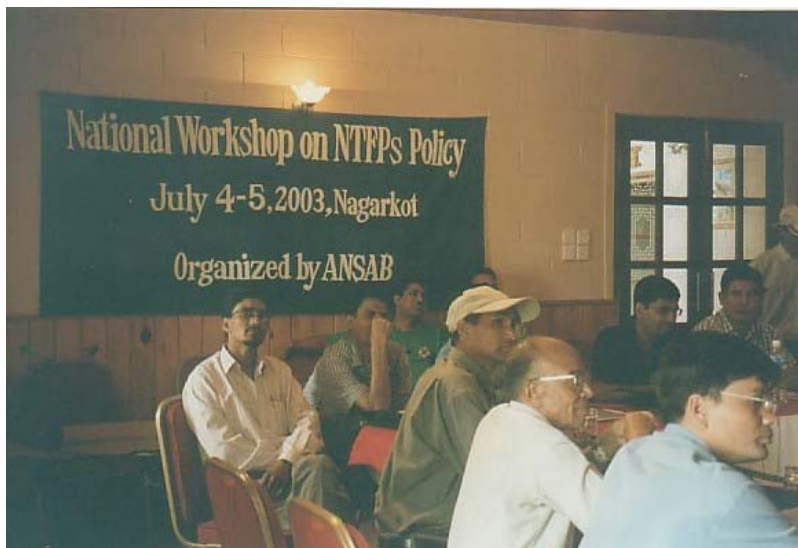


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Abbreviations

ANSAB	Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-resources
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CC	Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee
CCO	Canadian Cooperative Office
CECI	Canadian Center for International Studies and Co-operation
CF	Community Forestry
CFUG	Community Forest User Group
DDC	District Development Committee
DFO	District Forest Office/Officer
DoF	Department of Forest
DPR	Department of Plant Resources
FECOFUN	Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal
FUG	Forest User Group
GO	Governmental Organization
HBTL	Himalayan Bio-Trade Private Limited
HCDA	Humla Conservation and Development Association
HJSS	Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha
HMG	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
HPPCL	Herbs Production and Processing Company Limited
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
IDRC	International Development Research Center
IGA	Income Generating Activities
INGO	International Non-Government Organization
ITDG	Intermediate Technology Development Group
KIRDARC	Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center
MAP	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
MAPPA	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Program in Asia
MF	Ministry of Finance
MFSC	Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation
MLD	Ministry of Local Development
MPFS	Master Plan for the Forestry Sector
NACRMLP	Nepal Australia Community Resource Management and Livelihood Program
NARMSAP	Natural Resource Management Sector Assistance Program
NBS	Nepal Biodiversity Strategy
NEFEJ	Nepal Environmental Federation of Journalists
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NNN	Nepal NTFPs Network
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Product
OP	Operational Plan
PPA	Public Private Alliance
RCDC	Rural Community Development Center
RONAST	Royal Nepal Academy for Science and Technology
SARO	South Asia Regional Office
SLF	Sustainable Livelihood Framework
SNV	The Netherlands Development Organization
UMN	United Mission to Nepal
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAT	Value Added Tax
VDC	Village Development Committee

Executive Summary

Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-resources (ANSAB) organized a national level policy workshop on July 4-5, 2003 at Nagarkot involving widest possible range of stakeholders that represent a variety of institution including Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation (MFSC), Department of Forests (DoF), Department of Plant Resources (DPR), Federation of Community Forest Users Nepal (FECOFUN), Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS), NTFPs promotion Public Private Alliance (PPA), Nepal NTFPs Network (NNN), and donor organizations including USAID and SNV Nepal.

The workshop was organized in order to identify policy related opportunities and policy challenges in NTFPs sub-sector, and make policy recommendation addressing social, economic and environmental concerns.

On the first day of the workshop, the introductory session was initiated in an informal way by portraying Yarshagumba (*Cordyceps sinensis*) in life form as a symbol of all Nepalese NTFPs in the dais. Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi, Executive Director of ANSAB highlighted the background and objective of the workshop. Dr. Keshav Raj Kanel, Deputy Director General of Department of Forests, Dr. Bijan Acharya of USAID Nepal Mission, Mr. Mohan Baniya, Chairman of Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS) and Mr. Hari Prasad Neupane, Advisor of Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal (FECOFUN) addressed the workshop emphasizing the necessity of tangible NTFPs policy and regulatory environment.

