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Academic Background:

- 2 years M. Sc. Ag. in Conservation Ecology from Tribhuvan University, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Central Campus Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal in 2006.
- 2 years master degree course of Arts in Economics from Tribhuvan University, Birendra Multiple College, Bharatpur, Chitwan Nepal in 1997.

Work Experiences:

1. **Chairperson**, Organic Learning Center, Bharatpur-15, Chitwan, Nepal from 2021 to date
2. **Director**, Academic: New Horizon English School (NHES) from Nov. 2021 to date
3. **Director**, Nepal Agro Seeds and Inputs Company (NASIC) from January 2017 to date

Major Responsibilities:

- Overall financial and administration management of NASIC including day-to-day management.
- Maintain communication with client and partners.
- Business plan, Project planning, implementation and reporting all project currently implemented by NASIC.
- Plan and development programs/projects.
- Any other assignments given by the Chairpersons as and when require

4. **Executive Director** from July 2006 to Dec., 2016

Major Responsibilities:

- Overall financial and administration management of Ecoscentre including day-to-day management.
- Project planning, implementation and reporting all project currently implemented by Ecoscentre to donors and Executive Board.
- Maintain communication with donors officially.
- Plan and development programs/projects in days to come.
- Maintain national and international co-ordination and linkage.
- Delegate some authorities in your own but final responsibility will be with you.
- Accountable with executive board through Chairperson.
- Any other assignments given by the Chairpersons as and when require

2. **Organic Inspector** and founder member of Nepal Organic Inspectors' Association (NORIA) form its establishment to date

Major Responsibilities:

- To facilitate quality inspection and certification process to meet organic standards on organic products

- To facilitate capacity building on inspectors and related human resources on Organic agriculture
 - To facilitate process to contribute on policies, guidelines and standards of organic agriculture at national and international level
 - To facilitate process for effective market linkage of organic products
 - To organize training related to inspection and certification of organic products
- To publish materials related to organic inspection and certification process

3. Chief of Research and Training Unit, ECOSCENTRE from Jan 2000 to June 2004.

Major Responsibilities:

- Develop, implement, monitoring and evaluation of research projects
- Maintain good working relation with collaborating institutes.
- Analysis, publication and reporting of research findings.
- Coordinate and delegate responsibilities to the team members of research project.
- Overall responsibilities related to research project.

4. Community Development and Extension Officer from Jan. 1994 to Dec. 1999

5. Production Officer in Green World Agri Farm from June 1992 to Dec. 1993

Consultancy works

- Consultancy services as Organic Agriculture Expert for feasibility assessment of the agricultural production system in relation to organic agriculture production and marketing in Karnali Province of Nepal, project implemented by Centre for Green Economy Development, Nepal (CGED-NEPAL) in collaboration with FAO in 2020.
- National Expert to support for the Development of Guidance document for Organic green coffee (Arabica), EU Funded Trade, Quality Infrastructure and Private Sector Development Project Nepal in 2018 and 2019.
- National Expert to support for the Development of a National Standards for Organic Green Coffee in Nepal, EU funded Trade and Private Sector Development (TPSD) Project from 2016 to 2018.
- Consultant as Tea Certification Specialist in 2014 for UNNATI, Inclusive Growth Programme in Nepal started in January 2014. The programme has been implemented in national level with focus to seven districts in the Eastern Development Region of Nepal. The strategic focus of the programme are on private sector development in compliance with Danida's strategy for support to growth and employment.

Experiences in Organic Inspection and Certification Process:

- Involved in certification process of more than 20 organic operators in Nepal. The major certified products are apples, coffee, tea, vegetables, cereals, and processed products.
- Involved in organic inspection work as per EU regulation, JAS, COR (USDA NOP equivalent) for ACT Thailand and ICEA, Italy.

Involvement in Permaculture

- Involved in Permaculture Design Course (PDC) as Resource person, facilitator and trainer in several Permaculture Design Courses (PDCs).
- Involved in several permaculture farm design.
- Involved in one permaculture village design.

Involvement in Base line Survey and Study

- Base line survey on the status of livelihood outcomes of Shifting Cultivators and their Economic and Environmental vulnerabilities in Taplejung, Sankhuwasabha, Makawanpur, Dhading, Gorkha, Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts in 2012.
- Community Based Need Assessment (CBNA) in some VDCs of Kaski district in 2010.

