

# LCOY



# LCOY Nepal 2024

## Event Report

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## Remarks from Focal Points



We are both honored and excited to present this report on the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Nepal 2024. As a focal point of LCOY Nepal 2024, we have witnessed firsthand the dedication, passion, and collaboration that made this conference an extraordinary platform for youth engagement and climate action. LCOY Nepal 2024 was more than just a gathering; it was a testament to the power of collective action and the unwavering commitment of young individuals to drive positive change. This year's conference brought together diverse voices from across Nepal, each contributing unique perspectives and innovative solutions to the pressing issue of climate change.

Our journey to this conference has been filled with challenges and triumphs. We have seen the enthusiasm of participants, the insights of our distinguished speakers, and the impactful discussions that unfolded over the course of the event. It is clear that the youth of Nepal are not just observers of climate issues but are active and determined agents of change. This report encapsulates the essence of LCOY Nepal 2024, highlighting key moments, discussions, and outcomes from the conference. We hope it serves as both a reflection of our achievements and a roadmap for future endeavors.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants, speakers, organizers, and supporters who made LCOY Nepal 2024 a success. Your dedication has laid the groundwork for continued progress and has strengthened our action to tackle the challenges ahead. Together, let us continue to champion climate action, advocate for sustainable practices, and support one another in our collective journey towards a more resilient and equitable future.

Best wishes!

Dikshya Subedi and Ankit Paudel

Focal Points,

LCOY Nepal 2024



## Executive Summary

Nepal, while contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, ranks fourth in vulnerability to climate change due to its unique geographical and socio-economic context. The country faces a range of climate-induced disasters, such as floods, landslides, and droughts, which are exacerbated by deforestation, rapid urbanization, and inadequate infrastructure. These challenges disproportionately affect Nepalese communities, especially marginalized groups and indigenous populations who rely heavily on natural resources for their livelihoods. Despite Nepal's ambitious climate goals outlined in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), there is a significant gap in awareness, capacity, and resources among Nepalese youth to effectively engage in climate action. UNICEF data shows 1 billion children globally live in extremely high-risk countries and 99% of all children are exposed to at least one major climate and environmental hazard, shock or stress, while a 2023 report by the Nepal Climate Change Youth Alliance indicates that 70% of young people are concerned about climate change and are willing to take action, yet lack the necessary opportunities.

LCOY Nepal 2024 national event brought together 200 young leaders to discuss and address the adverse impacts of climate change across Nepal, from the mountains to the plains aiming to bridge these gaps by sensitizing and empowering Nepalese youth on climate issues, promoting youth-led initiatives and indigenous knowledge for climate resilience, and strengthening networks for collective action. The major goal was to prepare a National Youth Statement, recommending vital policy suggestions and recommendations through the lens of children and youths. Through series of virtual consultations, informative sessions, group workshops, panel discussions, interactive sessions, Q & As, online feedback survey and experts feedbacks on four key themes the National Youth Statement emphasizes the urgent need for inclusive climate education, youth engagement in policy-making, and the integration of indigenous knowledge for climate resilience. It also called for addressing climate loss and damages, enhancing climate finance mechanisms, and ensuring collaboration among government agencies, civil society, and vulnerable communities. Young people call for action to transform these discussions into tangible outcomes, creating a sustainable and resilient future where the voices of children and youth are not just heard but actively shape our collective response to the climate crisis. Together, we aimed to achieve the vision of "From Local to Global: Youth for Climate Action in Nepal" by creating a common platform to discuss and debate on pressing environmental challenges and climate crisis through the conference.

## About LCOY Nepal 2024

"LCOY Nepal 2024", a part of YOUNGO, is a " By Youth , For Youth " initiative aimed at empowering Nepalese youth to address the adverse impacts of climate change. As part of the roadmap leading to COP 29 and COY 19, Local Conference of Youth facilitates local-level climate discussions within the broader YOUNGO network. Over the past few years, LCOY has been organized by different youth-led networks and organizations over the concurrent and global thematic issues of climate change based in Nepal engaging children, young people, community practitioners, and experts working in the field of climate change and sustainable development. With the tagline " From Local to Global, Youth for Climate Action in Nepal " LCOY Nepal 2024 envisioned creating a common platform for young people from diverse socio-economic , ethnic , traditional , demographic , academic backgrounds to learn, discuss, and develop solutions to address climate change and its adverse impacts through series of knowledge-sharing sessions, panel discussions, group workshops , interactive and networking activities under different thematic areas like, Children and Youth engagement in NDCs, Capacity building and Networking, Indigenous knowledge documentation and its role for climate resilience and Climatic loss and damage in Nepal for the two day mega event to amplify youth voices in the decision making process and policy intervention.

## About Organizers

**Youth Action for Sustainable and Eco Nepal (YASEN)**, is a youth-led nonprofit organization established to create a better world by addressing pressing social and environmental challenges in Nepal. Registered officially on March 27, 2023 with the motto "Empowering Younger Generation For a Sustainable Future", it aims to empower young people to be active leaders in creating a sustainable future by fostering environmental stewardship, driving climate action, and promoting inclusive green growth through education, advocacy, and community engagement. YASEN primarily focuses on Community Education & Awareness, Recycling and Waste Reduction, Capacity Building & Training, Climate Action, Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Loss and Damage, Sustainable Agriculture and Disaster Risk Reduction and as its major thematic areas of intervention. At present, YASEN extends its working areas with a team of 100 youths representing diverse cultures and traditions.

**Sustainability Week Kathmandu (SWK)** is a non-governmental and community-based organization that was established in 2019 and intends to make people aware and work for sustainable development. Its vision is to bring sustainability into all aspects of higher education institutions globally and support them to become sustainability role models for our society overall.



Together SWK brings sustainability to universities, educates and inspires young students to incorporate sustainability in their daily lives and contribute to a world with a future for all. SWK's working areas address various environmental and social change aspects, focusing on empowering young people and fostering sustainable development in Nepal. Climate action, Youth empowerment, Sustainable development, Community engagement, and Gender and Climate Justice are working thematic areas of SWK. As of 2024, SWK extends its work up to 4 provinces, 5 districts, 4 universities, and 7 campuses engaging 150+ youth advocates and volunteers for climate action and sustainability.

## Thematic Areas of LCOY Nepal 2024

### Children and Youth Engagement in NDCs:

It is essential for sustainable climate policies that Nepal include children and young in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Till date, the two NDCs determined by Nepal lack proper emphasis and focus upon projects relating to children and youths. There has been a paucity of youth involvement despite their critical role. The benefits of youth engagement are demonstrated by successful global initiatives like the global Fridays for Future movement and Nepalese Youth for Climate Action. Through our event, we are aiming to highlight the importance of Children and Youths' engagement in NDCs and also suggest various policy formulations accordingly.



### Indigenous and Local Knowledge For Climate Resilience:

The crucial role of indigenous knowledge and local ecosystems in promoting climate resilience is emphasized by the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Nepal 2024. Indigenous communities in Nepal have long engaged in sustainable environmental conservation, using age-old techniques to protect biodiversity. These approaches support the wellbeing of regional ecosystems by using native plant species, conserving water, and engaging in agroforestry, without any substantial effect upon the climate. Harnessing the power of these indigenous and local knowledge is one of the major objectives of LCOY Nepal 2024.