After the introductory session, seven different presentations were made on policy issues, each being followed by few queries and clarifications for a short time.

A plenary discussion was initiated regarding the group works on various thematic areas. The participants agreed to concentrate on three main themes during the workshop, *enterprise oriented resource management, enterprise development and marketing and trade*. A task force was finally formed to finalize action plan that will be shared among relevant stakeholders and policy institutions including the Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee. The task force finalized the action plan holding a meet at ANSAB office. The action plan has identified 15 specific areas of potential interventions/actions along with their respective responsible institution and time frame.

The major output of the workshop was Nagarkot declaration for NTFPs policy improvement and recommendations for further actions.

The workshop came up with a need to enhance the policy initiatives that appreciates the role of NTFPs and attempts for creating conducive policy environment. The governmental body also expressed commitment to make conducive policy so that the poor and marginalized group of the society could benefit from NTFPs. Yet, there are some major issues to be improved in the policy level activities like complex collection permit on NTFPs and other legal constraints on transaction and marketing and need to formulate separate plan along with amendments in forest laws and policies. Attempts for promotion of forest and organic certification is also recommended to step forward together with fixing a reasonable timeframe for the process of registration of forest based enterprises. It is also suggested to give reasons for any delay in hand over to the prospective FUG within a specified period of time.

The workshop went perfectly interactive and productive. The Workshop was also able to scrutinize NTFPs policy issues. Major recommendations from the workshop were agreed from all sides to transform it into policy documents and to bring into practice as early as possible.

Section 1. Background, Objective and Process/Method

1.1 Background

Non -Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) have been playing a pivotal role in rural livelihoods in many parts of Nepal. Realizing its importance, a wide range of stakeholders and institutions that are concerned with biodiversity conservation, rural development and poverty reduction are recently paying increased attention to this sub-sector. His Majesty's Government is putting emphasis towards creating conducive policy and legal environment for the entire forestry and more recently on NTFPs recognizing its importance in poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation.

The Master Plan for the Forestry Sector (1989) has accorded high priority for NTFPs, forest based enterprises and biodiversity conservation along with community forestry, which is the highest priority program in the forestry sector. However, it has been many years before the potential of NTFPs for rural economy and local livelihoods was adequately recognized in action.

Since 1995, the Nepal NTFPs Network (NNN) and ANSAB have been reviewing, discussing and consolidating NTFP related policy issues based on the field level experiences and studies in various parts of the country. With the inputs of NNN and the demonstrations of good initiatives taken by its members on the ground, NTFPs were increasingly recognized due for rural poverty alleviation in the 7th, 8th and 9th Five Years Plans. Similarly, the Forest Act (1993) and Rules and Regulations (1995), and guidelines have been made favorable for community based management of forest resources but still need to be tuned for the promotion of NTFPs.

In the mean time, several other networks and institutions like Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS) and Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal (FECOFUN) have emerged to support and facilitate the process of conservation and utilization of NTFPs at the national, regional and grassroots levels. For example, ANSAB and HJSS have commissioned a review of NTFPs related policy issues at the grassroots level by means of multi-stakeholders consultation. All such innovations, discussions and analyses have uncovered several issues pertaining to the NTFPs regulation in the country, which are being time to time brought into notice of planners and policy makers and development practitioners at various forums. FECOFUN with its national to local level networking has become a strategic player in the promotion of NTFPs sub-sector as well. To forward these initiatives a national level forum "Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee (CC)" chaired by Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation has been formed to develop conducive policy environment in this sub-sector.

As a result, the 10th plan explicitly recognized the importance of the management and trade of NTFPs in poverty reduction, biodiversity conservation and ecotourism development.

In order to maximize potential contribution of NTFPs to conservation and community livelihood improvement, there is a growing realization of the need to create an enabling policy environment with simple rules and straight implementation. After the finalization of the 10th plan, the Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee has been working on NTFP policy improvement to achieve the poverty reduction goal. The second meeting of the Committee made a task force to study existing situation and make recommendations to reform policy and regulations. ANSAB is coordinating this taskforce and the policy development process. After the completion of a number of field studies and policy reviews from grassroots perspectives (Darchula, Bajura, Bajhang, Mugu, Dolpa, Humla, Jumla, Kalikot, Dolakha, Sankhuwasava), a national workshop was held in July 4-5, 2003 in Nagarkot by involving widest possible range of stakeholders that represent a variety of institutions including Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MFSC), Department of Forests (DoF) and Department of Plant Resources (DPR), Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal (FECOFUN), Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS), NTFPs Promotion Public Private Alliance (PPA), Nepal NTFPs Network (NNN), and donor organizations including USAID and SNV Nepal. The detail of the program is found in **Annex 1**, and the participants in **Annex 2**.

1.2 Objectives

The workshop was organized in order to identify policy related opportunities and policy challenges in NTFPs sub-sector, and make policy recommendations addressing social (livelihood and equity), economic (production, value addition) and environmental (sustainable harvesting and conservation) concerns. Moreover, the specific objectives of the workshop were to:

- Identify major opportunities and policy challenges of enterprise oriented resource management, enterprise development and marketing, which can be addressed through improved policy provisions and implementation;
- Identify appropriate policy intervention nodes and prepare policy recommendations to enhance the economic and conservation impacts of using biological resources, specifically NTFPs; and
- Interact in an informal setting in order that cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination among often-isolated institutions and stakeholders would improve the policy development process.

1.4 Process and Methods

The process of the workshop included:

- Introduction, agenda setting and planning
- Presentations and sharing
- Identification of thematic areas, group works and interactions among multi-stakeholders, reflections and debriefing, and
- Action planning



Section 2 Highlights of the Workshop

2.1 Introductory Session

On the first day of the workshop, the introductory session was started in an informal way by portraying Yarsagumba (*Cordyceps sinensis*) in life form as a symbol of all Nepalese NTFPs in the dais. Each participant then took a turn for self introduction.

Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi, Executive Director of ANSAB, in his speech welcomed all the participants and highlighted the background and objectives of the workshop. Addressing the workshop, he further underscored the role of NTFPs sub-sector pertaining to poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation. Explaining the existing legal framework, he also mentioned, "Despite good prospects of creating positive results, the impacts of NTFPs policy and regulatory environment on local stakeholders and conservation are moving away from the stated national policy objectives". He wished that this workshop would review and work out explicitly on the prevailing NTFPs policy challenges and prepare viable recommendations in this regard. He again thanked everybody for their presence and expected constructive inputs from each of the distinguished participants.

The Chairperson of Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS), Mr. Mohan Baniya has a word regarding the NTFPs policy matters, and urged that as NTFPs in the high mountains are crucial resources to support rural livelihoods, government policies and practices must be made conducive. He mentioned that the government should take initiation to prepare the NTFPs Master Plan, and the NTFPs should receive special inclination in journals and media.

Mr. Hari Prasad Neupane, Advisor of Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal (FECOFUN), enlightened that Nepal's forest policy is extremely optimistic and progressive but its implementation has endured with a lot of constraints and bottlenecks. Due to improper implementation, the good will and tendency of the policy is not transformed in favor of the poor and marginalized people. He further stressed, "NTFPs is such a sub-sector, in which small investment and inputs can bring a significant change in the rural livelihood."

Dr. Bijnan Acharya from USAID-Nepal Mission viewed that there were several policy issues and challenges in NTFPs sub-sector, because of which the potential contribution of this sub-sector remains unrealized. He also shared that USAID has accorded a special priority for the development of this sub-sector. He wished that this workshop might be noteworthy to contribute to favorable policy changes in the whole NTFPs sub-sector in Nepal.

Dr. Keshav Raj Kanel, Deputy Director General of Department of Forests, in his few words highlighted the characteristics and importance of the NTFPs with various examples from Nepal, Brazil and other areas, and explained that NTFPs sub-sector is found to be coping with a number of problems including policy issues in Nepal. He added, "Government is keen to making conducive policy environment so that the poor and marginalized section of the society could benefit from NTFPs. The recommendations obtained from this workshop will be useful in the policy improvement process."

2.2 Presentations

This session started after the introductory session. Dr. Bijnan Acharya chaired this session. There were 7 different presentations (see Table 1), and each presentation was followed by few queries and clarifications for a short time. The detail of these presentations is found in **Annex 3**.

