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Executive Summary

Clean Energy Nepal (CEN) on behalf of Climate Change Network Nepal (CCNN) organized a half day Consultation Workshop on COP 19 to deliberate on Nepal's expectation from the 19th Conference of the Parties (COP19) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that is being held in Warsaw, Poland from 11-22 November, 2013. Around 55 stakeholders from diverse background, representative from government agencies, non-governmental organizations, development workers, youth, academician, climate change expert, researcher, practitioners, media, and academia were present in the workshop and discuss on the key ask for COP 19 and Nepal's preparation and expectation from this COP.

The program focused on the latest update in the UNFCCC negotiations and Nepal's preparation from the civil society perspective. The presenter shared on the latest updates in the global climate negotiation and Nepal's preparation for the COP. The panelist shared on the thematic issues which includes ADP (Adhoc Working Group on Durban Platform for enhanced Action), Adaptation, Loss and Damage and Agriculture, Equity, Mitigation and REDD plus, Low Carbon Development Strategy (LEDS), Technology Transfer and Capacity building.

1. Preface

1.1 Background

Like every year, the nineteenth Conference of Parties (COP 19) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is scheduled from 11th - 22nd November 2013 at Warsaw, Poland. This COP is expected to address the pre-2020 mitigation and finance gap as a priority and build momentum towards a Fair, Ambitious and Legally binding Protocol building on the foundations of the convention, including its principles and provision to be agreed in 2015 in Paris, France and come to effect in 2020. Hence COP 19 is taken as a strategic COP for the new climate deal to be agreed in COP 21.

As Nepal is chairing the Least Development Countries (LDCs) group in UNFCCC negotiation, Nepal has an opportunity to strengthen the voice of vulnerable in the negotiation representing most of the vulnerable countries in the world. In a broader sense it is an opportunity for Nepal to heat the floor of negotiation with the issue of adaptation needs of the LDCs and finance for the adaptation programs when the world is continuously warming up with CO₂ Concentration more than 400 PPM in the atmosphere at present.

With a view to share the latest updates so far in the negotiation and Nepal's preparation and expectation from this COP, Clean Energy Nepal (CEN) on behalf of Climate Change Network Nepal, with support from Oxfam and European Union organized a Pre-COP consultation workshop on October 30, 2013 at Kathmandu.

The program focused on the latest update in the UNFCCC negotiations and Nepal's preparation from the civil society perspective.

1.2 Objectives of the program

The workshop was organized to discuss on the major negotiating issues in COP 19, Nepal's expectation and draw the key asks for the conference.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

1. share the updates on the UNFCCC negotiations and Nepal's agenda for COP 19
2. bring together all the stakeholders to discuss on Nepal's preparation and agenda for the upcoming UNFCCC negotiation (COP 19)
3. initiate discourse on the Nepal's preparation and agenda for this conference

1.3 Program Participants

The workshop was attended by 54 participants from diverse background including the representative from the NGOs working on Climate Change, development worker, youth, academician, climate change expert, government officials and media.

2. Workshop Proceedings

The workshop was divided into two sessions after the introductory session; First session was about the presentation on "A Pre-view of Issues and agenda for negotiation in COP 19" and second session was the panel discussion with the member of Core Negotiating Team (CNT) in the respective issue. The entire workshop was facilitated by Mr. Raju Pandit Chhetri from Clean Energy Nepal (CEN).

2.1 Introductory Session

Mr. Raju Pandit Chhetri from Clean Energy Nepal welcomed all the participants, panelists and presenter to the program and briefed on the objectives of the workshop. This was followed by brief introduction of all the participants.

2.2 Technical Session

Presentation 1: "A Pre-view of Issues and agenda for negotiation in COP 19"- Mr. Sunil Acharya, Program Director, Clean Energy Nepal

Mr. Acharya presented on the pre-view of issues and agenda for negotiation in upcoming COP highlighting the major updates so far. He explained about the negotiation dynamics and the outcome of previous COP and the key ask for the upcoming COP scheduled to be in Warsaw, Poland. He highlighted that this COP has some issues as a key ask which are: Finalizing a no. of previously agreed elements and jump to the implementation of the past decision, Establishing an international mechanism on loss and damage, Pre 2020 Mitigation ambition and the finance for adaptation.

He also delivered on Nepal's preparation for this COP. He shared that series of consultation workshops were organized under the facilitation of Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MoSTE) whose outcome is a Resource Kit, an information note and Key ask paper for this conference for the negotiator. The materials were distributed in the workshop.

2.2 Panel Discussion

The workshop was then followed by panel discussion in different issues.