## • Capacity Building and Networking:

Capacity Building and Networking refers to the focus on developing the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to address climate change effectively. It involves providing support in terms of financial resources, technical expertise, technology transfer, research opportunities, education, and training programs. Networking plays a crucial role in connecting individuals and organizations working towards climate action, facilitating collaboration, sharing best practices, and building a strong community dedicated to addressing climate challenges. By emphasizing capacity building and networking, LCOY 2024 aims to empower delegates to take meaningful action and create a more sustainable future.



## • Addressing Climate Loss and Damage:

The "Loss and Damage" session at LCOY 2024 illuminates the global impact of climate change, with a focus on youth. Being a country with a high number of climate vulnerabilities, this LCOY discusses the national agreements, challenges, and strategies to address these issues. This session fosters the sharing of experiences and advocacy for effective policies that support vulnerable communities and the regions to raise awareness, collaborate, and take action against climate impacts.





## Objectives

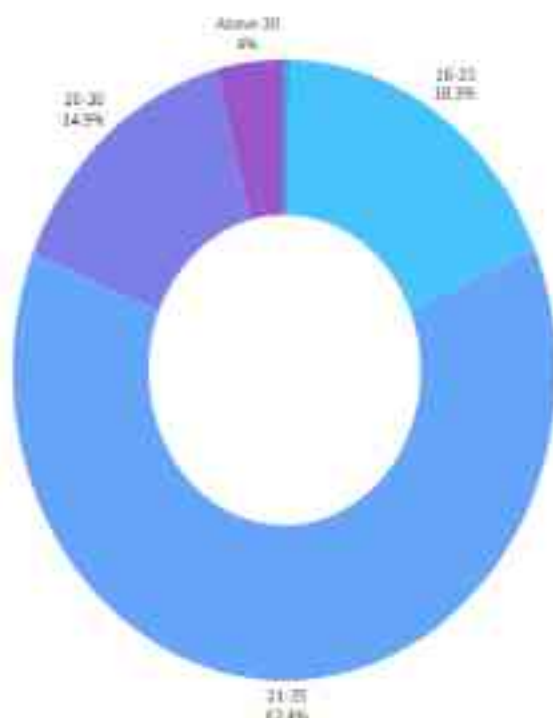
- To enhance and voice youth engagement and empowerment in addressing climate change through NDCs, Loss and Damage, Capacity Building, and Indigenous knowledge.
- To augment comprehension of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) among Nepalese children and youths via various interactive sessions aimed at facilitating the formulation of the LCOY policy statement.
- To empower young individuals in policy simulation and advocacy about the impacts of climate change-induced loss and damage.
- To establish a conducive atmosphere for Nepalese youths from varied backgrounds to participate in knowledge exchange, decision-making processes, networking opportunities, and capacity-building initiatives aimed at advancing climate action and advocacy efforts.
- To systematically record and distribute indigenous climate resilience methodologies observed within various marginalized communities.
- To advocate for inclusiveness and accountability within the policymaking procedures of the Government of Nepal.

## Delegates Socio-demographic Profile

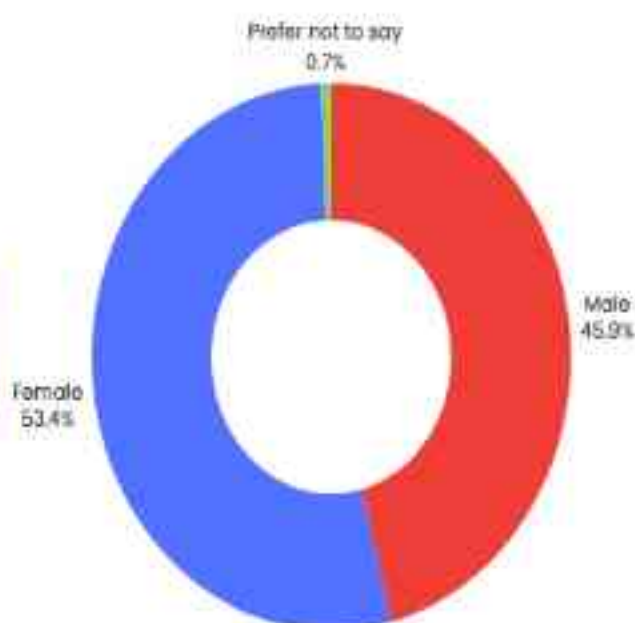
- Based on the principle of encouraging indigenous , marginalized , socially victimized , persons with disability and rural communities representing 50 % of such communities and individuals as delegates .
- 50 % women representation .
- Limited funding slots , funding criteria divided into Fully Funded Delegates , Partially Funded Delegates , No Funding Delegates .
- Opportunity slots to individuals with no prior contribution to environmental activism .
- Dedicated slots to school children delegates.
- Dedicated slots to esteemed professionals working in the field of climate change , indigenous knowledge systems , environmental conservation , journalists and so on as guests.
- Selection criteria emphasized engagement and contribution to climate space in the country both nationally and locally and strong motivation and commitment to LCOY and its initiatives .



### Age-Wise Inclusivity :



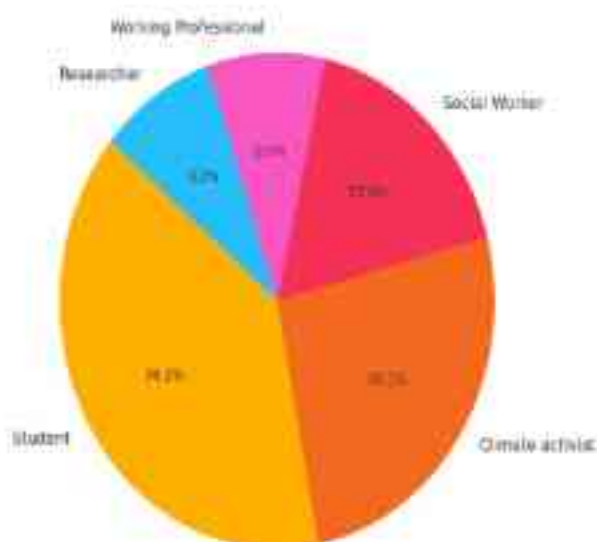
### Gender-Wise Inclusivity :