Table 1: List of Presentations

Topic of Presentations	Presenter(s)
NTFPs in Community Forests: Review of Policy Implementation and Amendments Practices (<i>in nepali</i>)	Mr. Bhim P. Shrestha, FECOFUN
Yarsagumba Documentary Produced by ANSAB	Mr. Ananda Shrestha, ANSAB/NEEFJ
NTFPs Development: Policies and Practices	Dr. Keshav Kanel, Department of Forests (DoF)
General Mandate of DPR and Policy Issues for Herbs and NTFPs Development	Mr. Mahendra Nath Subedi, Department of Plant Resources (DPR)
MAPPA's Experiences and Lessons Learned in Nepal	Dr. Nirmal Bhattra, MAPPA/IDRC
Poverty Reduction through NTFPs: Opportunities, Challenges and the Role of HJSS (<i>in nepali</i>)	Mr. Mohan Baniya, Mr. Man P. Khatri and Mr. Lal Kumar K. C., HJSS
Non Timber Forest Products in Nepal: Major Policy Issues and Recommendations	Mr. Bishma P. Subedi, ANSAB

After completion of all these presentations, Netra Sharma Sapkota (USAID) made an energetic wrap up of all the presentations. By thanking to all for their presentations and clarifications, Dr. Bijnan Acharya closed the session.

2.3 Group Work and Group Presentations

At the end of the day 1st, a plenary discussion was initiated regarding the group works on various thematic areas. Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi led the discussion and clarified the objectives and scope of the group works in the context of this policy workshop. The participants agreed to concentrate (in view of opportunities, challenges and policy recommendations) on three main themes during the group works:

1. *Enterprise-oriented resource management;*
2. *Enterprise development;* and
3. *Marketing and trade.*

All participants were then self-selected into three groups around the themes. The three thematic groups continued the discussion in their respective groups.

The second day of the workshop began with the presentations of the working groups. The session was chaired by Dr. Damodar Prasad Parajuli, Acting-Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MFSC), Nepal. Mr. Ananda Pokharel made a presentation on behalf of enterprise development group; Mr. Charles

Pradhan, enterprise-oriented resource management group and Mr. Parbat Gurung, marketing and trade group. The detail of these presentations is found in **Annex 4**.



2.4 Plenary Discussion and Action Planning

Dr. Damodar Parajuli initiated plenary discussion in order to prepare action plan, which will be shared among relevant stakeholders and policy institutions including the Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee. After a lengthy discussion, the floor suggested forming a task force to finalize action plan, and accordingly, the following task force was formed:

Coordinator:	Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi, Executive Director, ANSAB
Members:	Mr. Dil R. Khanal, FECOFUN representative
	Mr. Mohan Baniya, HJSS Chairperson
	Mr. Bhairab Risal, Environment Journalist
	Dr. Nirmal K. Bhattarai, HMG/N/MAPPA
	Mr. Ran Bahadur Rawal, BIRD

The task force already had a meeting regarding it at ANSAB's office, and finalized the action plan. The action plan has identified 15 specific areas of potential interventions/actions along with their respective responsible institutions and time frame. The detail of the action plan is presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Action Plan

Activities/Events/Issues	Responsibility	When	Remarks
Rationalization and periodic review of NTFPs royalty rates	MFSC, CC, MF	By 1 year time (2060 BS) (before budget)	Workshop identified (new) role of Ministry of Finance (MF)
One window taxation system to be developed	MFSC, CC, MF and MLD	By 1 year time (2060 BS)	Workshop identified (new) role of MoF and MLD
Incentives to enterprises (specially NTFPs based) in establishment and operation (e.g. review the case of 3 km and 5 km distance requirement, 3 parties consensus requirement, tax exemption etc.)	MFSC, CC, MF	By one year time (2060 BS)	
Incentives to private plantation of NTFPs (promotional incentives)	MFSC, CC, MF	By one year time (2060 BS)	
Classify forest products and rules be made different for different products like timber, non-timber (Forest Law)	MFSC, CC	Immediate	
NTFPs resources assessment methodology development	CC/MFSC/DoF/DPR/NGO/INGO	2062 BS	
Master plan for NTFPs sub-sector	MFSC, CC	By 2062 BS	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare plan for master plan development • Preparation of master plan 			
Periodic review of ban (collection as well as export ban) policies of NTFPs	MFSC, CC	First in 6 months (by Poush, 2060) & then regularly at every 2 years	
Forest Certification & Organic Certification (piloting)	PPA, Donors, Civil Society, NGOs	On-going	
Incorporate NTFPs management in CFUG operational plan (Forest Rules)	MFSC, CC	By 2061 BS	
Monitoring mechanism for NTFPs promotion (Strategy development and implementation)	MFSC, CC	By 2061 BS	
Exhibitions about NTFPs at national and international level	CC/MFSC/DoF/DPR/NGO/INGO	Regularly take part & organize	
Study and declaration of provision of special herbal areas with a set of special programs	CC, MFSC, DoF, DPR, HJSS	Immediate	
Modernization of laboratories with required scientific facilities (fully equipped for quality control and export)	DPR, MFSC	Immediate	
Compensation provision to the rural communities (hills and mountains) who are obliged to deprive themselves from utilizing the natural products for the welfare of the world community.	CC, MFSC	Immediate	

