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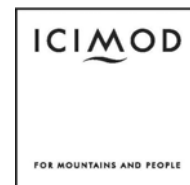




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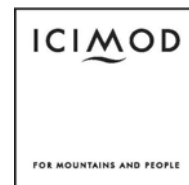
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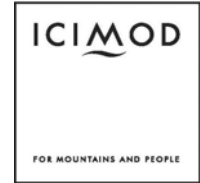
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Background

As a followup activity of the South Asia Media Workshop on adaptation to climate change organised in May 2011, this workshop intends on leveraging the lessons learned and the demand for more topic oriented sessions for media persons. The overall objective of this workshop is to familiarise media professionals from ICIMOD regional member countries to different issues, challenges, options and opportunities with regard to promotion of Green Economy (GE) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in the region including raising awareness of the International Mountain Day celebrations in December 2011.

Workshop components

Tentative activities proposed are as follows:

Day 1 - Lectures/presentation: presenters from ICIMOD, and partner organisations with lectures on various issues of Green Economy, CCA focusing underlying issues, challenges, options/opportunities and way forward with a mountain context. Two presentations by professional media persons – a science reporter on CCA reporting and other one by economic reporter – on socio-economic issues reporting

Day 2 - Excursion: One day excursion at the ICIMOD Godavari site and nearby villages to show media persons how mountain resources and intermediate technologies can enhance the CCA process and foster a Green Economy.

Day 3 (half day) - Reflection and way forward: A half-day session to reflect on the observations during the field visit. Experts will help them to improve their understanding.

Participation costs

The workshop organisers; the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and its Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) will cover all direct costs related to this workshop. This includes international airfare, visa processing, local transport and accommodation and food during the workshop period for all selected participants.

Target participants

Journalists from Print, TV, Radio or online media who regularly cover environmental issues, especially climate change and its effects, from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Workshop Agenda

| Time | Activity | Lead persons |
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| Day I: Opening and Introduction of the issues | | |
| 08:45–09:15 | Registration | Mr Utsav Maden and Mr Basudev Upadhyay , ICIMOD |
| 09:15–09:20 | Welcome remarks | Mr Daan Boom , IKM Programme Manager, ICIMOD |
| 09:20–09:30 | Objective of and expectations from the workshop | Mr Tek Jung Mahat , APMN Node Manager, ICIMOD |
| 09:30–10:00 | Opening Remarks: Sustainable Mountain Development in the Hindu Kush (Himalayas in the context of Rio+20) | Dr Madhav Karki , Deputy Director General, ICIMOD |
| 10:00–10:40 | Keynote Speech I: Role of Media and Promoting Green Economy and Low Carbon Growth in the context of Mountainous countries – presentation and discussion (25m+20m) | Mr Kunda Dixit , Editor, Nepali Times |
| 10:40–11:20 | Keynote Speech II: Green Economy and Low Carbon Growth in the context of Mountainous countries – presentation and discussion (25m+20m) | Dr Golam Rasul , Division Head, Economic Analysis/Policy Development Specialist, ICIMOD |
| Group Photograph followed by Tea/Coffee Break (11:20–11:40) | | |
| 11:40–12:20 | Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation – presentation and discussion (20m+20m) | Dr Bhaskar Singh Karky , Resource Economist and Mr Eak Bahadur Rana Magar , Project Coordinator, REDD |
| 12:20–13:00 | Alternative Energy Sector and Green Economy – presentation and discussion (20m+20m) | Mr. Prem Pokhrel , Climate and Energy Officer, Climate and Carbon Unit, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre, Government of Nepal |
| Lunch Break (13:00–14:00) | | |
| 14:00–16:45 | Group Work (Three Groups: 8X3) - Starting with a brief presentation by the facilitators | Facilitated by Mr Kishor Pradhan , Deputy Director, PANOS South Asia and Mr Ramesh Bhusal , Reporter, The Himalayan Times |
| 16:45–17:00 | Briefing of the field visit (Day II) | Mr Samden Sherpa , Mr Ujol Sherchan and Mr Sanam Aksha |
| 18:30–20:30 | Reception dinner at Utsav restaurant | |
| Day II: Field visit | | |
| ICIMOD Godavari Centre and Surrounding Community Forestry (facilitated by Mr Samden Sherpa , Mr Ujol Sherchan and Mr Sanam Aksha) | | |
| Day III: Reflection and interaction | | |
| 09:00–10:00 | Group Presentations (15mX3 Groups) and comments | Facilitated by Mr Kishor Pradhan and Mr Ramesh Bhusal |
| Tea/Coffee Break (10:00–10:15) – tea served inside the hall | | |
| 10:15–11:30 | Open interaction – Difficulties in reporting on environmental issues | Facilitated by Mr Kishor Pradhan and Mr Ramesh Bhusal |
| 11:30–11:50 | Sharing of impressions during the Media Workshop | Representative participant (2) |
| 11:50–12:00 | Closing Speech and vote of Thanks | Ms Nira Gurung |
| Farewell lunch at ICIMOD Cafeteria | | |

