



## Youth Advocating for a Future

Local to Global Project implemented under CWISH has organized National Advocacy on Policy Dialogue with parliamentarians on youth environmental rights and climate protection dated August 16, 2024, at Kathmandu to sensitize the policy makers on youth-environmental rights and climate protection and build a strong partnership between youth, organizations, parliamentarians, environment ministry and environment department addressing environment and climate change issues collaboratively.



Photo: Hon. Pratikshya Tiwari  
(House of Representative Member)



Photo: Hon. Saraswati Subba  
(House of Representative Member)



Photo: Hon. Ananda Shrestha  
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Altogether there were 66 participants representing parliamentarians from federal and provincial, local government, government officials, and youths from Chitwan, Makawanpur, Dhading, Kathmandu, Ramechhap, Kavre, and Dolakha. The program was chaired as a chief guest by Ms. Kritika Laudari (Youth, Makawanpur). Parliamentarians from federal were Hon. Amar Bahadur Thapa (House of Representative Member), Hon. Samjhana Thapaliya (House of Representative Member), Hon. Kalpana Chaudhary (House of Representative Member), Hon. Rekha Yadav (House of Representative Member), Hon. Shanti Chaudhary (House of Representative Member), Hon. Sher Bahadur Kunwar (House of Representative Member), Hon. Roshan Karki (House of Representative Member), Hon. Saraswati Subba (House of Representative Member), Hon. Kusum Devi Thapa (House of Representative Member), Hon. Ranju Kumari Jha (House of Representative Member), Hon. Garima Shah (National Assembly Member), provincial was Hon. Anand Shrestha (House of Representative Member, Bagmati Province), local government was Mr. Gyan Kumar Shrestha (Chairperson, Khandadevi Rural Municipality, Ramechhap), government official was Mr. Deepak Gyawali (Under Secretary, Department of Environment, Ministry of Forest and Environment) and Mr. Surendra Basnet (Executive Chairperson, National Youth Council).

Collective voices of the parliamentarian emphasizing youth action on sensitizing three tiers of government on the environment and climate action were the major highlights of the policy dialogue as well as concerns raised by the youth participants. Concerns raised were lack of coordination in three tiers of government, government planning in reducing pollution, operational guidelines on forest fire and rooftop terrace farming, impact on the environment due to haphazard and unplanned infrastructural development at the local level, lack of climate change act and low budget allocation in three tiers of government for environment protection. Policy dialogue concluded with working out by the youth participants in the follow up action plan regarding the raised concerns.



Photo: Youth Participants Raising Concern



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