



National Governance Symposium 2024

"Strengthening Subnational Governance for Inclusive Economic Development"

Overview:

The 2-day National Governance Symposium (NGS), held on 19th & 20th December 2024, focused on the theme "Strengthening Subnational Governance for Inclusive Economic Development." Organized in collaboration with National Administrative Staff College (NASC), the symposium brought together stakeholders from across levels of government to promote an enabling environment for strong, effective, and inclusive subnational governance in Nepal. It provided a platform for dialogue and knowledge-sharing to explore how empowered local institutions can address regional disparities, create economic opportunities, and accelerate Nepal's federal democratic transition.

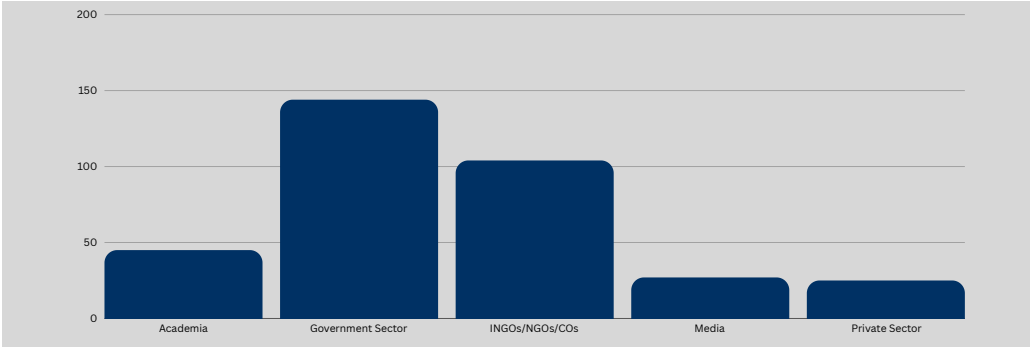
Objectives:

- Enhance Coordination Between Federal, Provincial and Local Government
- Strengthen Capacity of Sub-National Governments
- Promote Economic Governance that fosters Inclusive and Sustainable Development

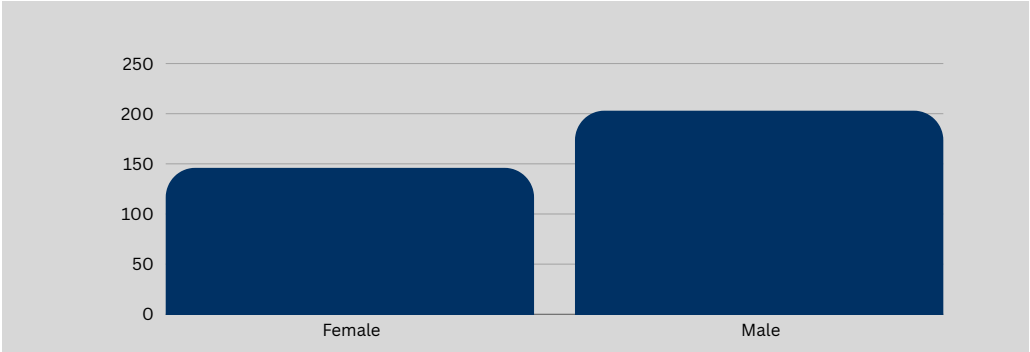


Number of participants:

Over 400 participants, comprising 220 males and 203 females, attended the two-day event, representing various sectors such as government, media, private sector, civil society, national and international scholars, and development agencies.



Industries/Sectors



Gender

ORGANIZING PARTNERS



SESSION PARTNERS



Sessions:

- Strengthening Capacity of Subnational Governments
- Promoting Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment in Rural Nepal
- Mayors' Roundtable - Local Governance for Inclusive Economic Development
- Women's Political Participation in Local Election: Insights into Women's Networks, Coalitions, and Gender Biases
- Digital Governance for Enhanced Service Delivery
- The Road to Subnational Governance for Inclusive Economic Development

Mr. Ek Narayan Aryal, Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal

"This collaboration between Daayitwa Abhiyaan and the Nepal government has played a vital role in promoting civic engagement including the local level participation. At the same time, it is essential to champion positive national initiatives like 'Happy Nepali, Prosperous Nepal' amidst growing public negativity. To sustain these efforts, multi-level governance requires stronger coordination among all tiers of government."



Hon. Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla, Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal

"Nepal has undertaken a bold transformation rooted in Democracy, Secularism, Federalism, and Inclusivity. While our Constitution enshrines inclusivity as a maulik adhikar, its true essence lies not just in representation, but in equitable access to power, control over resources, and fair redistribution of benefits. The decentralization of authority to local bodies is also a critical stride toward inclusive governance in action."



Ms. Bimala Aryal, Mayor, Sunwal Municipality

"We're fostering entrepreneurship in all 13 municipal wards by establishing one Entrepreneurship Center per ward following 'one product, one enterprise, one center'. By supporting local ventures like herbs, tapari, and amriso, and offering targeted training to youth and women, we empower communities to build businesses and become independent."



Dr. Sohan Prasad Sha, Vice Chairperson, Province Policy and Planning Commission, Madhesh Province

"Youth often face age-based prejudice, dismissed as inexperienced or incapable of shaping policy. But today's youth are dismantling this ageist narrative, bringing technical acumen, innovation, and real-world insight to the table. We must recognize this value. 'Yuwa bhayesi, yuwa khojinchha pani.'"





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