About the resource persons

Madhav Karki, PhD

Deputy Director General, ICIMOD



Dr Madhav B. Karki, a Nepalese national, holds a PhD in Forestry from Michigan State University, and a Master's degree in Range Management from Colorado State University, USA. Dr Karki brings to ICIMOD over 28 years of professional experience in programme development, management, and regional networking. He has held various positions in different national and International organisations, including universities, and donor agencies. He has served as Campus Chief and Assistant Dean of the Institute of Forestry, Pokhara; and was Asia Programme Officer at Appropriate Technology International, USA. Prior to joining ICIMOD, Dr Karki worked as Regional Programme Coordinator of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Programme in Asia (MAPPA), a multi-donor network based at the International

Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, and New Delhi. Dr Karki has experience in the fields of natural resources management and network development in non-timber forest products (NTFPs) including medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) in South Asia as well as in policy and partnership development. His diverse academic qualifications and in-depth work experience will be useful for managing ICIMOD's integrated programmes. Dr Karki has authored and edited over 80 professional papers/articles and books including an ICIMOD publication on Community Forestry. He can be reached at dir@icimod.org.

Kunda Dixit

Editor, Nepali Times



Mr Kunda Dixit is a founding editor of Nepali Times, a prominent weekly news magazine in Nepal, and is also co-publisher of Himalmedia. Mr Dixit served as Asia-Pacific Director of the Inter Press Service from 1990 to 1996 and Director of the Panos Institute South Asia from 1997 to 2000. He previously worked as a reporter for the BBC in New York. He is author of several books, including the trilogy on the conflict in Nepal: A People War, Never Again and People After War. Mr Dixit is a graduate of Columbia University.

Golam Rasul, PhD

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Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction (SLPR), ICIMOD



Dr Golam Rasul, Head, Economic Analysis Division, is a development economist. He is a national of Bangladesh. Prior to his appointment as Head of the Economic Analysis Division in August 2009, he served as a policy development specialist at ICIMOD for approximately five years. Dr Rasul holds a PhD in regional and rural development planning from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. He worked for more than a decade in the Bangladesh Civil Service in different ministries and in field administration in different capacities where he was involved in the formulation and implementation of development planning and programming. Along with development work, he has been actively involved in research in areas that include agriculture, natural resource management, poverty alleviation, and sustainable development in Bangladesh and the South Asian region. His research findings have been published in many international journals and four of his papers have appeared as 'most read papers' in their respective journals in Science Direct. Dr Rasul will provide intellectual leadership to mainstream economic concepts, tools, and approaches in ICIMOD's three Strategic Programmes with a view to contributing to the achievement of the strategic objectives of the Centre. He can be reached at grasul@icimod.org.

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Dr Karky was appointed as a Resource Economist working in the Economic Analysis Division in 2010. He first joined ICIMOD in November 2007 as a researcher and then as a coordinator for the REDD project implemented in India and Nepal. Dr Karky is a Nepali national and holds a PhD in the economics of climate change policy from the University of Twente, the Netherlands. He has an MSc in Agricultural Development Economics from Reading University, UK, and a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Western Sydney, Australia. Prior to joining ICIMOD, he worked for the National Trust for Nature Conservation, the Centre for Micro-Finance, and Danida in Nepal. Dr Karky has published numerous papers focusing on climate policy, REDD, payment for environmental services, micro-finance, and renewable energy. He is also an avid trekker and mountain biker. He can be reached at bkarky@icimod.org.

