



National सहकारी बैंक लिमिटेड
Co-operative Bank Limited (NCBL)

NEDAC/NCBL WORKSHOP

Current trends, Prospects, and Challenges to Climate-resilient Cooperative sector



5 April 2023

13:00 - 17:30 PM (Kathmandu Time)

Kathmandu, Nepal

OUR SPEAKERS



Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha
Executive Director
Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal

Chief Guest



Ms. Ranjita Shrestha
Minister of Land Management,
Cooperatives and Poverty
Alleviation, Government of Nepal



Dr. Vishnu Prasad Pandey
Professor (Water Resources)
Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Opening Remarks



Mr. K.B. Upreti
Chairman,
NCBL, Nepal

Address by Chairman, NEDAC



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS
Chairman, NEDAC, Bangkok
Managing Director, NCDC, India

Moderator



Mr. Badri Guragain
Chief Executive Officer,
National Cooperative Bank Limited, Nepal





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Mandala Hall, Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu, Nepal

Workshop Objectives:

1. To create a conducive environment for climate-resilient policy dialogue among stakeholders,
2. To gather expert opinion in mitigating climate change impacts, and
3. To integrate innovation to lessen climate change impacts.

Time	Program	Speaker
12:00 - 13:00	Registration / High Tea	
13:00 - 13:10	Opening Remarks	Mr. K.B. Upreti Chairman, NCBL
13:10 - 13:20	Chairman's Address	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS Chairman, NEDAC
13:20 - 13:30	Address by Chief Guest	Ms. Ranjita Shrestha Minister of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of Nepal
13:30 - 15:00	Keynote: Tools to Battle Current Financial Crisis in Cooperatives	Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha Executive Director, Nepal Rastra Bank
15:00 - 15:30	Tea Break	
15:30 - 17:00	Keynote: Responding to climate change through climate-resilient agriculture	Dr. Vishnu Prasad Pandey Professor (Water Resources), Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
17:00 - 17:15	Wrap-up and Conclusion	Mr. Badri Guragain CEO, NCBL
17:15 - 17:30	Closing Remarks	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal Chairman, NEDAC

SPEAKER PROFILES



Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha
Executive Director, Nepal Rastra Bank

Dr. Shrestha is currently Executive Director of the Economic Research Department, Nepal Rastra Bank. He has the responsibilities of macroeconomic data compilation and publication, monetary policy formulation and economic research as well as roll of economic adviser. He joined Nepal Rastra Bank in 1997 and spent a long time in the Research Department of the Bank. He also served various offices of the Bank in different capacities, including the Executive Director of the Microfinance Supervision and Promotion Department (2019-2020) and the Head of Nepal Rastra Bank's Provincial Office in Siddharthnagar (2015). On deputation from the bank, he served as Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Finance (2020-2021) and Vice Chairman of the Province Planning Commission of Lumbini Province (2018-2019), where he involved in formulating the first five-year plan of the province.

He obtained Master's Degree in Economics from Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and Economics and Finance from Curtin University, Australia. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Economics from New School for Social Research (The New School), USA.



Dr. Vishnu Prasad Pandey
Professor (Water Resources), Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Dr. Vishnu Prasad Pandey specializes in the areas of hydrology, water resources, groundwater, climate risk assessment and resilient development. He is currently a Professor (Water Resources) in the Department of Civil Engineering and Deputy Director of the Center of Water Resources Studies (CWRS), Institute of Engineering (IOE), Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Before joining the University, he worked as a Water & Climate Specialist for the International Water Management Institute (IWMI).

There are over 100 publications in climate change, water resources, hydrology, and climate risk assessment to his credit. He is a recipient of various awards and recognitions, including Young Scientist Award from Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) in 2018. He is also actively contributing in different government platforms such as being a Governing Board Member of Nepal Engineering Council (NEC), and a Member of "Engineering Cluster" of the University Grants Commission of Nepal, among others. Prof. Pandey completed Bachelor in Civil Engineering from IOE Pulchowk Campus, Nepal, Master of Engineering (Water Engineering and Management) from Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and a PhD in Integrated River Basin Management from University of Yamanashi, Japan.