

REGIONAL DISSEMINATION AND LEARNING WORKSHOP

Gendering Water and Climate Science Research in South Asia

Date: 3rd to 5th February 2026

Place: Soaltee Hotel

Kathmandu, Nepal

Day 01: 3 rd February 2026		
PROGRAM	TIME	ACTIVITY/RESOURCE PERSON
1st Half:		
Registration	09:00-9:30	Mr. Robert Dongol, Ms. Suchita Jain, Mr. Pratik Bajracharya
Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp	9:30-9:35	
Welcome Address	9:30-9:40	Mr. Durga P Bhandari, Principal, Nepal Engineering College
Inaugural Address	9:40-9:50	Mr. Ian Thompson, Project officer, IDRC
Gendering Water and Climate Science Research in South Asia Project: Theory of Change	9:50-10:00	Dr Sreenita Mondal Regional Research Lead, WCS
Tea Break (10:00-10:30)		
Session 1: Gender STEM Country Profile: With a focus on Water Sector		
Nepal	10:30-11:00	Dr. Lina Gurung, Assistant Professor, Kathmandu University
Bangladesh	11:00-11:30	Dr. Rokeya Khatun (Online) Country gender consultant - Bangladesh
Sri Lanka	11:30-12:00	Dr. Sreenita Mondal Regional Research Lead, WCS
Breakout Session	12:00-12:30	
Concluding Statement	12:30-12:55	QA and concluding By Moderator [TBD]
Vote of Thanks	12:55-01:00	Ms. Suchita Jain Regional Research & Training Coordinator, WCS
Lunch Break (01:00-02:00)		
2nd Half:		
Session 2: Institutional experience sharing from a long-term, multi-country program: Gender and Social integration in IWRM research and education		
Sri Lanka	02:00-02:30	Prof. Dhammika Dayawansa Project Lead and Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, UoP
Nepal	02:30-03:00	Mr. Robert Dongol Project Co-Lead and Acting Director, nec-cps
Bangladesh	03:00-03:30	Prof. Shahjahan Mandal Project Co-Lead and Professor, IWFM, BUET
Tea Break (03:30-04:00)		
Country Level roundtables:	04:00-05:00	Discussing country specific sustainable strategies
Summing up and vote of thanks	05:00-05:15	



Day 02: 04th February 2026

1st Half:

Session 3A: Sharing Findings and Lessons from the Tracer Study of the SAWA Program	9:30-11:00	Dr. Sreenita Mondal Regional Research Lead, WCS
Tea Break (11:00-11:30)		
Session 3B: Challenges and Opportunities of GESI-Centered Knowledge and Capacity Building in IWRM Research and Practices within South Asian Academic Institutions	11:30-01:00	Dr. Sreenita Mondal Regional Research Lead, WCS
Lunch (01:00-02:00)		
2nd Half:		
Session 4A: Gendering water and climate science curricula: approaches, constraints and a way forward	02:00-03:30	Prof. Vishal Narain Professor, MDI, Gurgaon
Tea Break (03:30-04:00)		
Session 4B: Gender integration in IWRM curriculum	04:00-5:00	Prof. Vishal Narain Professor, MDI, Gurgaon
Summing up and vote of thanks	05:00-05:15	
Cultural Program and Dinner in the evening		

Day 03: 5th February 2026

1st Half

Session 5A: Student research presentations		
SAWA fellow presentations	09:30- 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Lamiya Sharmeen Jaren- Pursuing PhD at BUET 2. Ms. Shamsunnahar Runu - Pursuing PhD at BUET
Tea Break (11:00-11:30)		
SAWA fellow presentations	11:30-01:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mr. Sabin Pahari- First cohort MSc from nec 4. Mr. Jenish Maharjan- First cohort MSc from nec 5. Mr. Md. Akhtar Ali- First cohort MSc from nec 6. Ms. Priyanka Kunwar- Second cohort MSc from nec
Lunch (01:00-02:00)		
2nd Half:		
SAWA fellow presentations	02:00-03:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Ms. Tasnim Zarin Meem- Second cohort MSc from BUET 8. Mr. U Mong Shing - Second cohort MSc from BUET 9. Ms. H.G.C.S. Divyanjalee - Second cohort MSc from PGIA 10. Ms. M. R. M. Fernando - Second cohort MSc from PGIA
Tea Break (03:30-04:00)		
SAWA fellow presentations	4:00 -5:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Ms. R.M.T.K. Ranathunga- Second cohort MSc from PGIA 12. Ms. C.C.D. Mendis- Second cohort MSc from PGIA 13. Ms. Shashini Kumari- Second cohort MSc from PGIA 14. Ms. L.K.I.N. Perera- Second cohort MSc from PGIA
Vote of Thanks		

