

# MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## World Environment Day

On 5th June 2025, SAHAS Nepal marked World Environment Day under the global theme #BeatPlasticPollution by organising awareness-raising activities and tree plantation programs across all 22 working districts. The events saw enthusiastic and active participation from community members, school students, and teachers, fostering a collective sense of responsibility toward environmental conservation. SAHAS Nepal remains committed to advancing grassroots environmental action and mobilising communities in the fight against plastic pollution for a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.



## Meeting with Act Now Participants

On 9th June 2025, a meeting was held with Act Now participants at the SAHAS Office for them to share on their experiences and learnings after returning from Norway as part of an exchange program. The agendas included sharing by participants from ABC and SAHAS Nepal on various aspects such as their work, learning, challenges faced, personal transformations, and future plans. This was followed by an open discussion and Q&A session based on their experiences. The meeting helped reinforce cross-cultural learning and encouraged participants to apply their insights to local community initiatives.



## United Pathways: Collaborative Action for Sustainable Change

SAHAS Nepal organised a national conference titled "United Pathways: Collaborative Action for Sustainable Change" to bring together Community-Based Network Organizations (CBNOs) and SAMVAD members from across Nepal for knowledge-sharing and collaboration on 16th June, 2025 at Alfa House Banquet, Baneshwor. The event, inaugurated by Mr. Manoj Bhatta of the Social Welfare Council and opened by Dr. Surendra Kumar Shrestha, featured thematic presentations by Mr. Kamal Phuyal on social stratification, people-centred development, and the role of community networks in achieving SDGs. Interactive sessions fostered mutual learning and solidarity, and a key outcome was the formation of a democratically elected National-Level Loose Network representing all provinces to strengthen advocacy, policy engagement, and grassroots action.



## Post-Sagarmatha Sambaad

On 17th June, 2025, in collaboration with YAE and KIRDARC, SAHAS Nepal hosted the Post-Sagarmatha Sambaad 2025 to localise outcomes of the global dialogue on “Climate Change, Mountains, and the Future of Humanity” at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur. Chief Guest Hon’ble Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri and other dignitaries, including Members of Parliament and sectoral experts, participated in the event focused on translating the Sagarmatha Declaration into national policy and action. Mr. Madhu Marasaini presented the key resolutions, followed by a high-level panel discussion moderated by Mr. Kushal Gurung (CEO, Windpower Nepal), with contributions from Mr. Naresh Sharma (Under Secretary, MoFE), Dr. Madhav Karki (Climate Change Expert), Ms. Sunita Kayastha (UNICEF), Ms. Manohara Khadka (IWMI Nepal), and Mr. Govinda Bahadur Shahi (Mountain Partnership/KIRDARC). The panel emphasised inclusive, cross-sectoral strategies for institutionalising climate commitments, ensuring meaningful participation of marginalised groups, and bridging traditional, scientific, and indigenous knowledge systems. The discussion concluded with a strong call for coordinated implementation across all tiers of government, reinforcing the urgency of unified and equitable climate action in Nepal.



## Social Welfare Council Final Evaluation of the LIFT Project

The Social Welfare Council (SWC) conducted a field visit to the Local Initiative for Food Security Transformation (LIFT) project areas in Okhaldhunga and Kailali to assess project implementation and outcomes. The evaluation included on-site observations, stakeholder discussions, and the preparation of a comprehensive report. This process helped identify key achievements, existing gaps, and areas for improvement, contributing to the development of a targeted action plan for future programming. The evaluation reaffirmed the importance of continued collaboration between SWC, SAHAS Nepal, and local stakeholders to ensure sustainable and community-driven development impacts.

## Meeting with Susanne Saarinen from Felm

On 18th June 2025, a meeting was conducted with Susanne Saarinen, Senior Programme Manager of Felm Nepal, at the SAHAS Office. The objective was to conduct an annual review of the Paila and plantation project. The discussion provided valuable feedback, highlighted key progress areas, and reinforced the shared commitment to strengthening project impact and sustainability.



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