



# FORESTRY SECTOR'S KEY AGENDA

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# Over View of Presentation

## **Overall**

Context

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Strategies

TYIP Growth Targets & Achievements

## **FORESTRY SECTOR**

**Key Discussion - Agenda**

**Gaps in Forestry sector**

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## 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

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- 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)

Sector	Average Target	Achievements		
		2007/08	2008/09	Average of Two years
<b>Economic Growth</b>	5.5	5.3	3.9	4.6
<b>Agriculture, Forest</b>	3.6	4.7	2.1	3.4
<b>Non agriculture</b>	6.5	5.7	4.9	5.3
<b>Inflation rate</b>	5.6	7.7	9.5	8.6
<b>Fiscal Deficit as % of GDP</b>	3.0	4.0	0.04	2.0
<b>BOP Surplus as % of GDP</b>	1.0	3.6	1.8	2.7



# **KEY – Discussion AGENDA**



# Agenda -1

## Improve Environmental Balance Through Sustainable Management of Forest Resources

### 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.

## Agenda- 2

### Increase the Productivity of Forest Resources

#### Strategies

- Scientific forest Management and equitable benefit sharing
- Promote industrial, community and private plantation
- Promote forestry in private land
- Formulate and adopt community and private , public partnership (PPP) through investment friendly policy and guidelines for micro and small scale industries

## Agenda-3

# Ensure the Social & Economic Empowerment of Poor and Deprived Community

### Strategies

- Inclusion of socially excluded groups and community in the forest resources
- Expansion of income and employment generation
- through forest resources Incorporate leasehold forestry concept in community forestry (CF)

## Agenda-4

Increase the Water Regime & Water Quality,  
Reduce Sedimentation of Lakes, Reservoirs &  
Rivers in Watersheds.

### Strategies

- Service delivery through Basin approach  
(Basin and Sub-basin Offices establishment and services delivery)
- Establish Natural Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF)
- Watershed conservation strategy preparation

# Agenda-5

Conserve Land Productivity & Protect  
Development Infrastructures From Erosion  
Hazards.

## Strategies

- Development of appropriate watershed management modalities

# Agenda-6

## Conserve & Protect Endangered Fauna (wildlife) & Flora (plants) in Ensuring Balanced Ecosystems and Bio-diversity.

### Strategies

- Establishment of Protected Area (PA) Networks with landscape level regional conservation planning and implementation
- Focus on study of various aspects of plant resources and provide technical services at one place
- Develop national level quality and organic certification system
- Buffer zone management
- Eco-tourism and livelihood improvement

# Agenda-7

## Conduct Research & Development of Forestry Resources.

### Strategies

- Adoption of long-term, medium term, short term and action research
- Valuation of forestry sector contributions

# 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 ( eg : 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**

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## 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**

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## **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**

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## Climate Change, Adaptation & Livelihood

- **Eco System**
- **Indigeneous, Forest Dependent Community Rights**
- **Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna**
- **Water Shed Manangement**
- **Water Induced Disaster**
- **Livelihood and High Value Products**

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## 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 prioritise : Economic reform agenda**
- **Harmonized/complimentary relation in sector (GOs, and People / CFUGs)**



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