### Province-Wise Inclusivity :



### Academic-Wise Inclusivity :



## Methodologies

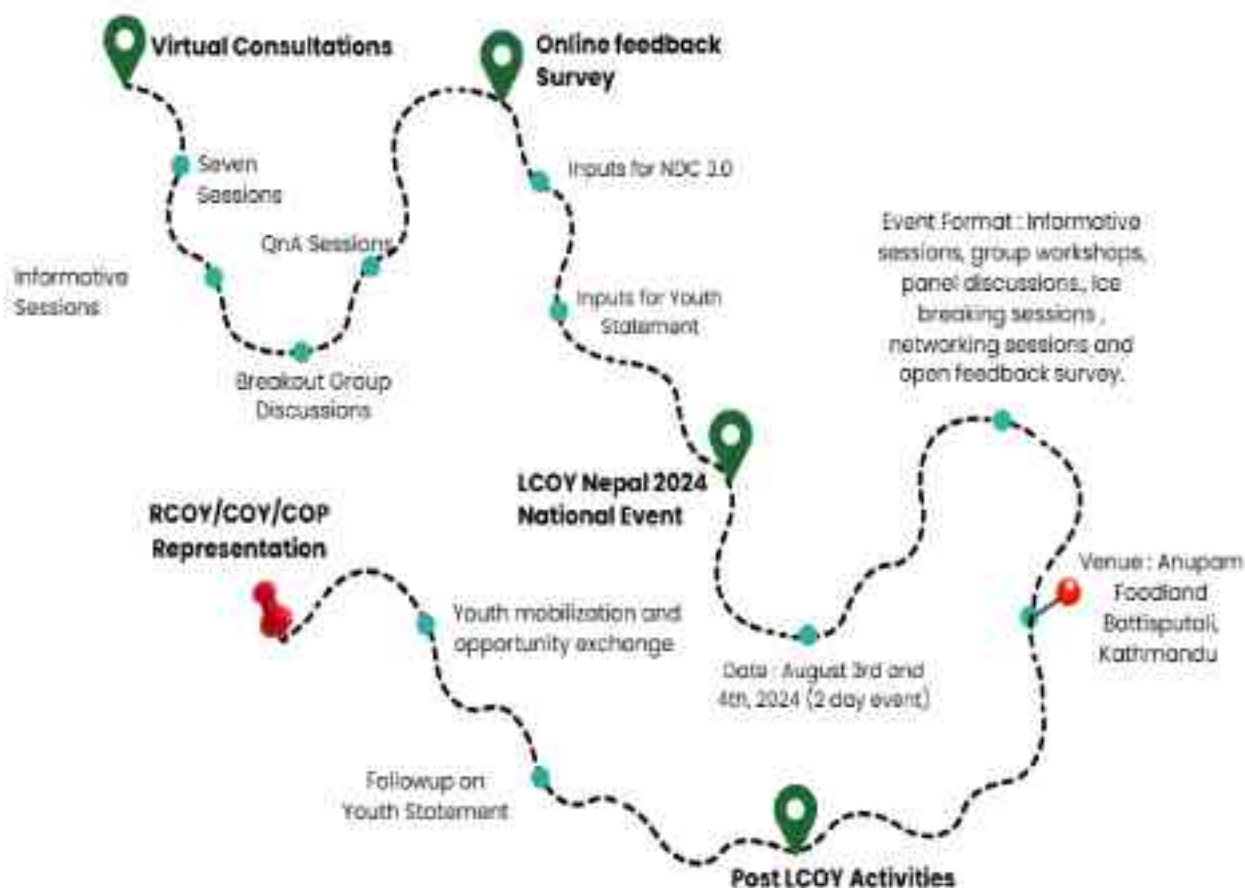


Figure : Road Map of LCOY Nepal 2024

The Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Nepal 2024 national event commenced on August 3, 2024 at Anupam Foodland, Battisputali, Kathmandu, bringing together passionate youth leaders (Delegates), school children, climate experts, and policymakers from every nook and corner of the country to address alarming climate change issues. The two days event began with a robust agenda on Children and Youth Engagement in NDCs, Addressing climate Loss and Damage, Capacity Building and Networking, and Indigenous and Local Knowledge for climate resilience, highlighting the critical role of youth and children in climate action.

Day 1st focused on bridging the knowledge gap through research and findings from organizations and experts working in the sector of climate change, sustainable development and nature conservation. Informative sessions, panel discussion, group workshop, ice breaking sessions and so on in amalgamation the event was designed to



be interactive , knowledge enriching thus revealing real ground stories in national and international level .

Day 2 provided an opportunity for delegates to engage in a group workshop to draft the National Youth Statement , a advocacy tool stating our collective commitments and recommendations to governments, national and international organizations , civil societies , indigenous community and so on . Delegates exchanged cultural and traditional souvenirs in cultural gift exchange sessions thus promoting their culture , tradition and uniqueness strengthening unity in diversity .

Prior to the National LCOY event, seven virtual consultations were conducted aligned with the thematic areas to enhance understanding and knowledge among the participants of different issues concerning thematic areas and other cross cutting issues before attending the national event for effective discussion and preparation of youth statement. It consisted of informative sessions , break out sessions and Q&As sessions thus creating a platform of interactive learning and discourse.

**Chaired By** - Hon Minister of Forest and Environment , AIn Bahadur Shahi Thakuri , Country Representative to UNICEF Jee Hyun Rah, Vice President of National Youth Council , Surendra Basnet.

## Programs and Activities

LCOY Nepal 2024 national event happened on August 3 and 4 in Kathmandu providing a vital platform for altogether 200 children and young people representing diverse socio-economic and demographic backgrounds to discuss, analyze and provide solutions to the pressing climate crisis. Prior to the main event, a series of virtual consultations were conducted which gathered more than 1000 young people to enrich knowledge and understanding of critical thematic areas among the participants. The national event on August 3 and 4 of LCOY Nepal 2024 comprised of several engaging activities and programs such as informative sessions , panel discussions , group workshops , ice breaking sessions , networking , interactive and culture exchange sessions , Q & A s and so on , all aiding into the preparation and development of National Youth Statement. All programs and activities are briefly mentioned below :

## Virtual Consultations :

LCOY Nepal 2024 hosted a series of virtual consultations before the national event in order to enhance prior knowledge and understanding of the thematic areas among the delegates therefore playing a significant role in active engagement and dialogue of children and youths in critical climate issues and discourses :

| S.N. | Title                                                 | Date          | Speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.   | Road to LCOY Nepal 2024                               | June 20, 2024 | Mr Balkrishna Jamarkattel, National Consultant- CEED, UNICEF & Mrs Dikshya Subedi, Focal Point of LCOY Nepal 2024                                                                                                  | Focused on providing a roadmap for LCOY, educating youth on global and local climate issues, and emphasizing mitigation, adaptation, and inclusive participation in climate action.                                                      |
| 2.   | Capacity Building and Networking                      | June 27, 2024 | Ms. Rashmi Kiran Shrestha, Lead of One Million Leaders Asia (OMLAS) & Co-founder of NELIS Nepal & Mr. Amanullah Parag, the South Asia Mobilization Coordinator for 350.org                                         | Emphasized capacity building and networking for youth climate advocates, focusing on empowering young leaders with essential skills and effective networking strategies for climate action.                                              |
| 3.   | Local and Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Resilience | July 3, 2024  | Ms. Rajiya Banu, Co-Founder and executive vice-president at Bighnaharta Nepal, Tanuja Pandey, Co-Founder and Chairperson at Harin Nepal and Adv. Arnab Chaudhary, Co-founder and Operation Director at Harin Nepal | Focused on integrating local and Indigenous knowledge into climate resilience strategies, highlighting traditional practices, bioengineering, and eco-centric approaches to enhance sustainability and address environmental challenges. |



