



## HAAT Bazaar Talk Series I

**Venue:** Nepal Art Council, Babarmahal, Kathmandu

**Date:** Friday 14 March 2014

**Time:** 3-5 PM

Climate+Change: A Regional Dialogue on the Future is organising a talk programme-cum-panel discussion on the following topics to mark the 2014 International Year of Family Farming:

- **"Rice and Climate Change" by Bhola Man Singh Basnet, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) & Former Director of Planning and Coordination at Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC)**

*Rice is a versatile crop that can be grown in various agro-climatic conditions including Jumla (Nepal), the highest altitude where rice is grown. Climate change is threatening rice production. Worldwide food crisis and skyrocketing prices have been blamed on climate change. One degree celsius increase in minimum night temperature will decrease rice production by 10%. Rice farming is also blamed for methane emissions.*

- **"Agroforestry in Kaule - Experiences from the Last 5 Years" by Eva Wieners, PhD Student, Hamburg University**

*The Nepali NGO Kaule Environment Nepal has been running a project in Kaule, Nuwakot District, since 2009 to introduce/reintroduce agroforestry as an alternative to monocultures. The experiences from the last five years will be shared.*

- **"Coffee Beginnings" by Kumud Singh, Director, Business Development, Kathman'du Coffee/Alpine Coffee Estate**

*Mr Singh will talk about the current state of coffee farming in Nepal, including the need to commercialize organic coffee farming in Nepal.*

- **"ICIMOD Knowledge Park: Sharing Some Success Stories" by Samden Lama Sherpa, Manager, ICIMOD Knowledge Park at Godavari, ICIMOD**

*The ICIMOD Knowledge Park, set up in Godavari on March 1993 on a 30 hectare land provided by the Government of Nepal, is used for demonstration and promotion of technologies and farming practices for mountain farmers to adopt to improve their livelihoods. Some of the success stories include replication of Kiwi farming, Shitake mushroom cultivation, and bio-briquette technologies by farmers from the Hindu Kush Himalayan region.*