Trainings and Workshops:

1. Organic Inspector Training on Organic Production and Processing from 20 to 29 June 2018, in Ha Noi, Viet Nam.
2. The 2014 Asia-Pacific Youth Environmental Forum from 28th July to 1st August, 2014, in Suwon, Gyeonggi Province, the Republic of Korea.
3. Regional Conference for Asia and Pacific on Intercultural Cooperation: Synergies, Challenges and Effects from November 10-14, 2013 in Cebu, Philippines.
4. Workshop for the Establishment of a Regional Organic Association in Asia from June 30 to May 02, 2012 in Suwon, Korea.
5. International Conference on Global Organic Market Access in partnership with BioFach from February 12-15, 2012 in Nuremberg, Germany.
6. 17th IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement) Organic World Congress from September 28th to October 05, 2011 in the Namyang, Korea.
7. GOMA-Asia Working Group meeting to create a framework for cooperation on organic labeling and trade from September 26-27, 2011 in Seoul, Korea.
8. Workshop of GOMA (Global Organic Market Access) Working Group for Cooperation on Organic Labeling and Trade for Asia from December 9-10, 2010 Mumbai, India.
9. Training on Client management, Organic Inspection and Group Certification from January 13-15, 2010 in Colombo, Sri Lanka
10. 3rd International Conference on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change February, 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh
11. International workshop on Organic Agriculture: Opportunity and Challenges on August 10, 2008, in Kathmandu Nepal Jointly organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative (MoAC) and Nepal Permaculture Group (NPG).
12. Regional Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change and the Role of Civil Society in the Least Developed Countries from 19-21 April 2008 in Kathmandu, Nepal organized by International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) UK.
13. International ProInnova Meeting (IMP) from 31 March to 4 April 2008 in Tamale, Ghana
14. Regional Conference on Organic Agriculture from 12-15 December 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand, Organized by International Trade Centre (ITC), UNCTAD/ WTO
15. Certification collaboration meeting programme, from 30th Oct – 4th Nov 2007, in Vientiane, Lao PDR organized by PROFIL, Lao PDR

16. Training on Internal Control System (ICS) inspection and National Organic Programme (NOP) from 18-21 March 2006 in Surin, Thailand organized by Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT).
17. Business meeting on CB to CB collaboration and joint certification business development in the region from 16-17 March 2006 in Bangkok , Thailand organized by Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT).
18. Seminar on incorporating fair trade criteria within organic certification & development of an Organic & Fair Trade seal programme in Asia region, on 15 March 2006 in Bangkok , Thailand organized by Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT).
19. National workshop on Organic Agriculture, Food Security and Local Market Development from 13-15 December 2005 in Kathmandu organized by Nepal Permaculture Group.
20. 15th IFOAM Organic World Congress and First Scientific Conference of the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISOFAR) held on 21-23 September, 2005 in Adelaide, Australia
21. Participatory Innovation Development (PID): A Training of Facilitator Course held on June 14-25, 2004 at IIRR, Yen Center, Philippines.
22. The 3rd Training Programme on Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Market in Asia from 10-24 November 2002 in Osaka and Tokyo, Japan organized by Japan Organic Agriculture Association, Asia Jikyu Promotion Network.
23. 14th IFOAM Organic World Congress from 21-24 August 2002 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada organized by Canadian Organic Growers
24. Organic Inspection and Certification Trainings organized jointly by Scanagri, Denmark and NPG in Nepal and Denmark 2002
25. 5th IFOAM-Asia Scientific Conference and General Assembly from 31 Oct.-6 Nov., 2001 in Hangzhou City, China organized by Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences; The Government of Hangzhou City, China and IFOAM-Asia
26. TAKE ACTION MAKE CHANGE; Training programme for young activists from 14-28 October 2001 in Taiping, Malaysia organized by Pesticide Action Network Asia and the Pacific
27. Training on "Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)" from 21-27 November 2000 in Devghat, Tanahun organized by Ecological Services Centre
28. International Training on "Kyusei Nature Farming and Effective Microorganism (EM) Technology" from 14-18, August 2000 in Sara Buri Kyusei Nature Farming Centre, Thailand organized by APNAN
29. Training Workshop on Developing Project Proposal from 17-19, Nov., 1999 in Bharatpur, Chitwan organized by HARP
30. Training Workshop on Project Concept Note Writing from 20-22 July 1999 in Bharatpur, Chitwan organized by HARP
31. COMPAS Asia Level Workshops from 26-30 April 1999 in Bangalore, India, organized by GREEN Foundation