| S.N. | Title                                   | Date          | Speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 4.   | Children and Youth Engagement in NDCs   | July 8, 2024  | Shreya KC, Policy Advisor, Clean Energy Nepal                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Emphasized the importance of integrating children and youth perspectives into Nepal's NDCs, outlining strategies for their active participation, upcoming climate goals, and the need for inclusive and meaningful engagement to achieve sustainable climate action.                                                                                                          |
| 5.   | Climate Justice and Equity              | July 12, 2024 | Dulki Seethawaka, Deputy front convener, Asia front, WYCN and Mamta Borgoyary, Executive Director, SHE Changes Climate                                                                                                                                           | Highlighted the need for inclusive policies that address the intersectionality of identity, gender, and socioeconomic status, and empower marginalized communities, especially women, in climate adaptation and decision-making processes.                                                                                                                                    |
| 6.   | Addressing Loss and Damage              | July 16, 2024 | Sunita Kayastha, Emergency Specialist, UNICEF Nepal and Prakriti Koirala, Director at ClimAdapt                                                                                                                                                                  | Highlighted the importance of assessing both economic and non-economic losses and discussed the history of loss and damage in international climate negotiations, including the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Paris Agreement.                                                                                                                                       |
| 7.   | How Climate Change is changing Children | July 20, 2024 | Kriti Thapa, UNV Specialist – Youth Engagement and Communications, UNICEF Nepal, Suhani Maharjan, President of Senior school Eco-club at Creative Academy and Mr Matrika Prasad Upadhyaya, President of Municipal Child Network, Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan city | Elaborated on the detrimental effects of climate change on children, emphasizing the severe consequences of heat waves and irregular weather patterns. The disruption of daily routines, including frequent school closures and loss of safe play spaces, further impacts their overall wellbeing contributing to mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD. |

## National LCOY Event , August 3 & 4

### Opening Ceremony :

The opening ceremony of LCOY Nepal 2024, moderated by Pratik Pandit and Rashmishree Singh, set an inspiring tone for the event. Their dynamic moderation welcomed participants, highlighted the importance of youth involvement in climate action, and introduced the key themes and objectives for the conference, emphasizing the collective efforts needed to address climate challenges.

### Welcome Remarks :

LCOY NEPAL 2024 started with welcome remarks from Focal Point Mr. Ankit Paudel, Lead of Sustainability Week Kathmandu extended warm wishes to all the selected of LCOY Nepal 2024. He congratulated organizing team members , delegates, partners, collaborators and stakeholders for the support throughout the journey. He provided insightful information on Road to LCOY Nepal 2024 highlighting the role of Youth voices in COY and COP and role of LCOY to light up voices in international platforms.

### Keynote Speeches :

The event was chaired by the Focal Point of LCOY Nepal 2024 Miss Dikshya Subedi, with the presence of the Minister of Forest and Environment, Mr. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri as the chief guest and UNICEF Representative to Nepal , Jee Hyun Rah as the special guest.

**Special Guest** Jee Hyun Rah congratulated LCOY Nepal 2024 organizing team , YASEN and SWK highlighting climate change as a child right crisis which draws our immediate attention. Furthermore she enlightened how the changing climate is affecting youth and childrens across the globe and in Nepal. She mentioned that around. 90% of the children are exposed to air pollution while 800 million children are impacted due to heatwaves. She highlighted numerous negative consequences of climate change that affect children and young people, which includes malnutrition, spread of infectious diseases, school losses, violence abuse .She stated that climate change is a child rights crisis and makes young people deprived of their basic rights . She said UNICEF urges three tiers of the government to place issues of children and youths as the key priorities in their policy and practice including Nepal's NDC revision in 2025 and other treaties.





**Chief Guest , Honorable Minister of Forest and Environment Aın Bahadur Shahi Thakuri,** shared his delightedness to be a part of the conference and interact with the participation of children, youths and climate activists. He mentioned that the climate crisis is a humanitarian crisis; climate change affects lives and livelihood of the people on the planet. He focused on the need for youth capacity building, leadership, and advocacy, suggesting that climate change education should be integrated into school curriculums and concluded by affirming the conference's role as a platform for youth networking and capacity building, and wished for the successful completion. The Government of Nepal has emphasized the need of youths voices, fresh ideas, innovation into policy level planning and implementation. He stated Nepal government's prioritization of climate issues, highlighting the adoption of the National Climate Change Policy in 2076 and initiatives like promoting clean energy and electric vehicles (EVs) , committed to achieve net zero by 2045.



## Informative and Capacity Building Sessions:

LCOY Nepal 2024 consisted of a series of informative sessions to enhance knowledge and capacity among the delegates in order to promote meaningful dialogue and youth engagement . Following are the sessions discussed in detail :

### **Title: Understanding Climate change and its Response**

**Speaker: Bal Krishna Jamarkattel , National Consultant-Climate, Energy, Environment and DRR, UNICEF Nepal)**

The session included a comprehensive discussion on understanding climate change and its multifaceted impacts. Led by Bal Krishna Jamarkattel, National Consultant-Climate Energy Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (CEED), UNICEF Nepal, the session focused on how and why Children, women and elderly people are most vulnerable among all. He highlighted the effect of climate change on children and young people throughout their lives, emphasizing the child's rights crisis and the need for disaster risk reduction strategies. He addressed "Adaptation is not a matter of choice but an urgency for developing countries like Nepal". Government has prioritized adaptation by emphasizing Nepal's National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA), Local Adaptation Plan for Action (LAPA), 5-year plans, and NDCs. In addition to that, he added that mitigation shall be an avenue for REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) and other carbon trading options. He highlighted , a report by UNICEF states that , "Climate change is the greatest threat to children and it is in fact bringing the child right's crisis as it interrupts the rights to survival, protection, participation and development. " He concluded his session with the statement **"The best time to act on climate change was quite earlier ! The next best time to act is NOW ! It's now or never"**



### **Title: Road Map of Nepal's NDC 3.0**

**Speaker: Dr Buddhi Sagar Poudel, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Forest and Environment**

The session explored global climate policy challenges, beginning with the 1992 Climate Conference and the evolution of climate agreements. It highlighted the Paris Agreement's crucial goals on temperature, adaptation, and finance, noting the urgent need for action as the window to limit warming to 1.5°C is closing. Discussions emphasized the necessity of more ambitious and progressive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), with a focus on integrating resilience across all sectors through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. Youth engagement in climate policies was also underscored. The session addressed challenges faced by Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in accessing climate finance and technology, stressing that such finance should be



grant-based, accessible, and affordable. Participants raised concerns about lagging sectoral achievements, the impact of modern agriculture on carbon footprints, and the role of youth in financing and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting the need for strategic efforts and sectoral targets.

**Title : Role of Indigenous and Local Agri-food system for climate resilience**

**Speaker: Alisha Ghimire, DRR and Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, FAO Nepal**

She highlighted the importance of traditional agricultural practices like terracing, intercropping, and agroforestry in enhancing climate resilience. She emphasized the need to document and modernize indigenous approaches while engaging with local and indigenous organizations to develop localized strategies and stressed the necessity of obtaining free, prior, and informed consent in all programming efforts. Ghimire also stressed the importance of a holistic approach that considers crops, livestock, forests, and related ecosystems. In the Q&A session, Ghimire addressed concerns about restoring soil fertility through compost and farmyard manure, noting that while it is possible, it takes time to recover from the damage caused by continuous use of chemical fertilizers. She also discussed FAO's efforts to ensure food security in the face of climate change, focusing on promoting indigenous crops, such as millets, and enhancing value chains.



