

**LIFE IS JUST A MIRROR, AND WHAT YOU SEE OUT THERE, YOU MUST FIRST SEE INSIDE OF YOU**

### **NAPA INCEPTION WORKSHOP**

UNDP has been providing support to for the preparation of National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) on the climate change. An inception workshop of NAPA was organized with the objective of highlighting components of NAPA and operational modality at Kathmandu from 25-26 May, 2009. Among others, Dr. Narayan Chaulagain, ED/AEPC, Mr. Kiran Man Singh, NPM/REDP and Mr. Manoj Khadka, REDA/REDP attended the workshop and stressed the need for regular consultative process at the local level with the active participation of community people through District Energy and Environment Sections and Units (DEES/U) that are operational in 72 districts. For this, the NASA should strengthen the capacities of DEESs/Us to carry out the activities including the identification of adaptation needs and priorities needs. Most importantly, the workshop, attended by stakeholders working on climate change, has acknowledged the energy sector is one of the vulnerable sectors and accepted it as a thematic component for the preparation of NAPA. The Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology is the implanting agency of the project is supported by UNDP, GEF, DFID and DANIDA.

### **COLLABORATION BETWEEN ADDCN AND PAF**

ADDCN and the Poverty Alleviation Fund (PAF) has recently signed a decision paper with the objective of enhancing the planning and implementation of district level rural energy activities in energy and environment sector to the poorest of the poor communities. ADDCN plans to organize regional meetings in all five development regions in order to make DDCs and PAF district units and stakeholders aware of the purpose and working modality of the agreement. It is envisaged that once operationalized, the collaboration will help expedite the promotion of rural energy technologies benefiting more to the people from the lowest economic start. *(Based on information provided by Mr. Anil Kaphle, Energy and Environment Officer, ADDCN)*

### **PROCUREMENT TRAINING**

The World Bank Country Office Nepal has organized two days long Procurement Training at Kathmandu from 21-22 May, 2009. The intensive training was provided to the officials who are responsible for carrying out the procurement under the Bank funded projects. The training was focused to the process and modality to be followed for implementing procurement of goods and consultant services as per the guidelines agreed by GoN and the World Bank. The training was attended by Dr. Narayan Chaulagain, ED/ AEPC, Mr. Bishnu Kharel, Account Officer/AEPC and Mr. Manoj Khadka, REDA/REDP.

### **THIRD EEDMU CLUSTER MEETING**

The Third Cluster Keeping of Environment, Energy & Disaster Management Unit (EEDMU) of UNDP was convened on 14 May 2009. Hosted by the Small Grant Project (SGP/GEF), the meeting agenda were (1) GEF SGP presentation highlighting project brief, best practices and major challenges, and (2) operational update from UNDP dealing with the audit learning, monitoring issues and delivery. Mr Gopal Sherchan briefly introduced SGP projects in Nepal and highlighted its achievements and best practices. Mr Vivek Dhar Sharma also made brief introduction to SGP global database and challenges. Prior to the presentation, books on "Success stories- Small Grant but Big Boon (Part two)" in Nepali and "Renaissance of Slarsh and Burn Farming (Khoriya Farming)-Experience from Makawanpur" (in English) were distributed to participants. The recognitions received by SGP/GEF were (1) Ryuotaro Hashimoto award to SGP Grantee "Manahari Development Institute (MDI)", (2) Abraham conservation award to Vijaya Shrestha of SGP Grantee "Dolphin Conservation Centre", (3) Tech museum award to Babu Raja Shrestha of SGP Grantee "CRE" along with ECCA, and (4) Best Practice award to SGP Nepal Office for outstanding Project database information. Likewise, the challenges of SGP project included (1) timely reporting by CBOs or local NGOs, (2) exit strategy for biodiversity project, (3) focal area Vs livelihood, (4) operational management, (5) high risk on innovative projects, and (6) NGO staff turnover.

UNDP ARR Mr. Vijaya Singh informed that the annual budget delivery target of all projects is more than 90%. He emphasized on the back to office report of monitoring visits, which will later help follow up of the project activities. The audit reports have raised some issues that are required be addressed properly in the coming days. Finally, Mr. Singh thanked all the participants and highlighted the importance of cluster meeting in developing conducive environment for effective co-ordination and synergy. The meeting adjoined with the agreement to hold 4<sup>th</sup> Environment Cluster Meeting at CSUWN Office, Babarmahal on 4th June 2009.