

REGISTRATION FORM

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Title (Please tick as appropriate): Mr./Ms./Dr./Prof./Other _____

Name: _____
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Name you want to appear on badge: _____

Organisation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax _____

Email address: _____

Conference Participation: Please check on the appropriate box below:

Oral presentation Poster presentation Observer

Arrival /Departure Information

Arrival: Date _____ Airline _____ Flight _____ Time _____

Departure: Date _____ Airline _____ Flight _____ Time _____

Accommodation: Required Not required
 Have accompanying person (involves additional costs)

Field Visit (non Nepali participants only)*: Please indicate if you are interested

*Additional fee is required for the field visit

Yes, Interested No Not yet decided

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fee: Please deposit the registration fee in the conference bank account

at: Global Bank Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal

Account name: Biodiversity Conference 2010

Account No. 0501010000107

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International Conference

Biodiversity, Livelihood and Climate Change in the Himalayas

12-14 December 2010
Kathmandu, Nepal

“Save the Himalayan biodiversity for future generations”

Organized by

Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal

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Background

Biodiversity, as variety of genes, species and ecosystems has been an important topic of research and global discourse since the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The scientific communities have recognized its importance for productivity, adaptation, resilience and evolution. Biodiversity also forms the basis of peoples' life and livelihoods. It remains closely linked to their culture and tradition. The Himalayan biodiversity with its myriad of ecosystem goods and services has received considerable attention as one of the 34 "Global Biodiversity Hotspots". However, protecting this unique assemblage of biodiversity, together with meeting the need of people who are dependent on these resources, remains a great challenge.



There is general agreement among the scientific community that maintenance of natural levels of biodiversity is necessary for proper functioning and provision of sound ecosystem services. A major threat to biodiversity is habitat loss and fragmentation. In addition to climate change, inadequate data and funds, weak institutional set-up and management, unsustainable harvesting and illegal trade of resources are the challenges in attaining the goals of biodiversity conservation.



The International Conference on biodiversity, livelihoods and climate change aims to assess the achievements of the 2010 biodiversity targets in the Himalayas and expects to build a common understanding of various environmental, socio-cultural, economical and policy issues that influences biodiversity. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss the road beyond 2010 and encourage systematic cooperation and coordination among various institutions, and policies at national, regional and global levels for conservation, sustainable use and sharing of benefits of genetic resources.

Passport and Visa

All participants from outside Nepal are required to be in possession of valid national passport. Overseas participants must obtain visa which can be received upon arrival at the Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu or at the border immigration offices, if you are entering Nepal via surface travel).

Visa fee: Multiple entry fee (for 15 days) = US\$ 25.

Weather Information

The weather in Kathmandu in December will be fairly cold with daytime temperature of around 17.9°C and at night may fall to around 2°C. Participants are recommended to bring warm clothes and protective rain-wind jacket and good pair of shoes if you intend to join the field trip.

Language: The language of the conference is English.

Registration Fee

Until November 15, 2010

US\$ 200 (for overseas participants); US\$ 100 (for participants from SAARC countries); NPRs.1,500 for Nepali participants; NPRs. 1,000 for post graduate students

After November 15, 2010

US\$ 300 (for overseas participants); US\$ 150 (for participants from SAARC countries); NPRs 2000 (for Nepali participants); and NPRs 1500 (for students)

Registration fee includes conference kit, accommodation, lunch during the conference, and reception dinner. *Registration fee could be waived for selective participants from other developing countries upon request.*

Post Conference Field Trip*

- Kathmandu Valley (1 day) - Complimentary
- Kathmandu – Chitwan National Park – Pokhara – Kathmandu (3 days)
- Mountain Flight (in the early morning from Tribhuvan Int'l Airport, Kathmandu)

***For international participants only. Please indicate your interest in the registration form.**

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Important Dates

Conference circular (First)	April 30, 2010
Submission of pre-registration form	September 30, 2010
Submission of abstract (poster and paper)	October 15, 2010
Conference Circular (Final)	October 20, 2010
Submission of final paper and poster	October 31, 2010
Registration (normal rate)	Till November 15, 2010
On the spot registration- late fee charged	After November 15

Note: Reviewed and accepted technical papers and abstract of the posters will be published in the special IYB 2010 dedicated volume of the journal "*Botanica Orientalis*" Vol. 7 (2010).

Thematic Sessions

1. Biodiversity assessment and conservation

- Long-term ecological research (LTER) and biodiversity conservation
- Biodiversity and biogeography
- Biodiversity at gene, species and ecosystem levels
- Forest biodiversity
- Protected areas
- Wetlands and invasive species
- Transboundary corridors and issues

2. Biodiversity resources and livelihoods

- Sustainable use of biological resources
- Agricultural biodiversity
- Ecotourism and biodiversity conservation
- Genetic resources
- Environmental goods and services, and PES schemes
- NTFPs, traditional knowledge and community development



3. Climate change impacts on land-use, agriculture, and vegetation

- Socio-economic and climate change impacts on agriculture
- Risks/ vulnerability associated with climate change
- Adaptations/ mitigation strategies
- Ecological modeling under climate change scenarios
- Habitat loss and fragmentations
- Sustainable management of Ecosystem services

4. Biodiversity policy and law

- Multilateral/ bilateral international treaties/agreements, and conventions
- Regional, national and customary laws
- Intellectual Property Rights/ Patent Rights
- Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing
- Biosafety and Biosecurity

Special Symposia

- CBD 2010 target and beyond (Convenor: Dr. KC Paudel, Nepal)
- Landscape Conservation in the Himalayas (Convenor: Dr. KP Oli, Nepal)
- Flora of the Himalayan region (Convenor: Dr. MF Watson, UK)
- Climate change and REDD (Convenor: SM Nepal, Nepal)

Tentative Program schedule

Venue: National Trust for Nature Conservation Building, Lalitpur, Nepal

Lecture sessions

Keynote address (40 min), invited lectures (30 min), contributing papers/ oral presentations (20 min), poster session (during lunch/tea breaks).

DAY 1. (15:00– 20:00 Hrs)

Registration

Inaugural Session

Keynote address

Reception Dinner

DAY 2 (09:00– 18:00 Hrs)

Special lectures

Technical sessions: Two Parallel sessions (Theme 2 & 4)

Special lectures, Invited lectures and Oral presentations

Special symposia (Two symposia in pre-lunch session (Symposia 1 & 4) and two symposia in the post-lunch session (Symposia 2 & 3).

Poster session

DAY 3 (09:00 – 18:00 Hrs)

Special lectures

Technical sessions): Two Parallel sessions (Theme 1 & 2)

Special lectures, Invited lectures, and Oral presentations

Poster session

Valedictory session/ Closing ceremony

Resolution of the Conference

Tentative Speakers

A. Fischer (Germany), A. Pieroni (Italy), B. Sorapong (Thailand), C. Scheidegger (Switz'd), C. Schmidt (USA), C. Smith-Hall (Denmark), E. Nordtveit (Norway), E. Sharma (ICIMOD), G.S. Rawat (India), H. De-Yuan (China), J. Birks (Norway), K.B. Singh (India), K.G. Saxena (India), L. De-Zhu, (China), M. Qaiser (Pakistan), M. Watson (UK), M.S. Palni (India), O. Vetaas (Norway), P.S. Ramakrishan (India), R.S. Rawat (India), S. Blackmore (UK), S. Khatoon (Pakistan), S. Pelli (China), S.W. Wang (Bhutan), V. Vandvik (Norway), Y. Yongping (China).

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