**Title: Nepal's multi hazard risk and resilience measures**

**Speaker: Regan Sapkota ,Risk and Resilient Specialist , Clim Adapt**

In the session on Nepal's multi-hazard risk and resilience measures, Sapkota emphasized that Nepal ranks as the 20th most disaster-prone country globally, with temperature rises 2-3 times faster than the global average. Over the past 45 years, over 40,000 lives have been lost in more than 500 disaster incidents, largely due to the country's diverse geography, political instability, and limited resources as a least developed country (LDC). Sapkota highlighted the significant multi-hazard risks, where events like rainfall can trigger landslides, floods, and disease outbreaks. Climate change exacerbates these

hazards complicating disaster response efforts. The early warning system, though somewhat effective in the Terai region, needs improvement, particularly for health hazards like dengue, which spread across 77 districts by 2023. Strengthening disaster safety and managing independent hazards were key discussion points.

**Title : Beyond Climate Change Adaptation - Case Study of HKH region**

**Speaker: Faisal Mueen Qamar , Remote Sensing Specialist and Intervention Manager ,ICIMOD**

The session focused on the challenges posed by climate change, particularly in mountainous regions like the Hindu Kush Himalaya. It highlighted the impact on over 150 million people, with extreme events becoming increasingly devastating. For instance, in 2010, the occurrence of glacial outbursts increased by 65% compared to previous years. The session also discussed the significant loss of life and economic damage, such as the October, 2021 floods in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, India that disrupted power generation of 1,200 megawatts as per ICIMOD Annual Report 2022. Key actions for climate resilience in agriculture were suggested, including the identification of future crops and the need for quantifying losses to build more resilient communities. Early warning systems, particularly community-based flood early warning systems, were emphasized as crucial for disaster prevention at the local level. The session also addressed the challenges in both soft and hard adaptation strategies and the need for developing comprehensive adaptation strategies. Additionally, it touched on the conceptualization of climate-induced loss and damage, highlighting the unavoidable impacts and their economic and social ramifications. The potential role of ICIMOD in capacity building and implementing guidelines was also discussed.



**Title : Local and Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Resilience**

**Speaker : Indu Tharu ,Executive Director for National Indigenous Women's Federation (NIWF)**

This session explored the vital role of indigenous communities in climate resilience, focusing on their deep connection with nature and traditional practices. Indu Tharu highlighted the existence of 61 registered indigenous communities in Nepal, making up 36% of the population. She emphasized the eco-friendly practices of these communities, such as using natural materials like gourds for daily goods and the sustainable agricultural techniques that have been traditionally employed. Despite their environmental contributions, indigenous peoples often face accusations of harming



indigenous peoples often face accusations of harming ecosystems, with their rights frequently violated. The discussion also addressed the concept of development from an Indigenous perspective, advocating for conservation through legislation, such as the National Park Act, and aligning with international laws like the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Q&A session delved into the challenges faced by the Chepang community, who are being pressured to relocate by the National Park authorities, threatening their cultural heritage. Tharu advocated for pre-informed consent and youth engagement to resist such displacements. The discussion also covered how traditional Tharu houses are struggling to withstand climate change impacts and how these structures can be adapted. The issue of overconsumption of snails and fish by the Tharu community, which threatens local ecosystems, was raised, along with the need to balance traditional practices with environmental sustainability.



**Title: Save our Snow - Combining Advocacy, Science and Action**

**Speakers: Tenzin Chogyal Shrestha, Cryosphere Analyst and Anshu Pandey, Senior Media Associate Communications, ICIMOD**

Sherpa discussed his observations from Black Mountain, noting significant changes in snow patterns, including decreased snow cover, fewer snowy days, reduced snow depth, and shorter snow persistence. He emphasized that snow is vital for sustaining glaciers, making it crucial for studying climate change. Sherpa highlighted the importance of monitoring glaciers like Khumbu Glacier on Mt. Everest, where internal ice temperatures are rising. These observable changes in snow and ice serve as powerful tools for communicating climate change's effects and need to be documented to raise awareness and drive action. Anshu Pandey stressed the importance of amplifying mountain communities' voices on global platforms through initiatives like the "Save Our Snow" program, which has gained visibility at events like the Paris One Planet Summit. She highlighted the power of first-person accounts and documentation in showcasing climate change's impact, advocating for sustainable solutions and increased support for these resilient communities.

## Group Workshop

**Title: Children and young people friendly NDC 3.0**

**Facilitator : Shreya KC , Policy Advisor at CEN**

In the "Children and Youth Friendly NDC 3.0" workshop led by Shreya KC, key statistics revealed that about 77.9% of youth have never participated in NDC formulation, and 82.5% believe NDCs are developed without consulting them. During this session , all the delegates were divided into 10 groups on the basis of mitigation and adaptation sectoral targets that were set in the second NDC , each group consisted of one facilitator and one note taker from the organizing committee . The role of facilitator was to provide a context setting on targets and commitments set in NDC based on different sectors mentioned therein , note taker documented all the discussion and recommendation from the group work , while delegates belonging to their respective group each discussed, brainstormed , conceptualized policy suggestions and priority setting for the upcoming NDC revision in 2025. Key recommendations included:

### 1. Waste

- **EPR Policy:** Initiate Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy to hold producers accountable for waste.
- **Waste Segregation:** Call for mandatory segregation of waste at the source to enhance effective waste management.
- **Research:** Emphasize the need for research on waste sources, bacteria-degrading practices for treating faecal sludge, and innovative waste management strategies while actively engaging youth in the research process.
- **Technology & Policy:** Strengthen innovative technologies and policies for efficient waste management, with a focus on addressing future challenges like lithium-ion waste from electric vehicles and other similar challenges.

### 2. WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

- **Climate-Resilient Water Services:** Target women and children with increased budgeting for climate resilient water services and sanitation.
- **Research & Innovation:** Promote microbiological research and the advancement of water hygiene technologies.
- **ODF Implementation:** Called for the strict implementation of Open Defecation Free (ODF) initiatives and the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to improve sanitation and hygiene .



### 3. Transport

- **Policy Enhancement:** Urge for planned sustainable urbanization and transportation prioritizing CNG, hydrogen and electric vehicles.
- **EV Infrastructure:** Continue promoting EV infrastructure and provide financial incentives that include reduction in taxes and compensation schemes.
- **Alternative Transport:** Encourage the development of railways, ropeways, tunnels, and other innovative, feasible public transport options that are also child and youth-friendly.

### 4. Children and Youth

- **Equality and Participation:** Need for equitable representation and the inclusion of children and youth in all relevant institutions and platforms.
- **Psychosocial and Health Support in Disasters :** Provide targeted psychosocial and health support for children and youth during natural catastrophes ensuring access to counseling, recovery programs ,child-centered loss and damage assessments and protection.
- **Adaptation as a Right:** Recognize adaptation as a right for children and young people, who are victims of climate change impacts, and ensure it is supported both technically and financially.

### 5. Circular Economy

- **Sustainable Business:** Encourage research and investment on sustainable business including bioplastics, renewable energy, ecotourism, and green jobs.
- **Policy & Monitoring:** Address challenges like weak policy implementation and consumer behavior issues in advancing the circular economy.
- **Innovation:** Promote vertical farming, incentivize green economy , and ban non-recyclable products.



