



Event Summary Report

Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) – National Steering Committee (NSC) of Nepal

“Capacity building and Strategy Development Workshop”



**25th -26th November,
2022**

Himalayan Horizon,
Dhulikhel, Nepal



BACKGROUND

Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) is a regional network of more than 300 civil society organizations working in 8 countries of South Asia representing the southern perspectives on climate action establishing a strong voice in negotiations. It promotes equity, social justice between people, sustainable development of communities and protection of the global environment. With its wide membership, CANSA works towards linking policy work, research and action-based work in the region to address and set workable solutions to the adverse effects of climate change affecting the region. There are 26 member organizations involved in CANSA Nepal where CEN serves as the national secretariat of CANSA in Nepal.

PROCEEDINGS

Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) in collaboration with Clean Energy Nepal and Mercy Cops jointly organized two days “ Capacity Building and CANSA-NSC of Nepal Strategy Development Workshop” from 25th to 26th November, 2022 at Himalayan Horizon hotel, Dhulikhel. The major objective of the program was

- To capacitate the CANSA members on recent United Nations climate conference (COP 27) outcomes and the major highlight of COP 27 i.e. loss and damage.
- Development of CANSA-NSC strategy to establish the priorities and direction for the network.

In the program there were 16 participants in total including 6 female and 10 Male from member organizations of CANSA NSC Nepal and CANSA secretariat.

OPENING AND OBJECTIVE SHARING

Ms. Barsha Parajuli, Clean Energy Nepal, Secretariat to CANSA-NSC-Nepal, welcomed all the participants in the program and briefly shared the objectives of the program. Then, Mr. Pranay Shrestha from Pragya Seeds (Chair-CANSA-NSC) and Mr. Sajan Neupane, from Mercy Cops gave the opening remarks. Mr. Pranay Shrestha welcomed all the members and highlighted the importance of formulation of CANSA- NSC-Nepal Strategy document at the present context. He further spoke about the previous CANSA publications especially the “State of Climate Action in Nepal” and necessity of its continuation. Likewise, Mr. Sajan Neupane welcomed the members and shared about the Mercy Cops, its engagement and Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance, which is a 9 multi-sectorial partnership works focusing on finding practical ways to help communities with knowledge management and community programs.

CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION

In the capacity building session two experts Dr. Dharma Raj Uprety from Practical Action and Mr. Prabin Man Singh from Prakriti Resources (Board of CANSA) shared technical presentation on COP 27 outcomes and Loss and Damage.

Mr. Dharma Raj Uprety, shared his presentation on title “COP 27 agenda, negotiation, decision and its implication for Nepal”. His presentation covered the details on Sharm El Sheikh COP 27 agendas like Climate Finance, Adaptation Finance, New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) Santiago Network for Loss and Damage, Global Goal on Adaptation, Review of the Gender Action Plan, Review of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture, Mitigation Work Programme, NDC updates and soon. He also highlighted Nepal’s agenda on COP 27 as Loss and Damage, Financial Facility, Adaptation Finance, Mobilization of 100 billion/year, Cryosphere and mountain issues, and Gender inclusive climate action. Likewise, Dr. Uprety being one of the delegates from Nepal he shared his experiences on negotiation process and how he and the Nepali delegates kept Nepal’s opinion on negotiations and the side events. In addition, he shared key achievements of COP 27 as establishment of Loss and Damage Fund for developing countries, Santiago Network operationalized with agreed TOR, function and tenure, Sharm El Sheikh joint action on agriculture, agree to develop a framework for delivering the goal and tracking progress towards Global Goal on Adaptation. [Presentation: COP 27 outcomes](#)

Mr. Prabin Man Singh shared his presentation focusing on Loss and Damage which dominated COP 27. Summarizing the COP 27, Mr. Prabin focused his session on concept of Loss and Damage by MOFE and UNFCCC, economic and non-economic loss and damage associated with it, its assessment process, policy landscape of Loss and Damage in Nepal, government compensation provision in Disaster and soon. He also presented shortly on the findings of research papers on climate induced loss and damage in Nepal. [Presentation: Loss and Damage](#)

CANSA-NEPAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Mr. Sunil Dahal, Executive Director of HR training Center Pvt. Ltd. facilitated the strategy development session. To energize the team Mr. Dahal started the session with an informative entertaining game session. Following this, he divided the team into 3 groups and gave the assignment to each member to determine Position/Assess Situation of CANSA using the theory of 4P (Problem, Position, Possibilities and Proposals)

Issues raised by the participants

- Localization of climate action
- Research for Evidence based advocacy
- Climate actions require Interdisciplinary approach
- Increase voice, capacity and engagement of vulnerability groups
- CANSA-NSC of Nepal membership expansion and rebuilding of CANSA Nepal chapter
- Communication and networking
- Youth collaboration/Engagement
- Climate change a political agenda
- Social media outreach

At the end of the day two groups were formed for the SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats/Challenges). Mr. Ronish Pandey leads the strengths/opportunities group whereas Ms. Deepshika Nepal lead weakness/ challenges group.

Second Day

The 2nd day session started with review of Day 1 from the participants and sharing of the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats/Challenges collected from the members.

Table: SWOT Analysis

<p><u>Strengths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANSA combined a mind network with multidisciplinary team each with sectorial experts • CANSA as a Global Climate Action Network • CANSA member organization experiences • CANSA member access with policy maker at all tiers of government 	<p><u>Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can work on wider audiences all over Nepal • Collective mass gathers for campaign and advocacy • CANSA can suggest input on government of local, provinces and National level • Learning from Global network success
<p><u>Weakness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication gap exists between member organizations. • Lack of knowledge sharing within member organizations. • Funding management is not adequate. • No attractive social media profile and outreach. • Not able to stand out among too many other existing networks • Poor documentation. • Agenda wise local level reach lacks. • Member’s acceptance rights not with CANSA-NSC Nepal. • Reactive approach is there instead of strategic approach. • Frequency and time period isn’t specified in the existing strategy document. 	<p><u>Threats/Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time, finance, and communication cost management might be tough. • Understanding gaps with locals might arise. • It might be tough to get hold of and time of local government. • CANSA, being a voluntary network member organization, might be a challenge to grasp the working interests and time of members. • Not getting to the objective. • Challenge in reaching goals due the absence of timeline-based commitments. • Might not be able to include expertise/field/opinion of cross-sectors due to lack of integrated approach

After this, the team finalized the mission, vision, objective of CANSA-NSC Nepal incorporating the opinion of each member present in the session. [Draft Strategy CANSA-NSC-Nepal](#)

Along with that, thematic focus of CANSA Nepal strategic plan was planned as Network Strengthening, Knowledge generation and management, Capacity building and Advocacy & Policy Influence.

The session was concluded with the closing remarks from Manjeet Dhakal, Chairperson of Clean Energy Nepal and Dr. Ngamindra Dahal, Chairperson of Nepal Water Conservation Foundation thanking the organizers and the participants for their contributions.

List of Attendees

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Some Photographs of the Event