Note: MFSC = Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, cc = Herbs and NTFPs Coordination Committee, MoF = Ministry of Finance, MLD = Ministry of Local Development, DPR = Department of Plant Resources, PPA = Public Private Alliance

Similarly, the task force also publicized "Nagarkot Declaration", which is as such given in **Annex 5**. Moreover, some of the media coverage of the workshop is included in **Annex 6**.

2.5 Closing

Dr. Parajuli continued to chair in the closing session of the workshop. In the closing event, Dr. Bijnan Acharya, Mr. Mohan Baniya, Dr. Keshav Kanel and Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi put their views about the workshop.

Dr. Bijnan Acharya said that the workshop went perfectly interactive, live and productive. He further accentuated that it was able to review prevailing policy issues/constraints on NTFPs and identify practical recommendations.

Mr. Mohan Baniya went on appreciating ANSAB for organizing the policy workshop in his closing words and further added that this workshop was able to scrutinize NTFPs policy issues. He urged that the recommendations obtained from group works at the workshop should be transformed into policy documents and realized into practice as early as possible. He reiterated that government should declare "Jadibuti Areas" with a special set of programs.

Dr. Keshav Kanel highlighted that the workshop was very productive and added that it has given new insights of analyzing policy and practices with multi-perspectives. He stressed having adequate studies on NTFPs policy, technology and marketing, so that recommendations on either aspect will be more practical.

Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi in his remarks thanked to all participants for their presence and valuable contribution to the workshop. He appreciated that, because of the presence of wide range of stakeholders, it was a wonderful opportunity to gain and share facts, knowledge and insights on key policy issues in relation to enterprise oriented resource management, enterprise development, and marketing and trade of Non-Timber Forest Products. He emphasized on having a collaborative and team approach to move forward in this initiative.

At the end, Dr. Parajuli thanked everybody for their continuous efforts making this workshop a grand success. He said that the workshop was able to examine NTFPs policy opportunities and challenges, and provide recommendations for policy reform. He assured that MFSC would receive them sanguinely, as government is also committed to promote the NTFPs sub-sector as a means of poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation.

Section 3: Recommendations and Conclusion

Recommendations

Following points are recommended for further action/implementation.

- Implementation of one window system for tax collection, reviewing of existing revenue rate of NTFP along with timely review on it.
- Introduction of special programs in major areas that are important in respect with NTFPs, declaring them herbal area.
- Promotion of Forest and Organic Certification.
- Provision of adequate encouragement for growing and marketing of forest products from private land.
- Management of laboratory, equipped with necessary facilities for quality test of forest products and then to promote NTFPs, in national and international market.
- Avoidance of complex collection permit on NTFPs and other legal constraints on transaction and marketing.
- Removal of complex formalities and procedures for transport and trade of timber and NTFPs.
- Provide due consideration on scientific studies as well as public hearing while making decisions on bans.
- Development of suitable criteria /methods for fixing and revising royalty rates.
- Fix a reasonable timeframe for the process of registration of forest-based enterprises.
- Allow FUGs to establish enterprises even when the part or full amount of raw materials comes from other community, private or government forests.
- Revise the criteria of accessibility for NTFPs and relative manageability.
- Add a chapter on NTFP management in operational plan.
- Give reasons for any delay in hand over to the prospective FUG within a specified period of time.

Conclusion

NTFPs National Policy Workshop conducted from July 4 to 5, 2003 has brought some concrete results in respect with action oriented activities in identifying major opportunities and policy challenges of enterprise oriented resource management as well as different social, economic and environmental issues.