### 6. Tourism

- **Sustainable Tourism Development :** Promote sustainable tourism through alternative products, interactive technologies, and eco-friendly initiatives that preserve heritage and boost economic growth.
- **Financing Climate-Resilient Tourism:** Provide targeted financial support for climate-resilient tourism and the preservation of cultural heritage, while fostering greater opportunities for youth involvement in the sector.

## 7. Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use

- **Seed Banks and Insurance Policy:** Emphasize community seed banks and crop insurance policies that support marginalized and vulnerable farmers along with other proactive measures.
- **Research & Extension:** Call for research and evidence based policies and extension, bridging technology gaps for farmers, and promoting gender and climate-smart advanced agricultural practices.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Promote sustainable forest management, agroforestry, ecosystem-based adaptation, indigenous climate resilient practices, innovative farming techniques and risk management strategies to enhance productivity and build resilience against climate change impacts.

## 8. Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion

- **Participation & Research:** Strengthen meaningful participation of women, children, marginalized groups, indigenous peoples, youth and people with disabilities in planning, decision-making and monitoring.
- **Inclusive Policies:** Advocate for climate change and other policies that are inclusive for people with disabilities, women, children, youth, indigenous and other marginalized communities.
- **Special provision for PWD-** Establish a special mechanism for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) like; braille-friendly documents, audio-video facilities and infrastructures.

## 9. Energy

- **Technology & Innovation:** Develop and implement projects, smart grids, community-owned hydropower projects, urban waste-to-energy and other innovative clean energy programs.
- **Clean Energy Access:** Act to ensure 15% clean energy access by 2030, with emphasis on hydropower, solar, and wind energy.
- **Infrastructure & Resilience:** Highlight the need for energy efficient infrastructure, promote renewable and alternative energy sources along with public awareness and financial incentives.

## 10. Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

- **Education & Curriculum:** Call for inclusive and climate action-based curriculum in schools and communities with a focus on practical knowledge and adaptation skills.
- **Children and Youth Empowerment:** Encourage reward-based policies and capacity building for encouraging young generation in climate action and empowerment.



- Federal government initiative for ACE: Call for the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE)/federal government to take concrete steps to work aggressively on ACE both at national and international level.
- Local Government involvement: Encourage local government to promote children and youth groups, clubs and networks at local level to demonstrate climate action, especially for marginalized and vulnerable communities.

The workshop provided a comprehensive platform for youth and children to voice their opinions on how NDCs can be more inclusive, with a clear emphasis on the need for actionable policies and local-level engagement.

## Panel Discussions

### **Title: Discourses and Initiatives on Loss and Damage Globally and in Nepal**

The panel discussion, moderated by Ankit Paudel, Focal Point of LCOY Nepal 2024 featured insights from experts Prakriti Koirala (Loss and Damage Youth Coalition, Member), Raju Pandit Chhetri (Prakriti Resource Center Executive Director), and Faisal Mueen Qamar (Intervention Manager, ICIMOD). The session covered a range of topics related to climate finance, remote sensing, and the role of youth in climate action. Raju Pandit emphasized that climate finance encompasses mitigation (reducing greenhouse gases), adaptation (improving capacities), and addressing loss and damage. He highlighted the importance of clear plans and policies to define financial needs, and he discussed challenges such as accessing multilateral funds, ensuring effective utilization, and reaching target audiences. Pandit also stressed the need for international support, as national resources alone cannot address climate impacts. Faisal Qamar discussed the role of remote sensing in climate change, emphasizing the importance of real-time data for quantifying losses and informing compensatory actions. He noted the complexity of attributing non-economic losses to climate change and the need for accurate data dissemination to inform decisions, such as drought forecasts. Prakriti Koirala focused on the role of youth in influencing policies, advocating for capacity building in Nepal's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and integrating ancestral practices with modern science. She emphasized the importance of a bottom-up approach and ensuring no one is left behind. During the Q&A session, discussions covered the validation of climate-induced disasters, addressing gaps in local government collaboration, and the integration of scientific

information in climate negotiations. The session highlighted the multifaceted challenges of climate finance in Nepal and the need for comprehensive, inclusive approaches to build resilience and achieve climate goals.



### **Title: Opportunities and Challenges for the young people in climate space**

The panel discussion, moderated by Shristi Adhikari, Country Ambassador of SHE Changes Climate, brought together experts to explore opportunities and challenges for youth in the climate space. The panel featured Utsav Phuyal, Climate and Environment Specialist at UNICEF ROSA; Prajwal Bikram Rana, Lawyer and Climate Change Researcher; Shrichchha Pradhan, Miss Nepal 2023 and Founder of Digo Pranali; Rashmi Kiran Shrestha, Lead of One Million Leaders Asia (OMLAS) and Co-founder of NELIS Nepal; and Prasun Subedi, Co-founder of World Food Forum (WFF) Nepal Chapter. Utsav Phuyal discussed challenges faced by UNICEF in engaging youth in Nepal and South Asia, including bridging knowledge gaps and addressing policy challenges. He acknowledged the role of events like LCOY in promoting inclusivity. Prajwal Bikram Rana highlighted gaps in youth engagement in climate justice and emphasized the importance of advocating for a youth climate law, engaging tribal communities, and utilizing platforms like COP for visibility. Rashmi Kiran Shrestha shared her experiences mentoring youth amid rising climate stress and anxiety. She stressed the importance of mentorship in empowering youth and ensuring impactful efforts. Shrichchha Pradhan discussed how her platform as Miss Nepal has enhanced her climate advocacy, particularly through global representation at events like COP. Prasun Subedi reflected on her motivation to organize LCOY, driven by the potential for impactful activism. She highlighted the challenges and opportunities within the climate space. In closing, panelists emphasized research, skill development, and strategic platform use as critical for youth engagement, advocacy, and driving impactful change in the climate sector.



## Mock COP Simulation

The MOP COP Simulation, facilitated by Shreeya KC of Clean Energy Nepal, was a comprehensive mock exercise designed to emulate the dynamics of a Conference of Parties (COP) meeting. The session began with a presentation by Shreeya KC, outlining the COP's structure and processes. COP meetings, which rotate to different regions, involve high-level negotiations on climate issues. The next COP is scheduled to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan. The Paris Agreement, established in 2015, aims to limit global temperature rise to between 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, with significant focus on climate finance commitments.

During the simulation, participants were assigned roles as delegates from various countries and regions to negotiate a draft decision on the new collective quantified goal (NCQG) for climate finance. The exercise highlighted the diverse perspectives and priorities of different groups, such as developed countries, least developed countries (LDCs), and emerging economies.



The mock negotiation covered several key areas:

- **Quantification of Climate Finance Goals:** Delegates debated different options for determining the quantum of the NCQG, including whether it should be based on a percentage of gross national income (GNI), the needs of developing countries, or a mix of public and private sector contributions. Options discussed included a percentage of GDP, private sector involvement, and grant-based versus loan-based finance.
- **Qualitative Elements and Transparency:** The discussion also focused on incorporating qualitative elements into the NCQG, such as transparency and tracking mechanisms. Options included enhancing transparency frameworks and leveraging data from various sources to monitor progress.

- **Sources of Finance:** Debates centered on the types of financial sources to support climate action, with proposals ranging from grant-based finance to a multilayered approach involving both public and private sources.