Mr. Manjeet Dhakal, Member - Core Negotiating Team presented on the Ad hoc Working Group on Durban Platform for enhanced action (ADP) and gave the latest update and preparation going on for the climate agreement in Paris, France in 2015. In previous negotiation in Durban, South Africa, global negotiator agreed to have climate deal (protocol) in 2015 and for this necessary works are to be carried out under ADP. ADP is thus a process. Major discussions are going on in two streams: Work stream I and II. Work Stream I, focus on the modality of the 2015 Climate deal, how should be the agreement in 2015 and Work stream II focus on the pre 2020 mitigation ambition but no any tangible progress has been made so far in a decisive level. Many countries have submitted their submission paper about the agreement modality and now the discussion is going on about the modality of climate deal: how should be the deal in 2015, should it be Protocol, legal instrument or agreed outcome with legal force. Under the Technology development and Transfer he explained there should be barrier free technology transfer. Since technology is important in both adaptation and mitigation, the technology development and transfer is important issue in negotiation. Financial resource should be available for research and development of technology in LDCs. In another issue Mr. Dhakal explained that capacity building should

not be stand alone, but it should be integrated as important activities on every decisions in regards to developing countries including project planning. The article 6 should be effectively implemented and for this Focal point should be appointed in every LDCs and there should be effective resource for capacity buildup program.

Mr. Ramesh Bhusal, Member - Core Negotiating Team and Program Manager at The Third pole, presented the issue of equity and state that "Issue of equity is a prominent issue in the UNFCCC negotiation and the whole negotiation process is revolving around it". The debate lies in the 'responsibility'. Since its origin from the Stockholm conference to 1992 Rio Conference, the definition of equity vary according to the countries. And this has created a complexity in the negotiation. Developed country such as USA wants other emerging nation also to be under this but the emerging nations such as China, India are against it. Hence, when there is an agreement in Equity, half of the agreement is done. He further stated that, COP 19 should clearly define the term equity and Nepal as before should stand with 1.5 °C.

Mr. Batu Krishna Upreti, LEG Vice-Chair and Expert member- Climate Change Council presented on Adaptation, loss and Damage and Agriculture. In this conference Nepal is participating both as a LDC chair (representing 49 LDCs) and as a Nepal and the challenge lies on how we are representing and prioritizing our national issues. He stated that Adaptation as always should be the priority issue for the country like Nepal. For adaptation, Funding is a major issue. Issue related to funding for adaptation such as co-financing mechanism should be exempt for LDCs as it is not practicable for LDCs and this should also be our national stand. Issue of additionality is another which should be addressed properly since we cannot fulfill additionality because of lack of research on climate change in Nepal. And there should be direct access to adaptation fund. Issue of Loss and Damage is more associated with liability and compensation and it not that easy. So as a least developing country, we need to stress on the insurance premium and prioritize this issue. As most of our farmers are unable to pay for the insurance, the funding arrangement should be there as well. Agriculture is another issue in climate negotiation which is often known as 'deal maker' and 'deal breaker' at times.

Mr. Dipesh Chapagain, Program Officer, OXFAM explained that issue of finance has become a hot topic in the UNFCCC negotiation. Many basket funds have been created but they are empty. So finance issue have been frequently raised by LDCs and other major negotiating block as it has been clearly stated in the article 4.9 of the convention. It is expected that major finance issue will be resolved in this COP so this COP is often believed to be a Finance COP or Finance pledging COP. The pledged money should enter into funds under the convention in accordance with US\$ 100 billion per year commitment by 2020. He reiterated that provision of loan on climate finance especially on adaptation should not be considered under any funding mechanisms.

Mr. Ugan Manandhar, Program Coordinator, WWF-Nepal, presented on Mitigation and REDD plus and Low carbon strategy. Dealing with the Climate Change means mitigation itself. Developed countries should mitigate otherwise the cost of adaptation will scale up and it will be harder in the days to come. Mitigation issue has been negotiated in three parallel tracks- Kyoto Protocol, Bali Action Plan and ADP- emission reduction pre and post 2020. Kyoto protocol is a milestone up to this time but it is not

successful to cut down the emission. The period of Kyoto Protocol has been extended to second commitment period i.e. until 2020 and the emission reduction targets have been increased to 18% from 5.2 % taking 1990 as baseline year but because of its nature i.e. non legally binding to all countries Australia, Canada and Japan who committed in the first commitment period withdrew it. Mitigation targets before 2020 will be the issue of negotiation this time in this conference since for the period of after 2020 another legally binding document is expected to developed and go in action. REDD for Nepal is a low hanging fruit but still there are some issues that needs to be agreed from this COP. He further reiterated that the safeguard principle should adhere and respect the rights of local and indigenous communities to access forest and not prohibited utilizing forest resources. Adequate finance should be available to implement the components of REDD+ like drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and MRV. Capacity building of the National institution's should be developed and enhanced, required human and technical knowledge should be provided to help implement REDD plus and support its objectives.

3. Open Discussion (Question/Answer Session)

After the panel discussion the program ended with open discussion. In open discussion participant raised their concern and express their views on thematic issue and the program.