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Mr Rana, a Nepali national, joined ICIMOD in November 2009 as Project Coordinator for the REDD Pilot project in Nepal. He will coordinate with partners, manage the project, and liaise with local ministries and stakeholders, to institutionalise forest carbon accounting, monitoring, and registration; and help develop a national forest carbon fund, and REDD payment distribution in Nepal. Mr Rana gained extensive experience in forest resources management and livelihood improvement during many years of work with CARE Nepal in various capacities. His most recent experience included working in a REDD initiative in Nepal where he was involved in various activities implemented by the Forest Ministry's REDD Forestry Cell under the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility scheme. He has rich

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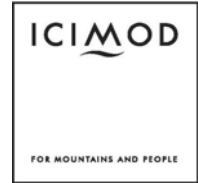
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Mr Samden Lama Sherpa from the Solukhumbu region of Nepal was appointed Godavari Centre Manager under the Natural Resources Management Programme in June 2005. Before joining ICIMOD, Mr Sherpa was Regional Programme Manager in the Eastern region with the Natural Resource Management Sector Assistance Programme of DANIDA; Forestry Coordinator for German Technical Cooperation's (GTZ's) Churia Forestry Development Project in Lahan; and Forestry Officer at the Pakhribas Agricultural Research Centre. He has 17 years experience working at the community level with forest user groups and community development groups through the district forest offices, district soil conservation offices, and non-government organisations in the hills and Terai of eastern Nepal, where he promoted sustainable forest management and soil conservation, integrated watershed management, and community- agroforestry and biodiversity. Mr Sherpa holds a Master's degree in Agroforestry from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, United Kingdom. He can be reached at ssherpa@icimod.org.

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Kishor Pradhan is Panos South Asia's Deputy Regional Director and Country Representative for Nepal. A media development and media for development INGO, in Panos South Asia Kishor has developed, facilitated and implemented various media's capacity building projects on various thematic issues including environment and climate change. Before Panos he worked in communications for development and development knowledge management sectors for various INGOs such as ICIMOD, ADPC, WWF and others. He can be reached at kishor@panossouthasia.org.

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Mr Ramesh Bhushal is an environmental reporter with The Himalayan Times English daily in Nepal. He started his career with radio journalism and then proceeded onwards to print media. With a Master's degree in Environmental Science from Central Department of Environmental Science of Tribhuvan University, he has been reporting on various environmental issues including climate change at national and international levels. In 2010, he was selected as a Climate Change Media Partnership fellow, was honoured with the 'WWF media in Conservation Award 2010' and was adjudged second at the regional contest on media reports on climate change organised by ICIMOD. He is also affiliated with the Central Department of Environmental Science as part-time faculty where he teaches mountain environment to post graduate students. He can be reached at toramesh25@gmail.com.

About the participants

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Ms Amina Babak is from Afghanistan, and has been working at Internews as a reporter and deputy editor. On completion of her Bachelor's degree in natural sciences from Kabul University in 2005, she worked with *Salam Watandar* radio as a reporter and presenter. Then as a senior producer she produced different programmes ranging from talk shows, to programmes on agriculture, economics, local governance, women issues etc., and even conducted live news programmes. As of 2011, she has been working in Internews as a news presenter, editor and script writer for RASAA Television. She can be reached at Amina_babak@yahoo.com.

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Mr Pinaki Roy is an environment journalist from Bangladesh and works as the deputy chief reporter with The Daily Star, the largest English daily published from Dhaka. He started journalism as a part time work while going to graduate school, department of Accounting, University of Dhaka. He has been awarded five national awards – three for writing best environmental reports and the other two for best investigative journalism. His works on 'Dying Rivers of Dhaka' drew huge attention of readers and prompted the newly elected Bangladesh government to take up a mega project involving over Tk 1000 crore to save the country's rivers. The Daily Star was also recognized with the 'National Environment Award' in 2009 for carrying those reports and creating awareness among people. 'Shattered Hope' a compilation of news and views on the much talked about Copenhagen climate change negotiations and the street protests during the summit, was published in 2010. Mr Roy has attended special course, training on environmental communication, climate change

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Bhutan

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anthology of essays on environmental journalism, published by Sage in 2010. She has won several research and media fellowships and is the recipient of the Press Institute of India's award for Excellence in Human Development Reporting; the Prem Bhatia Award for Environmental Reporting, and the Green Globe Foundation award for Outstanding Media Contribution by a Media Individual. She can be reached at keya.acharya@gmail.com.

Marianne De Nazareth



Ms Marianne De Nazareth is a senior journalist and freelances for a host of publications including the Hindu, The Deccan Chronicle, Deccan Herald, several magazines including Discover India and India Immemorial, Planet Earth, Energy Next, International Indian, In-flight magazines and of late several online portals like islamonline, hackwriters.com, Weekendleader.net, Asiabiz.org, scidev.net, Alertnet, Down to earth among others. In 2008, Ms Nazareth undertook a Masters in Journalism course under the Erasmus Mundus scholarship programme and attended three Universities in Denmark, The Netherlands and Wales, UK for the course. As a media fellow with the UNFCCC, UNEP and Robert Bosch Stiftung, ITF, she has attended numerous conferences and meetings, and had opportunities to interact with scientists and experts, which provided excellent quotes and added depth to her stories. Ms Nazareth also teaches budding journalists a Master's course in St.

