

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Name/title: Mr.	Nagdev Yadav Government Delegate member (President-CDAFN, Mahottari)	Organization CDAFN- 9854022997	Travel Authorization:
Approved Itinerary: 06 November 2022-19 November	Mission Nepal's Delegation to COP 27/CMP 17/CMA 4, 06 Nov-19 Nov 1.YADAV/NAGDEV J9 540 KTM-KUWAIT 04 NOV 2022 Departure 02:30 J9 731 KUWAIT- CAIRO 04 NOV 2022 Departure 10:05 <i>From and to Cairo to Sharm El Sheikh, I accompanied with the team from Oxford Policy Management (OPM) and they paid for me too and we travelled by vehicle/land way.</i> J9 732 CAIRO-KUWAIT 19 NOV 2022 Departure 13 :00 J9 539 KUWAIT- KTM 19 NOV 2022 Departure 18 :15		
Inclusive Travel Dates:	Key counterpart(s): 1. Mr. Nagdev Yadav- Nepal Government Delegate (CDAFN-President) 2. Sushil Dhakal- Executive Director- CDAFN		
Purpose/Objective of Mission:	To provide expert support role to the delegate member of Nepal government during COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.		

Summary of the Program:

The 14-day stay in Egypt, Sharm El Sheikh in connection with the COP27 was very useful and a special learning experience for me. In the parallel sessions that were going on every day, we, the members of the Nepalese delegates, were participated by looking at the relevant theme and managing time. We focused more on presentations and panel discussions and interactions on thematic issues such as climate change, water supply, water resources, watersheds management and forests conservation. During the panel discussion at the water pavilion on water energy and climate nexus, we also participated in the presentation of the party head of Nepal, Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel (Secretary Forest and Environment Ministry Federal government), and also provided my inputs while the preparation of the presentations of other secretaries. Similarly, I also attended the discussion on how the government, civil society and stakeholders can work in a coordinated manner on climate issues.

We strongly kept our voice mentioning that due to climate change, the negative impact on our watersheds, forest, Siwalik and agricultural areas, Himalayan areas and the direct effects on the human community cannot be ignored. Although our role in the creation of these problems is insignificant, we have also drawn the attention of developed and 1st world countries that we had to bear the brunt of it. Presenting some examples of the good conservation practices

specially on Chure and watershed conservation, we have done at the local level, we also emphasized that plans and policies should be decided in the direction of making these practices more comprehensive and expanding.

The agreement on the matter of setting up a larger fund to achieve the issues committed before this COP27 and supporting the underdeveloped and developing countries can be considered as a notable corner stone this time.

There was an award ceremony organized by the Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) and DAI in the Resilience hub making it as a side events of the COP27. By applying to the global call opened by the organization founded by the former Secretary General of the UN, Banki Moon, we were able to be the first, surpassing thousands of competitors. The award given to us was Local Adaptation Champions Award's first award in the Local Innovation category. Ministers and high delegates from various countries were attended at the ceremony, including the party head of Nepal, Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel, and other high government representatives and from other organizations. On the occasion, the founder president of GCA Mr. Banki Moon virtual addressed that the award was started from this year and that it has great importance and dignity. He congratulated and expressed the best wishes to the 1st award winners given in four categories and expected for the good works will continue to expand and develop in the future. Arrangements were made to give the award from the hands of the Secretary of the Government of Nepal Forest and Environment and the party head of COP delegates Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel. While congratulating the award winner, Dr. Kandel said that it has increased the pride of Nepal even if a small NGO won this global competition. Our Executive Director Mr. Sushil Dhakal was invited by CGA as the recipient of the award and both of us jointly received the award, and on behalf of our organization, he also thanked the organizers and jury members for trusting us and selecting us for this award. We also expressed that this has increased our responsibility and liability further. The prize money was 15,000 euros and a certificate. Other winners in different categories included organizations from India, Bangladesh and Kenya.

The next day, we had the opportunity to share our nature base solutions activities and success stories for about 40 minutes. My self and our Executive Director did the presentation, which was conducted at the pavilion of GCA. Some questions of the participants were also addressed on that occasion.

Recommendations / follow up actions:

- Extending our learning and best practices further and making them more effective
- Advocating for a joint effort by conveying the successful conservation practices at the local level to the local, provincial and federal governments.
- Present proposals to international partner organizations to cooperate in the issue of climate change adaptation and natural resource management.
- Raise the voice continuously for awareness to fulfill the commitments made by various nations on working climate issues

Annexes: Photos from the event.





Any other comments
None.

Signature:
