



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2014 CELEBRATION IN NEPAL

This year Nepal, a landlocked country, is going to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity 2014, with a theme "Mountain Biodiversity" on 22 May 2014. A special program on the day will be organized by Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation in the capital city-Kathmandu. The program includes an Awareness Rally and Special Program. The Special program will be conducted under the chairmanship of Secretary of Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation. The chief guest for the program is Honorable Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation. Other guests include Secretaries from Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MoSTE), Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD) Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) and Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA), Director General of International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Country Representative from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Chairman from Federation of Community Forests User Groups Nepal (FECOFUN). Invitees for the program will include employees from civil services, academicians, journalists, students, etc.

The various program scheduled for this day includes:

- Awareness rally including people from civil services, civil society, academicians, journalists, students, etc. The rally will march with play-card and banners with various slogans to raise awareness on biological diversity. The rally starts from Babarmahal (Forestry Complex), Bhadrakali, North of Singhadurbar, Anamnagar, Hanumanthan and ends on Babarmahal of the Kathmandu valley. It will start at 7:30 am in the morning.
- Plantation program by the Honorable Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation Mr. Mahesh Acharya, is followed after the rally. It will be done in front of the Office of Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Forestry Complex, Babarmahal.
- Two people from the conservation sector will be felicitated by the Honorable Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation. In this category, a conservationist who has contributed in the conservation of biodiversity either through research or other activities will be awarded. Another category of award will be provided to the recent post-graduate who have topped the study of Masters of Science in Biodiversity and Environment Management in the recent academic session from Central Campus of Tribhuvan University.
- The published copy of Nepal Fifth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be released from the Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation and the Biodiversity Bulletin-2014 will be distributed.

Awareness Rally

Date: 22 May, 2014 (Thursday)

Time: 7:30 am

Venue: Forestry Complex (starting point)

Special (stage) program

Date: 22 May, 2014 (Thursday)

Time: 8:30 am

Venue: Forestry Complex, Babarmahal