The workshop also identified appropriate policy intervention nodes and prepared policy recommendations to enhance the economic and conservation impacts of using biological resources, specifically NTFPs. The workshop felt a need to enhance the policy initiation that appreciates the role of NTFPs and attempts for creating conducive policy environment. As effectiveness of the program mainly depends upon the strategies and implementation procedures based on the improvements made through learning by doing process, policy review process has to be built on accordingly, and also considering the past experiences, reflections and learning from grassroots experience and NNN.

In this connection, the government body also expressed its interest in formulating conducive policy environment so that the poor and marginalized group of the society could benefit from NTFPs.

Presence of wide range of stakeholders made the opportunity a success to gain and share facts, knowledge and insights on key policy issues in relation to enterprise development and marketing and trade of NTFPs.

On the whole the workshop was very fruitful to bring issues and suggestion for policy improvement and further action especially in poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation.



Annexes

1: Workshop Program

July 3, 2003

Sharp 17:00 Bus leaves to Nagarkot from ANSAB office
18:00-19:00 Arrival of all participants at **Hotel Country Villa, Nagarkot**
(phone no. 4221012, 6680128)
19:00-19:30 Briefing (logistics)
19:30-20:30 Dinner

July 4, 2003

08:00-09:00 Registration and Breakfast
09:00-10:00 Inauguration Session

- Welcome and introduction of the participants
- Workshop objectives
- Few words from distinguished guests
- Session closing

10:00-10:15 Tea Break
10:15-12:30 Presentation and discussion

- Presentation from ANSAB and HJSS
- Presentation from DoF/Community Forestry Division
- Presentation from Department of Plant Resources

12:30-13:30 Lunch
13:30-14:20 Presentation and discussion continue

- Presentation from IDRC/MAPPA
- Presentation from FECOFUN

14:20-14:50 Video show
14:50-15:30 Group works on thematic areas (opportunities, challenges and policy recommendations)

- Enterprise-oriented resources management
- Enterprises development
- Marketing and trade

15:30-15:45 Tea Break
15:45-17:30 Group works on thematic areas continue
17:30-17:45 Wrap up of the day first
19:30-21:00 Reception dinner

July 5, 2003

08:00-09:00 Breakfast
09:00-10:00 Presentation of the group works, discussion and reflection
10:00-10:15 Tea Break
10:15-11:00 Presentation of the group works, discussion and reflection
11:00-12:00 Plenary discussion on lessons learned and action planning
12:00-12:30 Closing of the workshop
12:30-13:30 Lunch
14:00 Bus departure for Kathmandu.

2: List of Participants

S.N.	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Mr. Dhruba Raj Bhattarai	Forestry Officer	Department of Forests, MFSC
2	Mr. Mahendra N. Subedi	Research Officer	Department of Plant Resources, MFSC
3	Dr. Keshav Kanel	Deputy Director General	Community Forestry Division, Department of Forests, MFSC
4	Mr. Santosh Bhandari	Forest Officer	Far -Western Regional Directorate of Forestry
5	Mr. Mahendra Chaudhary	District Forest Officer	DFO, Jumla
6	Dr. Bijnan Acharya	Cognizant Technical Officer	USAID/Nepal
7	Mr. Netra N. Sharma Sapkota	AID DPA	USAID/Nepal
8	Dr. Nirmal K. Bhattarai	Coordinator	MAPPA/IDRC
9	Mr. Babu Ram Pathak	Team Leader	ITDG
10	Dr. Rana B. Rawal	Chairman	BIRD
11	Mr. Francisco Tolentino	Micro & Small Forest Enterprise Development Advisor	SNV Nepal
	Ms. Katy Philip		CECI
12	Mr. Charles Pradhan	Canada Fund Coordinator	CCO
13	Mr. Rajendra Khanal	Agriculture & Economic Development Specialist	CARE Nepal
14	Mr. Raj B. Shrestha	Senior Programme Officer	NARMSAP
15	Mr. Dyutiman Chaudhary	Associate Expert - Enterprise Development	ICIMOD
	Mr. Murari Joshi	Soil Conservation Specialist	NACRMLP
16	Mr. M.L. Jayaswal	Research Officer	New ERA
17	Dr. Keshar Man Bajracharya	Academician/ Chairman	RONAST/Nepal Foresters' Association
18	Mr. Bishnu Prasad Acharya	General Secretary	Ranger Association of Nepal
19	Mr. Hari Sharan Luitel	Forest Officer	Forest Action
20	Ms. Hima Chapagain		Herbs Production & Processing Company Limited (HPPCL)
21	Mr. Parbat Gurung	Managing Director	HBTL
22	Mr. C.P. Bhattarai		Environment Conservation & Development Forum, Taplejung
23	Mr. Cheth Nath Tripathi		Nature Enterprise & Consultancy, UMN
24	Mr. Bhairab Risal	Member	NEFEJ
25	Mr. Bhim Prasad Shrestha	Chairman	FECOFUN Central
26	Mr. Dil Raj Khanal	Legal Trainer	FECOFUN Central
27	Mr. Hari Neupane	Advisor	FECOFUN Central
28	Mr. Mohan Singh Dhami	Member	FECOFUN Darchula
29	Mr. Ananda Pokharel	General member	HJSS, Dolakha
30	Mr. Mohan Baniya	Chairperson-Central committee	HJSS, Mugu
31	Mr. Man P. Khatrri	Vice-Chairperson- Central committee	HJSS, Bajhang
32	Mr. Lal Kumar KC	Treasurer - Central committee	HJSS, Dolakha

