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Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship :

Networking Event:

On August 6, the Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship Community Networking Evening brought together fellows, alumni, public officials, entrepreneurs, researchers, media, and academia for an evening of connection, conversation, and celebration. Held at Baluwatar Palace, the gathering offered a space to reconnect, exchange ideas, and strengthen the growing Daayitwa community.



II.Leadership, Training and Engagement Sessions:

- **LISTEN Module: Leadership Course Module II** by Bibek Basnet, Nepal Leadership Academy (NLA)
- **Dissemination and Public Impact Scholarship: DNPPF 2026 Training** Session by Dr. Aarati Maleku
- **Op-Ed Writing Session by** Mr. Pranaya Rana, Founder of Kalam Weekly
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) in Policy Research: DNPPF 2026 Training Session** with Dr. Teertha Raj Dhakal
- **Analyzing Qualitative Data in Policy Research: DNPPF 2026 Training Session** with Dr. Claire Willey-Sthapit, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare & Nepali Academics in America (NACA)



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Our Founding Monthly Champion!

We are proud to announce our very first monthly donation!

To our incredible **Founding Monthly Champion**, Manila—thank you. Your generosity marks the beginning of something lasting.

Aasha Nepal mai chha. Hope lives in Nepal, and because of you, opportunity can too. 💙

Monthly giving isn't just a contribution; it's a partnership in continuous change. A recurring commitment gives us a stable foundation to plan ahead, extend our reach into rural communities, and turn hope into real opportunity.

The impact we're building depends on our community. If our mission resonates with you, we'd be grateful if you'd share our campaign with your network and help us welcome more supporters.

Ready to join Manila in making a lasting difference? Become a Monthly Donor today - Turning Hope into Opportunity in Rural Nepal!

GRAPE 2 SME Loop Program Training of Entreprises

From 10 - 12 August 2026, 35 agribusiness entrepreneurs from Ilam, Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Dhankuta came together in Biratnagar for the first enterprise training under the GRAPE 2 SME GG Loop Program.

Over three days, entrepreneurs explored the SME GG Loop methodology, business analysis and risk mapping taking a closer look at their businesses, identifying risks, and discovering opportunities for growth. The training also laid the foundation for hands-on coaching by GFA coaches, helping entrepreneurs turn learning into practical business action.

The training was inaugurated by Hon. Minister of Industry, Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mr. Israill Mansuri, who highlighted the importance of strengthening SMEs and creating opportunities for women and youth. Mr. Roshan Shrestha, Team Lead, GFA Consulting Group Nepal, introduced the SME Loop approach, while the GRAPE 2 Private Sector Advisor Mr. Akash Thakur and Daayitwa Program Co-ordinator Ms. Sneha Shakya shared insights on GRAPE 2 and Daayitwa's role in SME loop program implementation.



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Gyaan Shrinkhala Course 2: Citizens and Constitutional Rights

The second course of Gyaan Shrinkhala, *"Citizens and Constitutional Rights – Implementation Challenges and What This Means for Good Governance,"* was held on August 8–9, 2026, at Martin Chautari, Thapathali. Organized by Law Lab Nepal, Martin Chautari, and Governance Lab, the two-day course brought together 20 participants to explore citizenship, property and economic rights, freedom of speech, and access to justice. Facilitated by Adv. Dr. Aastha Dahal, Adv. Prajwal Raj Gyawali, and Adv. Samman Humagain, the sessions used case studies and interactive discussions to examine the gap between constitutional guarantees and their implementation in everyday life.



Memorandum of Understanding with_ The Federation of Women Entrepreneurs' Associations of Nepal

Daayitwa Aabhiyan, the Governance Lab, the Nepal Leadership Academy, and FWEAN have come together to create greater opportunities for women entrepreneurs across Nepal.

The partnership will focus on strengthening businesses, improving access to markets and finance, advancing evidence-based policy, and fostering connections among women and youth entrepreneurs. By working together, we aim to help create an enabling ecosystem where women-led enterprises can grow, lead, and contribute to Nepal's economic future.



Social Organization Showcase 2026

25 August 2026 | Thames International College, Old Baneshwor, Kathmandu

Governance Lab and Daayitwa participated in the Social Organization Showcase 2026, organized by the School of Social Sciences at Thames International College as part of the annual Nepal Social Symposium. The event brought together NGOs, social enterprises, and community initiatives to share their work, connect with students, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Through the showcase, Governance Lab and Daayitwa presented their work, programs, and approaches to advancing inclusive governance and creating opportunities for meaningful social impact. The event also provided a valuable platform to engage with students interested in internships and careers in the development and social impact sector.

The showcase fostered meaningful conversations between organizations and young people, encouraging greater awareness, collaboration, and engagement toward building a more inclusive and resilient society.





Social Reform Practices and Policies Driven by Collective Hope

Pratisha Joshi, Program and Partnership Coordinator at Governance Lab, represented Governance Lab at the panel discussion on "What would Social Reform Practices and Policies driven by collective hope look like?" during the Nepal Social Work Symposium, organized by Thames International College under the theme "Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society."

The discussion explored how social reform practices and public policies can be shaped through stronger engagement with local communities and organizations, particularly within Nepal's collectivist social context. Drawing from a **public policy perspective**, Pratisha shared reflections on the importance of understanding how policies affect people on the ground and incorporating community voices, lived experiences, and local realities into policy design and implementation.

She also highlighted how **Governance Lab's work emphasizes collective action, collaboration, and bringing diverse stakeholders together** to contribute to more responsive, inclusive, and people-centered approaches to governance and public policy reforms.



Networking Dinner

Governance Lab hosted a Networking Dinner on August 12th at Hotel Vivanta, bringing together Summer School students and faculty with a distinguished group of guests as part of the 5th Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES) Summer School. The evening welcomed Members of Parliament, a Supreme Court Justice, Members of the National Planning Commission, the Vice Chancellor of Tribhuvan University, and senior and former senior government officials, among many others. It was an enriching evening that created a space for young scholars, Governance Lab staff, and guests to connect directly with the policymakers of Nepal.



Association of Comparative Economic Studies (ACES) Summer School and Women in Leadership in Economics (WIL)

Governance Lab hosted the 5th ACES Summer School in Nepal, and alongside it, partnered with the Inclusion Economics India Centre (IEIC) to bring nine outstanding early-career postdoctoral women researchers from India and Nepal to the program through the WIL initiative, which ran from August 10th to 12th. The ACES Summer School followed, from August 11th to 14th, bringing together 25 PhD students and senior faculty from institutions including MIT, LSE, Stanford, Yale, Harvard, Peking University, and Ashoka University, among others.

Each morning featured open lectures by faculty on political economy, economic history, and development economics, led by renowned economists including Rohini Pande, Saumitra Jha, Sara Lowes, Michael Callen, Farzana Afridi, Shaoda Wang, Jie Zhou, Maria Petrova, and Ruben Enikolopov.

Alongside the lectures, the Summer School featured two panel discussions. The first, held on day one, included former Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai, Sierra Tamang, and Deepak Thapa. The second, held on the final day, was a closing panel, "In Conversation with Gen Z Leaders," featuring Monika Niroula, Monisha Chaudhary, and Janak Pokhrel. The final day also included a breakfast session in conversation with Dr. Pukar Malla, Member of the National Planning Commission, Nepal.









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