FORESTRY SECTOR's KEY AGENDA

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Overall

Context
Challenges
Strategies
TYIP Growth Targets & Achievements

FORESTRY SECTOR

Key Discussion - Agenda
Gaps in Forestry sector
Ways Forward
Conclusion
Context & Background

- New political environment after the election of the Constituent Assembly
- Low economic growth: low level of investment and savings rate
- High level of poverty
- Increasing income inequality
- Disparity in gender, caste, geographical regions
- New challenges and opportunities
Challenges

- To attain high economic growth rate and to promote employment
- To devise strategies for realizing growth with equity
- To reduce income inequality and all types of exclusion
- To fulfill peoples’ demand with limited resources
- To increase access to effective service delivery
- To improve governance
• To improve institutional capacity and the service delivery mechanism
• To strike a balance between efficiency and social justice
• To ensure investment climate and increase investment
• To increase investment in infrastructure development
• To improve governance
• To improve institutional capacity and the service delivery mechanism
Strategies

• Employment-oriented and broad-based high economic growth
• Improve governance and service delivery systems
• Investment in infrastructural development
• Social development
• Inclusive development and targeted programs
• Sustainable peace building (Address post conflict issues through relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, reintegration and reconciliation)
## TYIP Growth Targets and Achievements (in percent)

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<th>Sector</th>
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<td>Economic Growth</td>
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KEY – Discussion
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Strategies

• Ensure the social and economic empowerment of the poor and deprived communities through community Forest (CF), leasehold forest (LHF), collaborative forest (Col. F), block forest (BF) management.

• Management, conservation and protection of 58.3 million hectare (39.6%) forest area.
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Increase the Productivity of Forest Resources

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<td>• Scientific forest Management and equitable benefit sharing</td>
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<td>• Promote industrial, community and private plantation</td>
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<td>• Formulate and adopt community and private, public partnership (PPP) through investment friendly policy and guidelines for micro and small scale industries</td>
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Ensure the Social & Economic Empowerment of Poor and Deprived Community

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<td>• Inclusion of socially excluded groups and community in the forest resources</td>
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<td>• Expansion of income and employment generation</td>
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<td>• through forest resources Incorporate leasehold forestry concept in community forestry (CF)</td>
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Increase the Water Regime & Water Quality, Reduce Sedimentation of Lakes, Reservoirs & Rivers in Watersheds.

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<td>• Service delivery through Basin approach (Basin and Sub-basin Offices establishment and services delivery)</td>
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<td>• Establish Natural Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF)</td>
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<td>• Watershed conservation strategy preparation</td>
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Conserve Land Productivity & Protect Development Infrastructures From Erosion Hazards.

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<td>• Development of appropriate watershed management modalities</td>
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**Conserve & Protect Endangered Fauna (wildlife) & Flora (plants) in Ensuring Balanced Ecosystems and Bio-diversity.**

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<td>• Establishment of Protected Area (PA) Networks with landscape level regional conservation planning and implementation</td>
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<td>• Focus on study of various aspects of plant resources and provide technical services at one place</td>
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<td>• Develop national level quality and organic certification system</td>
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<td>• Buffer zone management</td>
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<td>• Eco-tourism and livelihood improvement</td>
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### Conduct Research & Development of Forestry Resources.

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Gaps in Forestry Sector

Governance
- Involvement of women, poor and other minority groups in decision making process
- Participation of local government in the community forestry programme
- Revenue sharing among the user, local political body and government
- Inclusion of distant users
- Integrated management of the community forest (e.g., Hunting and wildlife farming in community forests)
- Land tenure rights to local community and forest dependent people

Livelihood and Social Justice
- Focusing forest management to the need of users especially the poor
- Spending CFUG fund for the livelihood improvement of women, poor and disadvantaged group
- Identification, demonstration and replication of poverty reduction practices
- Linking and tapping diverse fund for poverty reduction
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**Forest Management Perspective**

- Backlogs of operational plans
- Reluctance to apply improved management technique
- Initiating Forest Certification
- Transforming technical forestry into a local knowledge
- Community participation in decision making process
- More CFs hand over to CFUG to ensure sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation
Ways Forward

Governance

- Facilitating Role of the Government
- Participatory Revision of CF Policies
- Continuous Feedback Mechanism in Policy Implementation
- Regular Interaction with Stakeholders (GOs, I/NGOs and Civil Society)
- Eliminate Policy Collusion (e.g. LSGA 2055, etc)
- Complement Other Governance, Poverty Reduction and Forest Management Programs with CF
- Outsourcing of Provision of Services in CF Program Implementation
Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation

- Eco System: Himalayan
- Removal of Utilization and Trade Barriers
- Development of Forest Enterprises
- Enhanced Technical Capacity of Forest Staff/Users
- Institutional Development of CFUGs
Livelihood and Social Justice

- Reconstruct CF Policy and Priorities
- Incorporate livelihood perspective in CFUG establishment and function
- Enlarge CFUG fund and better target its utilization
- Employment created: NTFP/Enterprises
- Increase representation of women, poor & excluded in executive committee
- Special Focus to the marginalized groups in forest products distribution and fund utilization
- CF land allocation to poor
Climate Change, Adaptation & Livelihood

- Eco System
- Indigenous, Forest Dependent Community Rights
- Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna
- Water Shed Management
- Water Induced Disaster
- Livelihood and High Value Products
Cont...

Knowledge Management /RCN and Capacity Enhancement

- Global
- National
- Federal
- Community
- Household Level

(TOP to Bottom and Bottom to TOP)
Conclusion

- Avoid repeating past mistakes
- Collaboration & co-ordination at each level
- People centered program and right based approach (IP and Community)
- Forest management for multiple objectives bio fuel, climate Change, livelihood etc)
- CFUGs should priortise: Economic reform agenda
- Harmonized/complimentary relation in sector (GOs, and People / CFUGs)
THANK YOU