S.N.	Name	Designation	Organization
33	Mr. Debi Lal Thapa	Central Member	HJSS, Jumla
34	Mr. Gorakh B. Bogati	Central Member	HJSS, Humla
35	Mr. Aja Bahadur Giri	District Chairperson	HJSS, Kalikot
36	Mr. Lal Bahadur Thapa	District Chairperson	HJSS, Bajura
37	Mr. Ganesh Thagunna	District Chairperson	HJSS, Darchula
38	Mr. Tulsi Pd. Neupane	District Chairperson	HJSS, Shankhuwasabha
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40	Mr. Gopal Bam	Chairperson	Rural Community Development Center (RCDC), Mugu
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44	Mr. Ram Prasad Acharya	Community Forestry Officer	ANSAB
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49	Mr. Raj Kumar Pandey	Forestry Officer	ANSAB
50	Mr. Tika Ram Panta	Finance Officer	ANSAB
51	Mr. Ananda Shrestha		NEFEJ
52	Mr. Ashok Yogi		Karnali Integrated Rural Development & Research Center (KIRDARC), Jumla
53	Mr. Bal Ram Pyasi	Journalist	Space Time Daily
54	Mr. Hiralal Biswakarma	Journalist	R.S.S
55	Mr. Anil Giri	Journalist	The Annapuran Post

3: Presentation

4: *Group Work and Group Presentations*

5: Nagarkot Declaration

नगरकोट घोषणा जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार नीति सुधार २०६० श्रावण ५, काठमाण्डौ

दिगो कृषि तथा जैविक स्रोतका लागि एसियाली नेटवर्क (एन्साव) को आयोजनामा २०६० साल आषाढ २०-२१ सम्म नगरकोटमा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार नीति सम्बन्धी राष्ट्रिय कार्याशाला गोष्ठी सम्पन्न भएको थियो । उक्त गोष्ठीमा प्रस्तुत गरिएका कार्यपत्रहरु र छलफलबाट औल्याइएका सवाल र सुझावहरुलाई विश्लेषण एवं एकिकृत गरी माननीय वन तथा भू-संरक्षण मन्त्रिज्यूको अध्यक्षतामा गठित जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार समन्वय समिति समक्ष नीतिगत सुधारको निमित्त सुझावहरु पेश गर्न र उक्त गोष्ठीले निकालेको घोषणा जारी गर्नको लागि एन्सावका कार्यकारी निर्देशक श्री भीष्म प्रसाद सुवेदीको संयोजकत्वमा एक कार्यदल गठन भएको थियो । यस कार्यदलको आज मिति २०६० श्रावण ६ गते एन्सावको कार्यालयमा बसेको बैठकले यो नगरकोट घोषणा सार्वजनिक गरेको छ ।

