

Submission of abstracts: May 30th, 2013
Notification of acceptance: June 30th, 2013
Conference: August 28th-30th, 2013

Registration and conference fee:

The full conference fee including materials, lunches, coffee and conference dinner is US\$300 for International and NPR7000 for Nepali participants. The fee for early registration "early bird" (deadline: end of May 2013) is \$200 for International and NPR5000 for Nepali participants.

Travel and accommodation:

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and transport to the conference. The participants will have to book either directly or through the organizers and have to pay for accommodation in the hotel. The organizers will arrange conference lunch and a reception dinner at the hotel and will make arrangement with domestic airlines and tourist buses for special fare for travel from and to Kathmandu. There will be free regular shuttle buses operated by the organizers linking the Hotel Fulbari with Pokhara city

and lakeside. Further information on accommodation and transport options will be uploaded to the conference web pages during February 2013.

Excursions:

The city of Pokhara is a famous tourist destination offering various attractions and amenities to national and international tourists. Three post conference excursions will be organized to illustrate community based forest management in the ComForM project research areas (High mountains (Mustang), Midhills (Pokhara) and Lowlands (Chitwan)) addressing one or the other conference themes of one to seven days duration depending on demand. Further information, including costs for the excursions, will be uploaded to the conference web pages during February 2013. The costs for the excursions are not included in the conference fee.

Organisers

Institute of Forestry/TU, Department of Forest Research and Survey/MoFSC, and Forest and Landscape/University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
We will also like to welcome co-sponsorship and/or organization of side events during or after the conference by interested institutions.

Contacts:

The conference secretariat is at the Institute of Forestry, ComForM Project, Hariyo Kharka, Pokhara, Nepal. Please contact the following conference organizing committee members on any matter regarding the conference:

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For updated information on the conference, please follow our web pages:

The conference web page will be posted in the following websites: three ComForM Project partners-IOF, DFRS and FLD and two associate partners Forest Action and KAFCOL. www.iof.edu.np, <http://www.dfrs.gov.np>, <http://sl.life.ku.dk/> English, <http://www.forestation.org>, <http://www.kafcol.edu.np>, Join us in the beautiful city of Pokhara to bring us closer to these goals.

REGISTRATION FORM

(This form can also be obtained from the website: www.iof.edu.np . Either of this form can be filled and sent to the conference organizing secretary by email attachment or post.)

Family Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Highest Education Degree:

Affiliated Institution:

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Position:

Postal Address:

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Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Funding Agencies:

Status of Participation (Please tick)

Oral presenter Poster presenter

Participants only

Dietary requirement:

Vegetarian Non-Vegetarian

Mode of Payment:

Payment of registration fees should be made either in cash or deposit / transfer into bank account given below or by bank draft payable to ComForM at Pokhara.

Cash Bank draft no

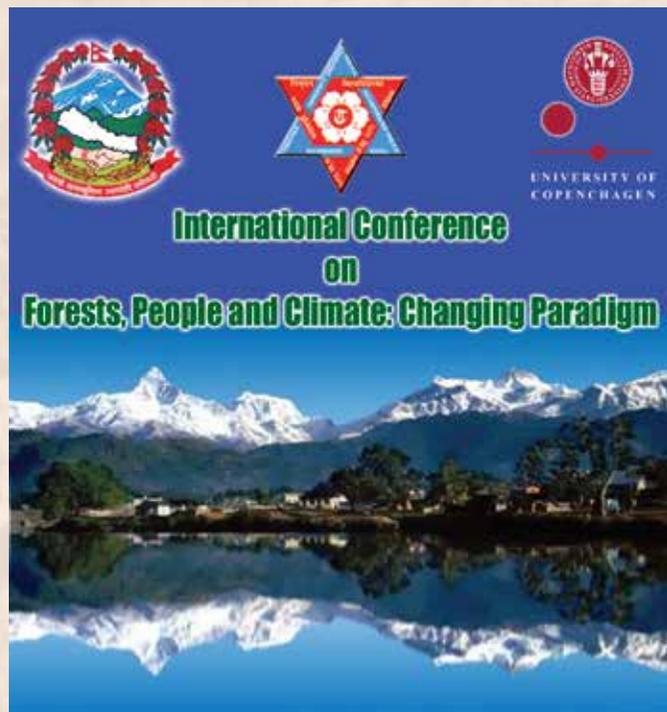
Bank deposit/account transfer Voucher

Bank details

Account No.016006810660015

Account Name: ComForM

Bank Name: Himalayan Bank Ltd. New Road, Pokhara



Organized by

Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
Department of Forest Research & Survey
Ministry of Forests & Soil Conservation, Nepal
Forest & Landscape
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

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Background

The Institute of Forestry/Tribhuvan University, is organizing the International Conference on Forests, People and Climate: Changing Paradigm in collaboration with the Department of Forest Research and Survey/Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Nepal and Forest and Landscape/University of Copenhagen, Denmark with a theme “Forest for livelihood prosperity in the face of climate change.” It aims to disseminate up-to-date information and practical experiences from natural resource management, where the community plays a central role in biodiversity conservation and livelihood improvement particularly in rural areas.

The conference theme reminds us of the responsibility we have to take both for individual and collective action on the issues that affect the whole globe. It emphasizes the urgency for worldwide response to biodiversity conservation and livelihood improvement through good governance, climate change adaptation, and better forest management for action on the part of all stakeholders at the global, national, regional and local levels. Strengthening community based systems and addressing the underlying social injustices, which contribute to forest degradation and the vulnerability of poor people (e.g., unsustainable economic growth, poverty, gender inequality, weak governance and social exclusion), are all essential strategies in the international response to climate change and natural resource scarcity.

People interested in community based approaches to conservation and development of forests are invited to present their own work on the topic. Contributions analyzing experiences with the effect of stressors, including climate change, on rural livelihoods and local-level vulnerabilities in the institutional context of community based forest management are invited. Accordingly, original presentations both theoretically and practically oriented, related with (not limited to) the following themes are welcome:

Changing forest and livelihood relations

– How are forest-based rural livelihoods affected by climate change and other stressors? How can community based forest management contribute to adaptation to climate change? What are opportunities for non-extractive forest-based



incomes? Special emphasis should be on the consequences for vulnerable groups.

Biodiversity conservation and natural resource management – How does climate change affect biodiversity conservation and priorities for conservation? How are local



forest management approaches and outcomes developing? What are the potentials for community managed forests to contribute to the mitigation of climate change? What are the potentials for biodiversity conservation to contribute to eco-tourism based livelihoods in rural areas?

Governance – What are links between community forestry governance and potentials for climate change adaptation and mitigation? How has forest decentralization affected the outcomes from forest management?



Please email your abstract (max 350 words) to Mr. Abhadesh Singh at singhabadesh@yahoo.com by May 30th, 2013. Abstracts will be accepted based on scientific contribution in the thematic areas.

The language of the conference is English. Authors will have the option of publication of their conference papers in the publication series of the DFRS—Banko Janakari, Institute of Forestry—Journal of Forestry, ForestAction—Forest and Livelihoods Journal.