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Nepal

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Shyam Bhatta



Mr Shyam Bhatta is a senior correspondent working with Nagarik daily in Nepal. He started his career in 2001 at Kantipur daily, worked there for three years, and then shifted to Samaya National magazine where he worked for almost four years as regional correspondent of far western region. With his interest in natural resources, he has continuously been writing on the environment, forests and wildlife. He was honoured with the Environmental Journalist of the year in 2007 by Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ) and is the recipient of WWF media in Conservation Award 2008. He was also honoured by the Nepal Forester Association (NFA) in 2011. Besides his expertise on environment, forest and wildlife issues, Mr Bhatta has an extensive knowledge about the far western region in Nepal. He can be reached at shyam.bhatta@gmail.com.

Laxman Biyogi



Mr Laxman Biyogi is a senior correspondent with Nepal Samacharpatra Broadsheet daily. He has been working in the media sector for the past seven years and has been continuously reporting on water resources, hydropower, environment and energy among others. Hailing from Kavrepalanchowk district, Mr Biyogi has had experience with electronic media working at Capital FM and various national weekly and fortnightly papers as a sub-editor and columnist. He holds a keen interest in furthering his reporting skills on the economic sector. He can be reached at biyogi2@gmail.com and news@newsfnepal.com.

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Mr Shankar Dahal is a radio program producer and has been working in the media sector for the past five years working for radio and print media. Though, radio has been his primary medium, he has covered politics and current affairs in print media as well. Lately, his news dispatches have focussed on social awareness in empowering local level people for development through community FM stations in Nepal. Travelling across the country, he has covered on infrastructure development, health and education issues. He believes that reporting on the achievements and challenges towards sustainable development can bring about a positive change in society. Mr Dahal also reports for ARD radio, Germany, with a focus on social, cultural and global issues that affect Nepal. He can be reached at shankerdahal@gmail.com.

Modnath Dhakal

Mr Modnath Dhakal is a journalist with Aarthik Abhiyan, a national daily in Nepal, where he serves as coordinator for the daily's weekend edition 'Arthantar'. Born in Khadgakot Gulmi; Mr Dhakal holds a post graduate degree in Communication Studies from University of the Punjab in Lahore, Pakistan and another in Sociology from Tribhuvan University. He has had over seven years experience in teaching and serves as a lecturer at Purbanchal University. An active Rotoract member, Mr Dhakal also conducts independent research on Mass Media. As a supporter of a green and liveable world, he keeps a keen interest in the environment. He can be reached at mdhakal@abhiyan.com.np

Govinda Dhital

Mr Govinda Dhital is the news editor and news anchor at Nepal Television, the national television channel of Nepal. He completed his Master's degree (MSc.) in Botany, majoring in Taxonomy. On Nepal television, Mr Dhital hosts 'Prasanga' a popular live talk show on current affairs. A journalist with a pure sciences background, he has been reporting on the environment, climate change and other science related issues. During his journalistic career, he has visited several countries. Mr Dhital also serves as the General Secretary of Nepal Television Employee Association (NTVEA). He can be reached at govindadhital@yahoo.com

Bishal Gaire



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Mr Daan Boom, a Dutch national, joined ICIMOD in 2008 as Programme Manager, Integrated Knowledge Management. Daan's primary task at ICIMOD is implementing ICIMOD knowledge and communication framework as well as ensuring effective coordination among four divisions of IKM: Human and Institutional Development (HID), Knowledge Management and Information Technology (KM&IT), Communication, and Mountain Environmental Natural Resources Information Systems (MENRIS). Daan is also focal point for the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) and the Asia Pacific Water Forum (AWPF). Prior to joining ICIMOD, Daan headed the Knowledge Management Centre of the Asian Development Bank in Manila from 2003 to 2007. For the ADB, he drafted and implemented a knowledge

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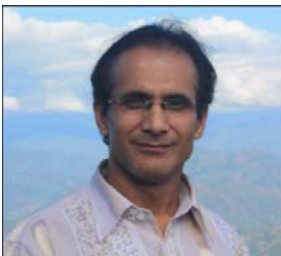


