

# Challenges and way forward for implementation of Climate Change Policy and Programs in Nepal

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# Some issues on climate change policy

- Climate Change Policy approved in March 2011 is a weakly polished document compared to other existing policies. It has talked about everything but materialized very few.
- Why it is needed “To implement adaptation programmes according to the national development agenda and to ensure at least 80 percent of the total funds available **for climate change activities** flow to the grassroots level”.
- If its so then are the projects implemented after or ore on implementation really working on the same direction to flow money to grass root level?
- Goals and objectives are clearly mentioned but implementation agents are unidentified. It lacks ownership as executers are not clearly identified.
- It has no implementation instruments as there are no supporting act and law and this document is highly insufficient to implement any activities.

# Some issue contd....

- It seems too optimistic as its target are—climate change center within a year, financial management for community based local adaptation by 2011, low carbon economic development strategy by 2014, loss and benefit assessment in all geographic areas by 2013, establish reliable impact forecasting system...most of which are yet to be started .
- Talks about downward flow of money but set up institutions at the top levels and keep silent on field level implementing agencies or institutional arrangements.
- “The MoE will prepare and implement monitoring and evaluation indicators. Concerned ministries, departments or agencies will be responsible for maintaining work progress and resolving implementation issues. The local institutions will implement, monitor and evaluate the local level programmes in a prescribed format and report to the MoE. The budget, annual programme and progress of the projects/programmes related to climate change will be submitted to the Climate Change Council and related agencies, and made public,” **When, even annual documents are not available in website till date?**

# Some issues on programmes (NAPA)

- Clarity on NAPA implementation Framework at local level.
- 3600 VDC ..... fair distribution of resources possible or not?
- It should have been a mother document to execute projects by all stakeholders but it doesn't seem so as stakeholders have not taken ownership as expected by the document.
- Consultative where and at what level during preparation of NAPA?
- Why wasn't the efforts applied by the government to bring all stakeholders and use NAPA as an executive document if it's an urgent need?

# Challenges

- Assuring ownership of the document? Who, when ,why, where and how will be responsible for everything mentioned?
- To coordinate if all of sudden goes okay. Where is the preparedness of ministry if it says it will coordinate all activities?
- To divert the way of working and mainstream into the climate policy mentioned issues.
- Being a ministry could it act as a cabinet as it has talked from communicable disease to bridge construction.
- Develop systems accordingly to institutionalize the works done assuring the future scopes.
- Establishing linkage between the ministry and local stakeholders and assure flow of funds available would reach and also spent for mitigation and adaption as per the need.

# Way Forward

- Start to work with very simple ---just invest fifty thousand and redesign the website and update its works, **this is not big work but it will show that the ministry is really serious.**
- Have a thorough study of the policies formulated and check it whether it is consistent or not.
- Bring donor agencies and ask them to implement their compact signed in 2009 and urge them for one door policy to invest on climate change for which prepare the ministry to face the burden if it comes.
- Reduce donor dependency and sort out which to be done by state and which by the donor related funds. Just start using nation's money in climate change no matter less or more.
- Establish environment department as soon as possible or ensure that its works would be implemented from the existing institutional set up of the country.

# Way forward contd...

- Start up working for promulgation of act on climate change if policy is to be implemented or amend environment protection act accordingly to address the issues.
- Harmonize other concerned ministries and build trust as a coordinating ministry rather than acting as authority to execute activities.
- Focus equally on downward institutional set up as it has been given for upward set up
- Make people feel that the ministry is really doing something for them and it is essential to ease their life.
- Build trust among stakeholders and maintain transparency.
- Amend the existing climate change policy as it is jack of all but master of none. Make it bit to the point and also believable.

Thank you