



A half day workshop
On

Water Security in Dhulikhel and Surroundings: Opportunities for Innovation

Date: 31st January 2016

Time: 11PM-3PM

Venue: Municipality Hall, Dhulikhel, Kavre

Background

In recent years, Nepal is urbanizing rapidly, number of municipalities has been increased to 217, and the trend of increasing urbanization is continued. To provide the basic needs such as drinking water, road, drainage system, and electricity to the communities living in urban areas is becoming a challenge. Along with rapid urbanization trends, the changing climate has brought further several challenges to natural resources and biodiversity. The condition of watersheds and aquatic ecosystems has been deteriorating due to the lack of appropriate management system and over-exploitation of natural resources is rampant. Simultaneously, an appropriate management and good governance of water resources in urban area has been emerged as another challenge for the local institutions. The manifestation of distinct nature of negotiation over water resources and their management between the upstream and downstream communities has been emerging, and somewhere disputes in the use of and management to water resources can be observed. Due to the lack of local elected political bodies, further obstacles are emerged for the management and governance of the water resources.

Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) has been conducting an empirical research on water security and livelihoods focusing on the communities of Dhulikhel, Kavre. Our research reveals that watershed management is crucial for securing water needs which we realized that it ultimately contribute to enhance the livelihoods. In this context, SIAS in collaboration with the District Development Committee (DDC), Dhulikhel is going to organize a half day workshop on “Water Security in Dhulikhel and Surroundings: Opportunities for Innovation” inviting the key local stakeholders for discussion and sharing of their valuable experience. The main objective of a half day workshop is to create a common understanding and collaboration among stakeholders for watershed management.