Ms Nira Gurung was one of the first members of the administrative staff, joining ICIMOD during its establishment phase in early 1983. Prior to assuming her current position as Communications Officer in 2003, she served in different administrative capacities including Executive Secretary to the Directorate, Training Officer, and Distribution Officer. She looks after information dissemination, outreach activities, and media relations. Prior to joining ICIMOD, Ms Gurung worked for Yeti Travel for three years. Ms Gurung has a Master's degree in Anthropology from Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, and a Bachelor's degree in Education from Kathmandu Shiksha Campus, Tribhuvan University. She can be reached at ngurung@icimod.org

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Ms Doma T Sherpa is working as Communications & PR Associate in ICIMOD since June 2011. She started her



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Nabin Baral

Consultant Photographer

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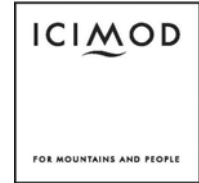
Mr Nabin Baral is a consultant photographer at ICIMOD. He has a Masters degree in Mass Communication from Tribhuvan University in Nepal. Mr Baral has travelled extensively in Nepal during his photo assignments and also captured the landscapes of Leh and Ladakh in India. While contributing images for ICIMOD publications, Mr Baral also manages the in-house photo database and documents key ICIMOD events. Mr Baral also teaches photography to budding photographers in a number of colleges in Kathmandu. He can be reached at nbaral@icimod.org.



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General information for participants

In Kathmandu, November marks the end of the autumn season with pleasant weather and a retreating tourist season. The temperature in the month of November varies from 12°C to 24°C. A light warm clothing and jacket is recommended. Good walking shoes are recommended as a field visit is also planned. Dress code for all events and social events are smart casual. For more on Kathmandu, please do visit notable travel portals like lonelyplanet.com or exoticbuddha.com

Workshop venues

2 November and 4 November 2011

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
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3 November 2011

ICIMOD Demonstration and Training Centre
Godavari,
Kathmandu, Nepal

Registration: Registration will take place on 2 November 2011 at the workshop venue.

Flight and Hotel Arrangements

A ticket has been issued in your name and sent to your specified email address. Where this was not possible, we have requested that you purchase an economy return air-ticket to Kathmandu (via the shortest and direct route to Kathmandu) arriving on 1 November and departing on 5 November 2011.

- ICIMOD shall bear en route costs, where necessary as per ICIMOD norms, upon presentation of original bills on the basis of actual hotel costs, airport tax and visa cost.
- A travel expense form is enclosed in the conference bag which needs to be signed and submitted to Utsav Maden/Sudas Sharma for reimbursement on the first day of the workshop.
- The meals are provided in your respective Hotels B/B arrangement including dinner during your stay in Kathmandu.

Accommodation will be arranged by ICIMOD according to your travel itinerary. All meals will be provided during the period of 1-4 November 2011. For your return journey, transport from hotel to the airport will also be provided. You are requested to be ready in the hotel lobby 3 hours before your departure time.

Hotel Address

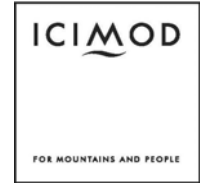
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For international participants, transport from the airport to ICIMOD will be provided by ICIMOD. A short reception dinner/ice breaking session will be held on the 2 November 2011.



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Invitation Letter and Visa Arrangements

Official invitation letters have been sent for travel and visa purpose. Please use a printed copy of the letter sent earlier for visa purposes.

Visa Information

For those of you requiring a visa upon arrival at the airport, please bring with you two passport-sized photographs and US\$30 cash for the visa fee. Gratis visa is available for SAARC nationals visiting Nepal for the first time in Nepal in 2011. We request you to claim *gratis visa* if it is applicable to you.

Indian nationals do not need a visa to enter Nepal. Please produce a government issued identification card with photograph (ration card with photograph, voter identity card with photograph, driving license etc) at the immigration desk along with your invitation letter.

Currency

Facilities for currency exchange are available at the hotel and at banks. Several money exchange centres also exist at various places in Kathmandu. All convertible currencies are accepted. The conversion rate is US\$ 1.00 is around NRs 78.00 during November, 2011. **Indian currency of 1000 and 500 denominations are not acceptable in Nepal.**

Mobile Coverage

Prepaid SIMs from leading GSM mobile service providers - NCELL and Nepal Telecom, are available for sale at the airport. A quad band compatible GSM mobile should work fine. Mobile Coverage may be sketchy during our field visit in Godavari.

Electricity: 220 volts AC, 50Hz. There are very frequent extended periods of power cuts.

Contact Information

For any assistance during your stay in Nepal, you are welcome to contact the following contact numbers:

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