१. दिगो तथा उत्पादनशील जडीबुटी व्यवस्थापन, जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारमा आधारित उद्यम विकास र निजी क्षेत्रमा जडीबुटी खेतीको लागि प्रोत्साहन गर्ने,
२. जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारमा आधारित उद्यम विकासमा सहयोग पुग्ने गरी वन नीति तथा कानूनमा सुधार गर्दै यस क्षेत्रको लागि छुट्टै गुरुयोजनाको निर्माण गर्ने,
३. जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारको विद्यमान राजस्व दर र कर प्रणालीलाई पुनरावलोकन गरी समयानुकूल सुधार गर्दै कर संकलनमा एकद्वार प्रणाली लागु गर्ने,
४. जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारको दृष्टिकोणले महत्वपूर्ण भू-भागहरुलाई विशेष जडीबुटी क्षेत्र घोषणा गरी विशेष कार्यक्रम लागु गर्ने,
५. वन प्रमाणीकरण (Forest Certification) र जैविक प्रमाणीकरण (Organic Certification) लाई प्रोत्साहन गर्ने,
६. वन पैदावारको गुणस्तर जाँचको लागि आवश्यक सुविधा सहितको प्रयोगशालाको व्यवस्था गर्ने र जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारको राष्ट्रिय तथा अन्तराष्ट्रिय बजारमा प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने,
७. जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावारको संकलन पूर्जी, ओसारपसार र विक्री वितरण प्रक्रियामा पाइएका कानूनी अवरोध तथा बाधाहरु साथै गैरकानूनी अवरोधहरु हटाउने ।
८. नेपालका हिमाली तथा पहाडी क्षेत्रका समुदायहरुले उनीहरुको आफ्नो स्थानमा प्रकृतिले दिएको उपजहरु विश्व समुदायको हितका लागि लोपोन्मुख हुनबाट बचाउन उपयोग नगर्दा वा सम्भावित दुर्व्यसन रोकन उत्पादन नगर्दा भोक र गरीबीले जकडिएका स्थानीय बासिन्दाहरुको जीवन निर्वाहको विकल्प नै खोसिएकोले क्षतिपूर्तिको व्यवस्था गर्नुपर्ने ।

साथै यस कार्यदलको बैठकले जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार समन्वय समिति समक्ष पेश गर्नको लागि यी सुझावहरु कार्यान्वयन गर्ने प्रक्रिया, त्यसको लागि जिम्मेवार निकायहरु र अनुमानित समय अवधि सहितको कार्ययोजनालाई पनि अन्तिम रुप दिएको छ । यसरी तयार भएका गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार नीति सम्बन्धी राष्ट्रिय कार्याशाला गोष्ठीको प्रतिवेदन, त्यसका आधारमा निर्धारित महत्वपूर्ण सुझावहरु र त्यसको कार्यान्वयनको लागि कार्ययोजना समेत संयुक्त रुपमा जडीबुटी तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदावार समन्वय समिति समक्ष प्रस्तुत गर्ने योजना रहेको छ ।

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5: Nagarkot Declaration

Nagarkot Declaration NTFP Policy Improvement 21st July, 2003 Kathmandu

Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-resources (ANSAB) organized a two days long *Non-Timber Forest Products, National Policy Workshop* on July 4-5, 2003. Analyzing and integrating the issues and recommendations through the presentations and discussions made in the workshop, a working committee was formed under the coordination of Mr. Bhishma P. Subedi, Executive Director of ANSAB to prepare and publicize the declaration formulated by the workshop and to put forward recommendations for policy amendment to the NTFPs co-ordination committee that is set up under the chairmanship of Minister for Forest and Soil conservation. The working committee has made the following declaration public at a meeting in ANSAB office holding on 21st July 2003.

- Promote management of sustainable and productive medicinal plants, NTFP based enterprise development and cultivation of medicinal plants at private sector.
- Formulate separate master plan for this sector along with the reformation in forest laws and policies in order to support NTFP based enterprise development.
- Implement one window system for tax collection, reviewing the existing revenue rate of NTFP together with simultaneous review on it.
- Introduce special programs in major areas that are important in respect with NTFPs, declaring them 'Herbal Area'.
- Promote Forest Certification and Organic Certification.
- Manage the laboratory, equipped with necessary facilities for quality test of forest products and then to promote NTFPs in national and international market.
- Avoid complex collection permit on NTFPs and other legal constraints on transaction and marketing.
- Make a compensation for down trodden people, who are not utilizing natural products in the name of conserving them for welfare of the world community and those not making use of NTFP to control the potential illegal impacts. The need for provision is urgent, as their way for livelihood has been taken away.

Along with it, the working committee meeting also has given the action plan a final form to submit it to the NTFP co-ordination committee with roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders and expected duration of time.

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6: *Media Coverage of the Workshop*