Mr. Sujan Subedi, Meteorologist, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, on his speech appreciated the effort from civil society organization. He further stated that, MoSTE look forward to have the inputs from this workshop for Nepal's better preparation for COP 19 and will incorporate them in MoSTE Pre- COP Consultation Workshop.

In a question raised about the difference between the LDCs position paper and Nepal's position paper Mr. Batu Krishna Upreti said that there is no difference at all. Nepal has adopted some points from the LDCs position paper which are very much similar to the position paper of African Countries. So we need to be clear about LDCs agenda and our country agenda and negotiate accordingly. While talking about Disaster Risk Reduction and Loss and Damage, the international mechanism has to be establish to address the issue. Until and unless the mechanism is establish loss and damage issue is unclear but when dealing with DRR and loss and damage, the 'risk' factor has to be taken into account- he explained in another question raised concerning DRR and Loss and Damage issue. For poor countries even 10% service charge is big and we need to speak to lower the service charge, he said in a question raised about the 10% service charge issue.

Mr. Dipesh Chapagain said that, Climate Change agenda should be mainstreamed into the development agenda. The already committed ODA should not be diverted if also new and additional problem have been created now. There should not be double counting of ODA and new and additional funding for climate change issue. In another question about 'whether Nepal should accept loan or not' the convention itself speaks about equity and justice so as a negligible role in climate change, Nepal should not accept loan which itself is from outside the convention principle. Likewise mitigation, public source and private involvement should be ensure to address the problem of adaptation.

Mr. Ramesh Bhusal said that the climate change agenda should not be driven by the countries internal problem and politics as climate change is a global problem, global thinking should be developed while dealing with this.

Mr. Manjeet Dhakal said that more effort and consultation needs to be carried out so as to strengthen the Nepal's position in climate change negotiation. Even the issue of loss and damage should be discussed here in Nepal organizing consultation workshop. The issue of urbanization has not been raised in the negotiation but we need to work on this to raise this issue in the negotiation. More research and study needs to be carried out in this sector.

Mr. Ugan Manandhar said that Non Market Mechanism is newly emerged issue. This has been emerged when the market mechanism fail. They have asked for submission for more clarity on this issue. Climate smart infrastructure falls under the LEEDS, because in the coming days if climate change issue is not taken into account the future is hard and tough. In another question raised about whether the negotiation is driven by politics or science based reports he said that knowledge of climate change is driven by science but the financial resources for climate change is driven by politics. But the good part is the debate has the basis i.e. knowledge from science.

4. Conclusion

The program was successful in bringing around 55 stakeholders from diverse background. Representative from government agencies, non-governmental organizations, development workers, youth, academician, climate change expert, researcher, practitioners, media, and academia were present in the workshop and discuss on the key ask for COP 19 and Nepal's preparation and expectation from this COP.

The sharing of latest updates on UNFCCC negotiation gave a clear understanding on the status of the negotiation and highlighted on what should be the Nepal's agenda for this COP in line with the LDCs agenda as Nepal is chairing the LDC. Conclusively the workshop was successful in informing the stakeholders in Nepal's preparation for COP 19 from civil society perspective.

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Annex II: Program Agenda



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Agenda

Time	Program
1:45-2:00	Registration and tea
2:00-2:15	Welcome and Introduction of the Participants
2:15-2:30	A Pre-view of Issues and agenda for negotiation in COP 19, <i>Sunil Acharya, CEN</i>
2:30-3:30	Panel Discussion: Key issues for Negotiation and Nepal's Expectation: 2015 Climate agreement – ADP: <i>Manjeet Dhakal, CEN</i> Equity: <i>Ramesh Bhusal, Third Pole/CNT member</i> Finance: <i>Dipesh Chapagain, OXFAM in Nepal</i> Adaptation, Loss and Damage and Agriculture: <i>Batu Krishna Upreti, LEG Vice Chair, Expert Member, Climate Change Council</i> Mitigation and REDD plus: <i>Ugan Manandhar, WWF Nepal</i> Low-Carbon development Strategy (LEDS), Technology Transfer and Capacity Building: <i>Raju Laudari, AEPC</i> Facilitation by: <i>Raju Pandit Chhetri, CEN</i>
3:30-4:30	Open Discussion and adoption of key asks for COP19
4:30-5:00	Closing and Hi-Tea

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Annex III: Photos of the Program



Photo 1: Mr. Sunil Acharya, CEN presenting on Preview of issue and agenda for COP 19



Photo 2: Panelist of Different thematic issue during Panel discussion



Photo 3: Mr. Raju Pandit Chhetri facilitating the workshop



Photo 4: Participants and Panelist during the Open discussion (Question/Answer Session)



Photo 5: Participants raising their queries during the Open discussion Session



Photo 6: Participants (Youths) raising their concern about Nepal's Preparation and agenda for the COP 19