

National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Action Plan  
**Environment & Natural Resources - Thematic Working Group**  
 MEETING MEMO

BACGROUND

The Government of Nepal is developing **National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Action Plan (NDRRPAP) 2016-2030** for Nepal. On May 8, 2017 (Baishakh 25, 2074), the first meeting of the Thematic Working Group (TWG) was convened at the Meeting Hall, Durgam Vikas Samiti, Harihar Bhawan, Lalitpur. The meeting was chaired by Mr Rudra Singh Tamang, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD), which is lead agency of developing the NDRRPAP for Nepal. The first meeting was attended by all major stakeholders of the TWG (attached), and discussed on the agenda. At the outset, Dr Dinesh Raj Bhujju, the thematic expert gave brief introduction of the policy preparation and highlighted the objectives of the meeting.

The participants actively participated in the discussion and gave their opinion. The comments and remarks expressed by the participants are summarized herewith.

SUMMARY OF THE REMARKS

1	Name/Institution	Remarks/Comments
	Dharma Raj Upreti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local definitions of disaster, environment and natural resources in context of Nepal are required</li> <li>• DRR is to be deal with holistic approach; it is beyond MoHA; Scale and context of disaster have changed, example LAPA, NAPA, NAP and NC (national communication) on CC</li> <li>• Include community forestry, as it has sector-wise linkage</li> </ul>
2	Vijay Keshari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disasters bring environmental impacts; equally important is the environmental issues during recovery phase</li> <li>• Nepal is now in active reconstruction phase, environmental issues are to be considered</li> </ul>
3	Amrit Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the most relevant sectors and issues (for Nepal context) from among the ones suggested in Hyogo-Sendai Framework</li> <li>• How to measure forest loss during recovery phase</li> <li>• Promotion of local resources</li> <li>• Linkages: Sendai Framework-SDGs and Climate Change Adaptation</li> </ul>
4	Jeevan Kasula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate induced disasters are specifically importance in present context; these need to be included</li> <li>• Take consideration of NAP process</li> <li>• Use vulnerability assessment following AR 5</li> <li>• Indicators will be different for urban and rural set-ups</li> </ul>
5	Mandira Singh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the TOR of TWG and timeframe</li> <li>• How can TWG members can contribute in the policy framing</li> </ul>
6	Amardip Sunuwar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Government of Nepal has already circulated the 14<sup>th</sup> Plan; it has to be followed and take it as guiding principles</li> </ul>
7	Dinesh Shrestha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAP also contains issues dealing with DRR, specifically in climate change perspective; this be taken into consideration</li> </ul>
8	Raju Babu Pudasaini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matrix has to be improved according to needs</li> </ul>
9	Dinesh Joshi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more discussion on indicative issues</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disasters be categorized into climate induced and non-climate</li> </ul>
10	Narayan B Thapa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DRR policy process explanation</li> </ul>
11	Dilip Gautam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicators need expansion within SFDRR</li> </ul>

## CONCLUSIONS

Thanking all the participants at the end, the chair of the meeting Mr Rudra Singh Tamang made following sum-ups:

- The Government has adopted federal structure after the promulgation of new constitution; while developing DRR policy and strategic plan, this has to be taken with priority; Develop DRR policy in the spirit of new constitution
- Government of Nepal has prepared several rules, regulations which could be related to disaster and disaster mitigation such as Building Code; Such rules/regulations have to be included and considered;
- Policy formulation take two approaches: based on local level and national (ministry level);
- Prepare details of the matrix and circulate to the TWG members before the next meeting.

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3	Amardip Sunuwar	MOFALD	Section Officer
4	Jeevan Kasula	OXFAM	Urban Response Coordinator
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