



"GREEN PARTNER'S SAY"



Prof. Dr.Bhola Thapa Vice Chancellor, Kathmandu

It is our great pleasure to be a part of the Unity for Sustainability mission brought forward by the Annapurna Media Network. We have started to witness the positive impact on society through the advocacy and campaigns under this movement. As the Green Partner for this social initiative, Kathmandu University feels the pride of engaging its faculty members from different Schools in the development of relevant knowledge products and services. In the face of global transition toward green thoughts, green lifestyle, and green technologies, Nepal as a developing country needs huge efforts at social transformation to understand the need for the

change to protect the planet from climate change. The efforts made today by Annapurna Media Network will spin off the benefits to the generation ahead. We extend our best wishes and will contribute to the efforts to the best of our capabilities.

Ever since humans entered the industrial era, the development activities have added an enormous amount of greenhouse gasses causing a rise in the global temperature. Energy use is responsible for emissions of almost 3/4th of the greenhouse gasses. The rising thrust for cheaper energy to fulfill the unquenchable demands of society is causing emission-induced climate change leading to the unnatural phenomenon. This has led to unexpected environmental calamities disturbing the function of nature to sustain the existence of life on earth. Asso. Prof.Dr.Biraj Singh Thapa Learning from mistakes, human evolution is arriving at the social maturity to understand the need for a



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"Carbon Neutral Society". This would be a new era for humanity, a paradigm shift towards understanding the unity between 'habit and habitat'. The Carbon Neutral Society demands a very strong political conviction and transformation at the individual, institutional, and societal levels. Not only is green energy essential but also green conduct reflected in thoughts and behaviors is necessary to achieve the Carbon Neutral Society. For a country like Nepal, the awareness of Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality is still not sufficient. Several focused campaigns and targeted programs are necessary to elevate the general conscience to a critical level. The Unity for Sustainability Program has been leading the Climate Change Dialogue in Nepal. We believe this program will reach the general public through the Annapurna Media Network and induce green thoughts and lifestyles at the individual level, a low carbon system and practices at the institutional level, and a sustainable economic ecosystem at the community level. A broader scale of participation from a wider sector representing government, development agencies, the private sector, civil society, and the general public is necessary to produce a visible impact of the initiative.

UFS 's May 2022 Highlights: Green Citizen's Code of Conduct

Hence as a responsible citizen who not only cares about the present situation but also would like to hand over the sustained future of the earth to future generations, I take a pledge that:

- When we reduce fossil-fuel pollution, it improves the health and security of our community.
- Investing in climate solutions means investing in our community.
- I am affirmative that the greatest action on climate begins with us. • I acknowledge that Climate Change is already affecting our community.
- I care about climate change because acting for the well-being of everyone in our community is my responsibility.
- Some groups in our city are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including children, the elderly, the sick and poor, and disadvantaged communities.
- It is up to me and my fellow respected community members to lead on climate.
- Our community is blessed with determined and qualified leaders who want to lead on climate.

I ALSO PLEDGE TO:



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MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER



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Climate Transparency is a global partnership with a shared mission to stimulate a "race to the top" in climate action in countries through enhanced transparency. According to the NDC Transparency Check, this is also a major aspect of the climate action and G20 countries' transition to a net-zero emissions economy. The partnership of the countries aim to contribute to civil society efforts to provide an independent review of the Global Stocktake of the UNFCCC, which will be done for the first time in 2023. Unless we ignite our thought process and behavioral change-related activities sustainable and affordable practices we can't imagine the roadmap guided by the Paris agreement for climate action. So,

as responsible media, we have always urged the general population from grassroots people to the policy groups to voluntarily be involved in this noble cause. We need to count every step towards sustainability and responsible green gateway of our growth modality. We have collaborated, sensitized and partnered with various global campaigns like Shadguru's Save Soil movement here in Nepal. We have also published a citizens' green code of conduct in association with Kathmandu University, organized a roundtable discussion on biodiversity and endangered species. Also, we led a discussion with various environmentalists on solid waste management, bio technology, green spaces in city forestry and animal rights issues. UFS have formed a climate journalist circle. We should work to collect and share a proper climate database by the climate coalition among working groups that include the media. UFS is requesting the stakeholders to take required steps as an initiation to ensure every institution that has enabled to accelerate sustainable climate change mitigation with better climate monitoring tools. UFS is also focusing on proper management of every natural resource which will be equipped to protect our environment that ensures every climate action in a rightful manner.

ACTIVITIES



AMN-UFS organized a round table discussion on the auspicious occasion of the International week for Biological Diversity (IDB) on 29th May, 2022 with the theme of "Biodiversity and Endangered species" at Radio Annapurna FM 94.0, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu. Environmentalists shared their insights on the theme of the day





The MoU was signed with the sole purpose of establishing the terms and conditions under which AMN will run the Campaign for leading the climate change dialogue broadly collaborating on the objectives but not limited to them and Conscious Planet will be associated in the campaign as a 'Green Partner'. The objectives of MoU is to lead policy dialogue imitation on climate change and saving soil quality. We also work on environmental protection awareness campaigns through AMN media vehicles exploring the local knowledge and technology to mitigate the climate change issues. Series of campaigns on various issues such as tree plantation, biodiversity protection, climate change, livelihood protecting sources, and various soil issues will be addressed. A MoU was exchanged between AMN Group CEO Sanat Neupane and Conscious Planet Save Soil Coordinator Arung Singh.





UFS's Green Partner, Khalisisi organized one day solid waste management training to the school level students of Shikshantar School Kathmandu. Students got an awareness session followed by a scrapyard tour. They enjoyed the program and educated themselves to respect the sanitary workers who work in solid waste management sectors.



This year's Radio theme at the Bhanu Poem festival is focused on climate change. This poem collection process has been started already. In picture Dr Bombahadur Jital, Dr Mitrabandhu poudel, Mr Bhishma Uperiti, Prabha Acharya are the judges of the program. The UFS team joined the group Photo.





"Let's pledge to abide the green citizen's code of conduct for a green and sustainable future."

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UFS Green partner Simply Automatic calls for action to save energy from individual level. This organization provides automation and energy saving services and technologies for the households purposes.

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