Participants engaged in priority discussions, grouped negotiations, and the drafting of a Chairs' Text. They practiced diplomatic strategies, such as raising voices against opposing statements and preparing resolution papers with clear, consensus-driven goals. The simulation aimed to reflect the complexity of international climate negotiations and the importance of strategic, informed advocacy in shaping global climate policy.

## Interactive and Networking Session

### Cultural Gift Exchange

The "Diverse Roots, Common Grounds" session at LCOY Nepal 2024 was a unique opportunity for cultural exchange and mutual understanding. Participants from various backgrounds engaged in a cultural gift exchange, where they shared items representing their traditions and heritage. This session highlighted the richness of each culture while emphasizing common values and goals. Through this exchange, attendees gained a deeper appreciation for each other's cultures and found common ground in their shared commitment to sustainability and global cooperation.



### Ice Breaking sessions

The ice-breaking session at LCOY Nepal 2024 was an engaging introduction to the event, featuring a climate-themed quiz and riddle-solving games. Participants tested their knowledge on climate issues and sustainability through a series of interactive questions, fostering both learning and camaraderie. "What The Climate" riddle encouraged creative thinking as delegates engaged in fun and educational sessions helped break down barriers, build connections among participants, and set a collaborative tone for the rest of the event.





## Cultural Night

On Day 1 of LCOY Nepal 2024, the Cultural Night was a vibrant celebration of Nepal's rich heritage and diverse traditions. The evening featured a lively array of performances, including traditional music, dance, showcasing the cultural richness of various ethnic groups. Participants enjoyed a blend of colorful costumes, rhythmic dances, and melodious tunes, creating an engaging and festive atmosphere. The Cultural Night not only entertained but also fostered a deeper appreciation for Nepal's cultural diversity, setting a joyful and inclusive tone for the event.



## Commitment Tree

During LCOY Nepal 2024, we introduced a commitment tree board where participants could express their dedication to a sustainable planet. Each participant added their colorful thumbprint to the tree, symbolizing their personal pledge towards environmental conservation and sustainable living. This interactive activity not only engaged attendees but also visually represented our collective commitment to protecting and nurturing the environment.

## Expectation Board

LCOY Nepal 2024 featured an expectation board, where participants could express their hopes and aspirations for the event. This board served as a platform for attendees to share what they anticipated learning, discussing, or achieving during the conference. The expectation board helped the organizers tailor sessions and discussions to better meet the participants' needs and ensured that the event was aligned with the collective goals of the youth involved.



## Feedback Board

At LCOY Nepal 2024, a feedback board was set up to capture participants' insights and reflections on the event. Attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts, suggestions, and experiences, which provided valuable input for improving future events and highlighted areas of success. The feedback board facilitated open communication and engagement, ensuring that the voices of all participants were heard and considered.



## Plantation Activities

As part of our commitment to offsetting our carbon footprint, we organized a plantation event at Matatirtha, Chandragiri. The activity was aimed at contributing to local environmental conservation efforts and enhancing green cover in the area. This initiative was carried out by the LCOY Nepal 2024 organizing team in coordination with local community, LCOY delegates, Students of Kathmandu Forestry College and other relevant stakeholders aligning with our broader environmental goals and sustainable development offsetting of carbon foot print generated in due course of LCOY. Protection of plantation establishment and monitoring of the growth will be done by local community of Mathatirtha along with LCOY organizing committee members who are also the students of Kathmandu Forestry College.





## National Youth Statement

We gathered together at the LCOY Nepal 2024 to learn and express on the ground realities of young people to address the adverse impacts of changing climate from the mountains to the plains. We stand with the added responsibility and opportunity to express the needs and demands of childrens and youths from all across the country to combat the climate crisis. The world is facing the triple planetary crisis exacerbating the vulnerabilities and inequalities in the communities; it's high time we act on it **"IT'S NOW OR NEVER"**.

We call upon all of you to join your hands together with us to achieve the vision to create a safe, sustainable and resilient future for all.

**1. Capacity Building and Networking:** Youth participation in the climate discourse has often been undermined due to limited capacities and skills required for actions and solutions. So, we demand for dedicated capacity and skill building programs and initiatives for children and youths for meaningful climate actions.

- **Climate education:** Inclusive climate education and awareness programs should be promoted and mainstreamed for children and youths, reaching out to the vulnerable and targeted groups to leverage their capacities.
- **Research and Innovation:** We demand for more rigorous investments in youth led interdisciplinary research projects and innovations to facilitate youth-led initiatives and promote climate action.
- **Networking, Skill, Technology and Knowledge Exchange:** Children and youth centered initiatives should not be confined to a particular area, instead skill, technology and knowledge exchange programs among the children and youths from different regions should be promoted. Dedicated mechanisms or platforms should be created for knowledge and skill exchange and networking among children and youth.
- **Collaboration and Partnership:** Enhance and reinforce collaboration and partnership amongst the government agencies , civil society organizations , private sectors , indigenous people , young people, other vulnerable groups for implementing the plans and programs effectively and efficiently.

**2. Engagement of children and youths in NDC 3.0 and other climate related policies and activities:** Climate Action and advocacy cannot stand tall without the engagement of Children and Youths. We emphasize that policies and campaigns should be launched considering what the next generation demands for. "Nothing about us, without us". We demand for the inclusive engagement of children and youth into climate policies for a stronger climate action.

- **Dedicated section for children and youth:** We urge the government to establish a youth desk and network at MOFE to institutionalize representation, amplify voices and consolidate climate action led by children and young people across Nepal. We demand to assign NDC youth focal points to enhance and recognize the contribution of the young generation in NDCs.
- **Youth engagement in policy building:** We demand for the inclusive representation of children and youth in the policy building processes in all three tiers of government from the planning to monitoring; the diversity and inclusion of young people should be ensured. Youths should be at the table of decision making and climate negotiations.
- **Children and youth friendly and responsive policies:** Children and youth are not only the victims of the climate crisis but also the key stakeholders and agents of change. Therefore, policies should be children and youth friendly with long term and short term targets. We urge the government to uphold priorities identified by children and youth across the world by signing the "Children, Youth, and Climate Action Declaration" made during COP 25 in Madrid.
- **Youth mobilization on the ground:** Special initiative should be taken by the local government to leverage the power of young people thereby mobilizing and engaging them in each stage of local development and climate resilient actions. Local levels should promote child clubs , eco-clubs and youth networks and channelize finance focusing on children and vulnerable populations.

**3. Indigenous knowledge and practices for climate resilience:** The large pool of climate resilient and sustainable indigenous knowledge and practices honing from the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds of Nepal has not yet been recognized well. We call on the government and concerned authorities to document and share those valuable assets widely.

- **Integrated approach to mainstream indigenous knowledge and practices:** Indigenous knowledge, rooted in deep relationships with the land and adaptable to the natural world, is crucial for effective climate solutions. It should be recognized, restored, documented, and integrated with modern science and policies for a safer, resilient, and sustainable future.
- **Ensuring Indigenous Peoples Right and Participation :** Recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples as vital custodians of locally led adaptation and other climate solutions. Ensure their effective participation in climate negotiations at all levels to address historical inequalities and leverage their invaluable knowledge for a sustainable future.
- **Intergenerational Indigenous Knowledge Transfer:** Guided by Indigenous elders, the new generation can learn nature based solutions, sustainable living, biodiversity conservation, and ecosystem preservation. This invaluable knowledge is essential for climate science, policy, and action, helping youth monitor and adapt to climate shifts.



**4. Addressing Climate Loss and Damages :** Children and youth are on the frontline of the adverse impacts due to changing climate. Despite their minimal contribution, they are the one who bears the severe loss and damages. Therefore, we urge upon all to recognize climate justice as a fundamental right and address adverse impacts upon children, young people, women and vulnerable communities.

- **Planned and sustainable development:** We demand for planned, sustainable and resilient development in order to mitigate the severe impacts from climatic and non-climatic disasters like heat waves, wildfires, GLOFs and so on.
- **Weather monitoring and Early warning systems:** Remote sensing and data satellite provisions should be developed for weather monitoring and multi-hazard early warning systems leading to effective disaster risk reduction and management therefore minimizing loss and damage substantially.
- **Evidence based climate policies and actions:** Plans and policies when developed should integrate and be based on scientific data and evidence for climate actions that are effective to address loss and damage.
- **Dedicated finance for children and youths:** The government should allocate dedicated financial resources for addressing the special needs and requirements of children and young people especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities.

**5. Climate Finance:** The current financial mechanism at national and international level is not accessible and effective to reach the targeted and vulnerable communities. We call for investment in children and young people to support youth-led innovations and actions with simplified, transparent and accountable climate financing mechanisms.

- **Inclusive Financial Accessibility:** Implement simplified and accessible climate financing mechanisms specifically designed to reach vulnerable and targeted communities, ensuring equitable distribution of funds.
- **Support to Youth-Led Innovation:** We urge to establish dedicated climate finance programs that prioritize and support youth-led innovations and actions, providing grants, and technical assistance.
- **Transparent and Accountable Mechanisms:** We call for an increase in investment for children and young people along with transparent and accountable financial mechanisms that involve local children, young people and communities in decision-making processes and regularly monitor and report on fund allocation and impact.

LCOY Nepal 2024 "National Youth Statement" is grounded in the recognition of children and youths as pivotal stakeholders in climate action, aligning with global commitments under the Paris Agreement, national and international treaties. It represents the commitment and aspirations of Nepalese youth towards addressing climate change, promoting environmental conservation, and empowering marginalized communities.

## Outcomes of LCOY Nepal 2024

### Short-term Outcome

- Over 1,000 individuals reached through a series of seven virtual sessions, with 200 people participating in person during the two-day LCOY Nepal event.
- Achieved 3 lakh social media engagements per month over five months.
- National Youth Statement prepared as an advocacy tool to amplify youth voices in combating the climate crisis.
- Empowered children and youth through knowledge sharing, meaningful interactions, and capacity-building sessions on topics such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Loss & Damage, and Climate Finance.
- Strengthened networks among youth, indigenous communities, and climate advocacy groups, fostering collaboration and support for climate action in Nepal.
- Documented and disseminated indigenous climate resilience practices, contributing to their preservation and promotion in climate adaptation efforts.

### Long-term Outcome

- Enhanced capacity of over 1,000 children and youth through workshops, discussions, and interactive sessions, improving their skills and knowledge in climate advocacy.
- Inclusivity and accessibility were strengthened, ensuring diverse representation from marginalized groups in the climate movement and environmental discourse.
- Youth perspectives were actively incorporated into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), ensuring that the voices of young people were included in shaping and implementing climate action strategies.
- The event facilitated the promotion and preservation of Indigenous Knowledge and Practices by systematically recording and sharing indigenous climate resilience methodologies, ensuring their continued relevance in climate adaptation efforts.
- A more inclusive and empowered youth community actively participating in climate advocacy and decision-making processes.
- Strengthened collaboration between youth, indigenous communities, and climate groups, leading to more effective climate action in Nepal.



## Environmental Sustainability

LCOY Nepal 2024 promoted 'walk the talk' through following environmentally sustainable practices throughout the entire process:

- Minimal use of plastics and plastic-based products and promoting eco-friendly sustainable practices.
- Ensured low carbon footprint by making efficient use of different eco friendly resources.
- Promoted vegetarian diet and reduced food wastage to reduce carbon footprint.
- Reduced carbon footprints through promoting public transport modes for delegates.
- Gifted handmade mandala arts and indoor plants as a token of love / souvenir to speakers and experts.
- Optimal use of the different resources including logistics and others.
- Post event plantation establishment to offset carbon footprint obtained from the event

## Conclusion

As the curtain falls on LCOY Nepal 2024, we find ourselves on the brink of a transformative chapter in climate action and youth engagement. This year's conference embodied the spirit of the tagline, "From Local to Global, Youth for Climate Action in Nepal," showcasing the power and potential of our youth to drive meaningful change on both a local and global scale. LCOY Nepal 2024 was not merely a gathering; it was a confluence of passionate voices, innovative ideas, and unwavering commitment to combat climate change and champion sustainability. From inspiring keynote speeches to dynamic panel discussions and hands-on workshops, the event was a resounding success. It served as a catalyst for groundbreaking ideas, fostering a vibrant exchange of knowledge and best practices that will inform our future endeavors. The diversity of perspectives and the unity of purpose displayed throughout the event underscored the strength of Nepal's youth as they take center stage in the global climate dialogue. The conference highlighted how local actions in Nepal can ripple outwards, influencing global efforts to address the climate crisis. LCOY Nepal 2024 has not just concluded; it has paved the way for an empowered, resilient, and sustainable tomorrow. The connections made, the knowledge shared, and the commitments forged here will continue to inspire and drive us. Together, we will shape a future where climate justice is not just a dream but a living, breathing reality—where every action taken at the local level contributes to a global symphony of change. With the energy and resolve demonstrated at LCOY Nepal 2024, we are more prepared than ever to make a lasting impact on our world.

## Way Forward

### **Post LCOY Consultations :**

We would organize a series of post-event consultation meetings with key stakeholders, including youth representatives, indigenous community leaders, and climate advocacy groups to amplify our statement into a global process , particularly RCOY APAC , COY 19 and finally leading to representation at COP 29.

### **Post LCOY communication :**

We have created WhatsApp group and emailing platforms that will serve as channels for updates, feedback collection, and collaborative discussions on climate action initiatives inspired by LCOY Nepal 2024.

### **Post LCOY Actions :**

We have created a comprehensive stakeholders engagement plan and committee to engage via regular updates, collaborative projects, and joint advocacy efforts including periodic meetings, progress reports, and opportunities for collaborative action on climate issues.

### **Follow up on Youth Statement implementation :**

It would involve organizing follow-up workshops and webinars, mobilizing youth networks to advocate for the implementation of recommendations from the National Youth Statement and track the immediate impact of the event through Delegates feedback survey.

### **Long-term Monitoring Plans :**

Developing long-term strategy for continued youth involvement in climate action, including establishing mentorship programs and leadership training. Bridge partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations to support ongoing climate initiatives and amplify the voice of the youth.

### **Learnings for LCOY Nepal 2025:**

We should focus on actionable outcomes to drive effective climate policies , engage delegates and young activist on ground for climate action , advocate to enhance inclusivity and transparency in policies and actions at all level .



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