



ForestAction Nepal

For Environment, Democracy and Livelihoods

About ForestAction

ForestAction has a **vision** of environmentally sustainable society free from poverty and injustice.

It is a widely recognized Nepali NGO working in the field of environmental governance and livelihoods.

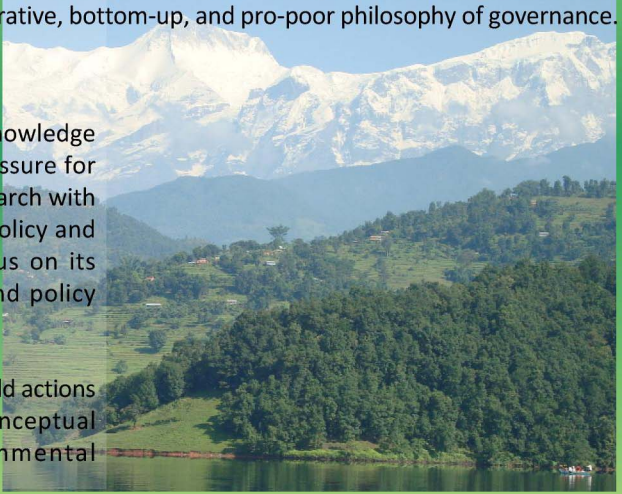
ForestAction works at different levels, and has developed extensive working linkages with local grassroots organizations, resource users' federations, civil society organizations, policy communities, and international research networks.

Its **mission** is to transform policies, institutions and practices for equitable, sustainable and effective management of natural resources in Nepal. It also aims to influence international agenda by actively promoting deliberative, bottom-up, and pro-poor philosophy of governance.

Strategies

ForestAction blends professional knowledge with citizen power to build the pressure for change. In other words, it links research with civil society activism to influence policy and practices. It has a pro-poor focus on its research, development actions and policy influence.

ForestAction undertakes targeted field actions to generate critical policy and conceptual insights for improving environmental governance and local livelihoods.



It documents lessons and interprets experience through cutting edge theoretical lenses of governance, social learning, and change. Over the past eight years, it has developed itself as a well-recognised knowledge resource centre for policy reform and practical innovations.





Key Achievements

ForestAction has tested and developed a number of innovations that are widely adopted by policy makers, development stakeholders and local communities. Key innovations include – deliberative policy processes, social learning and adaptive management techniques, participatory scientific resource assessment methodologies, innovation systems approaches for resource management, collaborative action and partnership building, civil society advocacy and social movements, multi-stakeholder dialogues, and research and publishing. These innovations have been directly applied in ForestAction's development actions and promoted widely.



It has produced numerous research papers, policy briefs, articles, journals and books on wide-ranging environment and livelihoods issues.

It has regularly published the Journal of Forest and Livelihoods since 2001, which is well-known in Nepal as well as internationally. It also produces a Nepali Journal called Hamro Ban Sampada.

By 2008, ForestAction has already worked with over 35 donors and international organizations from all of the five continents. It is the winner of several international grants and awards competitions related to environment, development and governance.



ForestAction is a well-recognized think tank in the national policy processes related to climate change, community forestry, decentralization and local governance, livelihoods, and environmental policy.

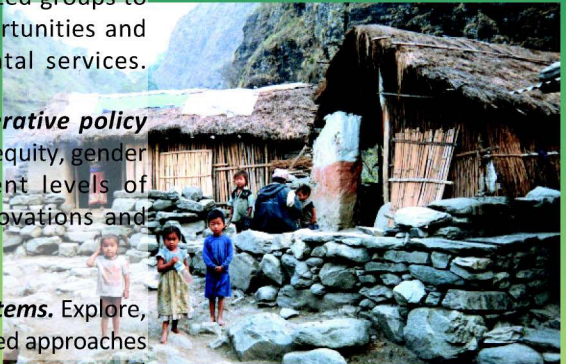




Programme Themes

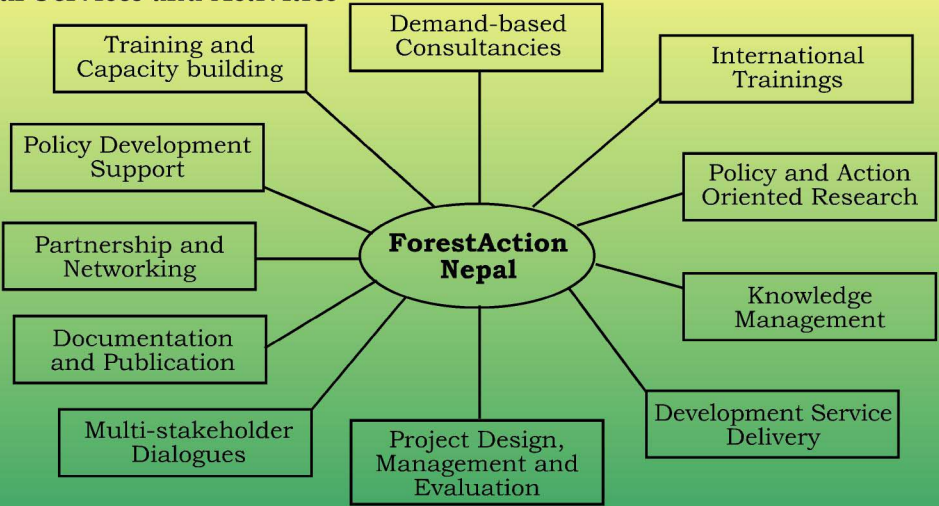
Our strategic plan 2009-13 stipulates the following five themes for action:

- ▶ ***Sustainable natural resource management and livelihoods.*** Explore, innovate and promote productive and sustainable management of natural resources through participatory governance regimes, empowering local communities, and introducing socially responsible enterprises.
- ▶ ***Local governance, tenure reform and community autonomy.*** Promote decentralisation, strengthen local governance, and enhance community tenure security over natural resources through action research, policy dialogues, evidence-based advocacy, and multi-stakeholder networking.
- ▶ ***Climate Change and environmental services.*** Strengthen local communities' resilience to impacts of climate change as well as enhance the access of the poor and marginalized groups to emerging carbon financing opportunities and payment for other environmental services.
- ▶ ***Inclusive governance and deliberative policy processes.*** Promote and facilitate equity, gender and social inclusion at different levels of governance by institutional innovations and empowering marginalised groups.
- ▶ ***Social learning and Innovation systems.*** Explore, innovate and promote learning based approaches to planning, organizational management and multi-stakeholder processes in natural resource management and livelihoods sector.





Our Services and Activities



People and Competencies

ForestAction has a team of dedicated professionals representing diverse academic fields including Forestry, Agriculture, Anthropology, Sociology, Rural Development, Human Resource Management, and Financial Management. It has a strong network of activists working at local and sub-national levels, advocating the voice of the poor and marginalized groups for change in policies and practices. It is also backstopped by a network of internationally renown professionals and scholars in the field of development, environment and democracy. Currently eighteen regular staff and about two dozens of consultants work at ForestAction.

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