



FOUNDING MEMORY OF FORESTACTION NEPAL

It was 1999 when we first discussed the idea of setting up ForestAction Nepal. After some deliberations, we started it formally in July 2000. We envisioned ForestAction as a critical action research group beyond the frame of conventional NGOs, which were doing either ‘advocacy’ and/or ‘service delivery’. We focused on critical research practice around forest and society interface, which few NGOs were doing in Nepal.

We started the organization in a small room in Kathmandu, and pooled personal computers, desks, and volunteer efforts. Gradually, the team grew bigger. We paid special attention to organization development. Avoiding a top-down model, we followed a participatory, reflective and learning-based approach to team management and organizational development. Shared and rotational leadership was a deliberate strategy, which has helped broaden the ownership of the organization.

Today, we are glad to see ForestAction growing vigorously in capacity, infrastructure, and reputation. Its integrative work on research, innovative practice, policy activism and knowledge networking is well-known in Asia and beyond. All of these are the result of untiring efforts and dedications of many of its members, staff and friends. We thank all who contributed to the organization and took it to the new height of success.

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