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See you in September!

Seattle, WA

Sept. 6-7 2024

Portland, OR

Sept. 7 - 8 2024

San Francisco, CA

Sept. 9-10 2024

Denver, CO

Sept. 11 - 12 2024

Dallas, TX

Sept. 13 - 14 2024

Washington D.C.

Sept. 15 - 16 2024

Philadelphia, PA

Sept. 17 2024

Boston, MA

Sept. 19 - 20 2024

New York, NY

Sept. 21-22 2024

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Mission Aasha is a campaign that aims to ignite a chain reaction by connecting catalysts of hope in rural Nepal with champions of change in the US, enabling rural youth and women to lead their communities towards a brighter, prosperous future. Through the Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP), Daayitwa, in collaboration with provincial and local governments and the Nepali diaspora, aims to boost rural entrepreneurship and employment, driving economic growth and prosperity.

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Governance Lab

Policy Research Bootcamp

POLICY RESEARCH BOOTCAMP

“Taking Insights To Action”



August 2024

A Collaborative Initiation of



Governance Lab organized a Policy Research Bootcamp from 4th to 6th August 2024, in collaboration with key partner institutions. The program aimed at equipping emerging researchers and scholars in Nepal with essential policy analysis tools and research skills. The Bootcamp was organized by Governance Lab in collaboration with key partner institutions, Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN), KU School of Arts (KUSOA), Nepali Academics in America (NACA), Policy Entrepreneurs Inc (PEI) and Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC). The total of 24 participants were from backgrounds

of research and policy think tanks, national level autonomous institutions, academia, NGOs and MP Secretariat office, participated in the bootcamp.

Participants engaged in interactive lectures, group discussions, hands-on activities, and case studies, covering modules on public policy processes, research techniques, stakeholder engagement, and effective communication and advocacy. The bootcamp sought to foster a community of researchers dedicated to evidence-based policymaking, enhance their practical skills, and provide a platform for collaboration and networking.

Understanding the WEF Nexus & GESI: Inter-ministerial Collaborative Workshop



"Understanding the WEF Nexus & GESI: Inter-ministerial Collaborative Workshop" was held at the Department of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC) in Babarmahal, Kathmandu on the 16th of August. This workshop was a joint effort by Governance Lab, GREAT International, and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in coordination with Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, aimed at enriching participants' understanding of a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)-responsive Water- Energy- Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus approach. The event fostered discussions on strategies for integrating GESI principles

levels to achieve sustainable development, particularly focusing on SDG 2: Zero Hunger.

The workshop underscored the importance of adopting a holistic and integrated WEF Nexus approach to manage the intricate interdependencies between water, energy, food, and ecosystems sustainably. Participants recognized the pivotal role that GESI plays in ensuring equitable access to these resources, thereby fostering inclusive and sustainable development. A key theme was the necessity of dismantling institutional silos to enable more effective and collaborative governance across national, provincial, and local levels.

into the WEFE Nexus, promoting collaboration across various governance

Expert Consultation Workshop on the 'Water Resources Bill 2081 B.S.'



Governance Lab, in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Farmer Managed Irrigation Systems Promotion Trust (FMIST), and the National Federation of Irrigation Water Users Nepal (NFIWUAN), hosted an Expert Consultation Workshop on the draft Water Resource Bill 2081 on 26 August, 2024 at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur. The workshop was chaired by Hon Dipak Bahadur Singh, Chairperson of the Infrastructure Development Committee of the federal parliament.

Around 30 members of the committee attended the workshop to discuss the details of the Bill with the experts from water, natural resource management, GESI and energy sectors. Dr. Nisha Onta, Founder & Executive Director of Governance Lab provided a comprehensive overview of feedback received from the Expert consultation on the bill organized on 22nd August.

This workshop will be instrumental in proposing amendments to ensure that the new Bill reflects a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

Inclusion Economics Nepal

Updates from 'Understanding Political Selection in Nepal' Project



Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) in collaboration with National Association of Rural Municipalities in Nepal (NARMIN) conducted FGDs among female political representatives and female politicians from various municipalities and rural municipalities on 24 August in Bharatpur, Chitwan. Through FGDs we were able to gain insights on their experience in politics and previous local elections,



As our primary goal is to comprehend whether formation of political networks/peer-groups of women politicians can help navigate the challenges they face and ultimately increase their electability in the executive positions viz. mayor and ward-chair in the 2027 local elections, the FGDs were crucial in understanding their perception on formation of such networks, possible structural and functional framework of such networks, and

challenges/constraints they face as a woman in politics, and their political aspirations and ambitions for the next election.

things that require careful consideration for making such networks work as desired.

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Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP)



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between five municipalities of Koshi Province, the Ministry of Industry, Agriculture, and Cooperative of Koshi Province, and Daayitwa to launch the Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP). The program is designed to accelerate the growth of rural enterprises, strengthen state capacity for effective policy implementation, and foster collaboration among stakeholders to drive governance innovation. This initiative marks a significant step forward in supporting rural entrepreneurship and enhancing employment opportunities in Koshi Province.

An Evening Full of Connections and New Opportunities- DNPSF Networking Event



The DNPPF 2024 fellows visited Incessant Rain Studios, where they had the invaluable opportunity to explore the intricate artistry and technical expertise involved in animation production. Additionally, its dedication for creating opportunities for youth and women is commendable and inspiring.

This month the fellows also partook in training sessions on Monitoring and Evaluation by Eval Lab, Research Reviews, Dissemination and Public Impact Sessions led by Dr. Arati Maleku, Dr. Rajan Parajuli, and other academics across various disciplines.

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Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan



The Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan podcast series delves into values carried by the organizations of Daayitwa Abhiyaan (compassing of Daayitwa, Governance Lab, Nepal leadership Academy and Nepal Rising) discusses themes of governance, leadership and innovation with the aim to promote Sustainable Economic Development in Nepal and Evidence based Policy Research.

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