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National Consultation on Voluntary National Review (VNR) & National Review and Monitoring of SDGs

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A **National Consultation on Voluntary National Review (VNR) and National Review and Monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** was organized with the active participation of different government and non government organization working on SDGs on 23rd May, 2017 in New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Since WOREC has been playing important role from the days of MDGs leading to the dawn of Post 2015 agenda also recognized as Sustainable Development Goals in Nepal. As Nepal government is preparing for Voluntary National Review (VNR) during High Level Political Forum (HLPF), WOREC is engaging with CSOs and Government for collective report and to collaborate for the effective implementation of the SDGs in Nepal. Similarly, Nepal is also in process to develop national indicators, WOREC has been advocating on ensuring gender perspective (Development Justice) Indicators.

National Consultation aimed to share the preliminary findings from the research and get substantial inputs and suggestion to prepare a collective CSOs report on monitoring implementation of SDGs in Nepal. The consultation expected to enhance the understanding of different stakeholders including CSOs about the ground reality for the localization of SDGs in Nepal. Ms. Ranjana Giri, Program Officer of WOREC shared the preliminary research findings of 9 districts of Nepal namely Kailali, Dang, Sindhuli, Bardiya, Udayapur, Dhanusha, Morang, Siraha and Sunsari on national monitoring and review of implementation of SDGs in Nepal. Women's mental health issues, intervention of fast track court, climate change and its impact on women's lives and the need of proper implementation of free visa free ticket policy were some of the major findings.

The program started with explanation of program objective and the present status of implementation of SDGs in Nepal by Mr. Abhiram Roy, Program Director of WOREC. Likewise, the executive director of NGO Federation Nepal, Mr. Daya Sagar Shrestha gave his presentation on the updates of national progress for implementation of the SDGs. He highlighted that the Government is preparing the baseline report and is in the process of budgeting to implement the SDGs through the periodic plans. He further added that government initiations are not effective for localization of SDGs. He emphasized on the gender and social inclusion as the cross cutting agenda in all the 17 goals. "By the end of June, status report will be prepared from CSOs perspective, said Mr. Shrestha.

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Likewise, Shanta Laxmi Shrestha, Chairperson of Beyond Beijing Committee highlighted the gender mainstreaming in all goals.

Similarly, Government officials, Ram Prasad Thapaliya, representative from Ministry of Sports and Youth and Bharat Raj Tripathee, sub-secretary of Ministry of Education analysed the program and gave the commitment to create the environment for implementation of SDGs.

With the participation of 92 people from different I/NGOs who expressed their productive views and suggestion regarding the program.

Ultimately, Laxmi Tamang, the board member of WOREC thanked all the participants and gave the closing remarks focusing on collaboration and coordination among the CSOs.

WOREC will further work on preparation on detail report after incorporation of recommendations from the participants representing government, CSOs and funding partners.



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