

International Workshop on 'The Role of Land Professionals and Spatial Data Infrastructure in Disaster Risk Reduction' Report

A Joint International Workshop on 'The Role of Land Professionals and Spatial Data Infrastructure in Disaster Risk Reduction in the Context of Post 2015 Nepal Earthquake' was successfully organised by of FIG Commission 2 (Professional Education) and ISPRS WG IV/4 (Geospatial Data Infrastructure) during Nov 25-27, 2015 at Kathmandu, Nepal. Nepal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society were the local organiser of this event. The other co-organisers were Survey Department of Nepal, Land Management Training Centre, Ministry of Land Reform and Management. GSDI Association was one of the media partners of this event.

The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Thapa. Nepalese government has given high importance to this workshop. The other three Hon. Ministers and high level officials from different ministries were also presented during this workshop. Professor Marguerite Madden 2nd Vice President of ISPRS delivered remarks note during opening ceremony. Professor Armin Gruen including two other international scholars delivered Keynote Speech. In total, there were 355 participants among which 75 were the international participants representing 21 different countries. 56 papers were presented and 24 papers were related to SDI and Spatial Planning theme. Two plenary sessions were organised and there were separate sessions for business exposition and young surveyor network.

Hon. Minister, Ram K Subba, Ministry of Land Reform and Management was the Chief Guest during Closing Session. Dr. Dev Raj Paudyal, Co-Chair ISPRS WG IV/4 delivered a closing remarks during closing ceremony. Hon. Minister provided a appreciation certificate to ISPRS WG IV/4 and on the behalf of ISPRS IV/4, Dr. Dev Raj Paudyal received the certificate. A resolution of the workshop was presented and it was handed over to the Minister for its implementation. A free social and cultural tour was also organised for interested participants to visit earthquake affected areas and other important touristic places at Kathmandu valley and Nagarkot .



Hon. Assistant Minister, Mr Dinesh Shrestha; Hon. Minister of State, Bikram Bahadur Thapa, Hon. Minister Ram K Subba (Ministry of Land Reform and Management), Liza Groenendijk, Chair of FIG Commission 2, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Thapa, Buddhi Narayan Shrestha, Chair of Steering Committee and Babu Ram Acharya, Chair Advisory Board, Professor Marguerite Madden, 2nd Vice President, ISPRS during Opening Session



Hon. Minister Ram K Rai delivering his closing remarks during closing ceremony



Dr Dev Raj Paudyal, Co-Chair of ISPRS WGIV/4 delivering the closing remarks

Before the main workshop, one full day pre-conference tutorial entitled 'Sharing Spatial Data Infrastructure Research on Disaster Risk Reduction' was conducted at Kathmandu University. The pre-conference tutorial was jointly organised by ISPRS WG IV/4, GSDI Association, Kathmandu University, Survey Department and Land Management Training Centre. Dr Dev Raj Paudyal Co-Chair of ISPRS WG IV/4 facilitated the workshop. Professor Marguerite Madden, Professor Armin Gruen, Professor Kevin McDougall, Dr Katie Potts, Dr Nama Budhathoki were the resource persons. There were 60 plus participants mainly young geospatial professionals and early career researchers took part in the pre-conference tutorial.



Panellists Dr Katie Potts, Professor em. Armin Gruen, Dr. Nama Raj Burathoki, Professor Rajendra Maskey, Professor Kevin McDougall, and Professor Marguerite Madden answering the questions during Pre-conference workshop, Dr Dev Raj Paudyal Facilitated the Discussion Session.



Dr Dev Raj Paudyal, Co-Chair of ISPRS WG IV/4 and GSDI Association individual representative , Liza Groenendijk, Chair of FIG Commission 2, Babu Ram Acharya, Chair of Advisor Board/Chief Advisor Prime Minister Office and Mr. Krishna Raj BC, Executive Director with local organising committee members and volunteers

The workshop details can be accessed

<http://www.workshopnepal2015.com.np/program.html>