32. Training Workshop on Beekeeping from 21-26, Feb., 1999 in Devghat-6, Tanahun organized by Ecological Services Centre
33. Training Workshop on SALT and OATs from 18 - 20, August 1998 in Godawari, Lalitpur organized by ICIMOD.
34. Training Workshop on EM Technology from 22-25, March. 1998 in Kaule, Kakani, Nuwakot organized by CWDS.
35. South Asian Workshop for Trainers in Sustainable Agriculture from 14-21, Dec. 1997 in Aurobrindavan, Auroville, Tamil Nadu, India organized by FAO-NGO South Asia Programme and ARISE.
36. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Course from 17-23, August 1997 in Jiri, Dolakha organized by CTEVT & SDC.
37. Nepal's National Gathering on "Globalization, Sustainable Livelihood and Social Justice" in connection with the Second Conference of International Network for Cultural Alternative to Development (INCAD), from 12-18 July 1996 in Narayangarh, Chitwan organized by Community Development Organization.
38. Training on "Permaculture Design Course" from 1-13, Nov. 1995 in Gumi, Surkhet organized by Jajarkot Permaculture Programme
39. Training Workshop on "Project Formulation" from 12-17 April, 1995 in Narayangarh, Chitwan organized by PACT, Kathmandu.
40. Training on "Leadership Development and Management" from 12-16, Feb. 1995 in Narayangarh, Chitwan organized by PACT, Kathmandu.
41. Training Workshop on "Gender and Women's Health", from 21-23, Dec. 1994 in Pokhara, Kaski organized by RECPHEC, Kathmandu

Publications:

1. Organic Vegetables Production Technology (Jointly written in Nepali), Book published by UNNATI, CARE Nepal in 2015.
2. Ethnobotany and Organic Pest Management, ISBN : 978-3-8473-2719-6, Book published by LAMBERT Academic Publishing is an imprint of OmniScriptum GmbH & Co. KG, Heinrich-Böcking-Str. 6-8, 66121, Saarbrücken, Germany in 2012
3. Organic Herbal Farming and Certification (in Nepali, jointly written), ISBN: 978-9937-2-5409-0, Book published by Nepal Herbs And HerbalProductsAssociation(NEHHPA), Kathmandu, Nepal in 2012.
4. Opportunity and Challenges of organic Certification system in Nepal published in The Journal of Agriculture and Environment Vol:10, Jun.2009
5. Developing Agroecotourism in Nepal published in Nepal Tours and Travelers Readers, November 12-25, 2009
6. Our food our concern: Booklet (Joint publication), 2008
7. Case study on Jalkhari – A Net for Fodder/ Forage Feed to Goats and Sheep (joint publication), published by ETC Foundation, The Netherland in 2008

8. A National profile on Organic Agriculture of Nepal: published in proceeding of Regional Conference on Organic Agriculture, 2007, Organized by International Trade Centre (ITC), UNCTAD/ WTO
9. Tharu Ethnobotanical Knowledge on Pesticidal Plants for Organic Insect Pest Management of *Cucurbita pepo* L. cv. 'Zucchini', thesis submitted to Tribhuvan University, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of, Master of Science in Agriculture (Conservation Ecology), 2006
10. Development of Local Market: An Opportunity for Organic Products: published in proceeding of National workshop on Organic Agriculture, Food Security and Local Market Development, 2005
11. Effect of *Melia azadirach* on aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) of Organic cabbage farming; published in proceeding of First Scientific Conference of the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISO FAR), 2005
12. Empowerment of Tharu Indigenous Knowledge (Joint Publication); Published in Ancient Roots, New Shoots: Endogenous Development in Practice in 2002 by ETC/Compass in association with Zed Books Ltd
13. Development of Organic Pest Management Method for Insects Pests of Vegetables; Proceeding of the 14th IFOAM Organic World Congress, Victoria, Canada, August 2002
14. Efficacy of botanical materials to Soya bean hairy caterpillar (*Spilarctiaca signeta* Kollar); published in proceeding of 5th IFOAM-Asia Scientific Conference, 2001
15. Permaculture Design Course Training Manual (Joint Publication): Nepal Permaculture Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal.
16. An Introduction to Conservation Farming, Training material in Nepali language (Joint Publication),
17. Basic concepts of Sustainable Agriculture: Training material in Nepali language. (Joint Publication),
18. Women in Agroforestry; A case study of Devghat VDC, Tanahun, Nepal. A Dissertation Submitted to Institution of Humanities and Social Science in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Degree of Master of arts in Economics, 1997

Affiliation with other institutions/organisations

1. Chairperson, Organic Certification Nepal (OCN), Kathmandu, Nepal
2. Founder member of Ecological Services Centre, at present, Secretary.
3. Executive Board Member of Nepal Permaculture Group, Kathmandu
4. Member of International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISO FAR)