

# **8<sup>TH</sup> NAPSIPAG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2011**

## **“Reinventing Governance for Managing Climate Change and Its Adaptation”**

**Kathmandu, Nepal (December 15 - 16, 2011)**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Climate change has become the most profound threat to the security and well-being of human life and property. The shortage of food, fuel and the increasingly intense and more frequent occurrences of droughts, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and hurricanes provide a grim picture of the impact of climate change on the planet earth. While countries around the world are not seriously pursuing any common agenda to either stop the process, or limit the impact, of climate change, adaptation to its resultant impacts have become a real challenge for individuals, business enterprises and governments of the world. Based on scientific research, the Intergovernmental Panel on climate Change (IPCC) has found concrete evidence that the world is getting warmer, and that human activity is primarily responsible for this dreadful situation. Fossil fuels like oil and coal and the changing pattern of land use and the destruction of forests have largely aggravated the atmospheric concentration of green house gases causing high temperatures and climatic change. Every country needs to be aware of the devastating impact of climate change and should be prepared to manage the situation in a systematic manner. The recent occurrences of some major disasters in the Asia pacific region suggest an increased need for surveillance, monitoring and capacity enhancement of public administration to provide greater security to human habitations and global economy.

A multi-faceted and a multi-dimensional approach is needed in managing climate change and its impact, which may go beyond the traditional systems of governance and transcends academic disciplines and national boundaries. Natural calamities do not recognize national or social hierarchies and divisions and the problems which accrue out of it demand a stronger, well-thought-out and well-structured governance mechanism to manage them. The debate over the

necessary measures to tackle climate change and adapt to its impact has moved to the top of the governance agenda in the Asia Pacific region.

This conference attempts to address the following areas of concern: How to overcome the issues of climate change through improved governance? What form of process innovations required in governance in tackling climate change and adapt to its impacts? What are the political-legal frameworks of decentralized and participatory state planning including the legislation of environmental laws and impact assessment of mega hydro-electric and nuclear projects? What is the various emergency response systems adopted in countries of the Asia Pacific region? How does the state ensure safety of women and children in an economy influenced by the fear of climate change? What role can the private sector play in ensuring safety of human life and capital in an era of climate change?

The conference, through its plenary and breakout sessions, will discuss each of the different sub-themes and try to suggest useful and pragmatic ideas and approaches in the genre. The keynotes will also cover various practical and philosophical aspects of governance for addressing the issue of climate change and its adaptation

*Papers are invited on issues concerning the governance mechanisms of managing climate change and its various adaptation processes.*

### **Sub-themes of the Conference**

- A. National and Country based governance framework which incorporates the emerging issues of climate change and its adaptation processes. This would also include national policy initiatives, macro policies involving social and economic measures and state-led governance innovations to mitigate the impact of climate change on national development plans and outcomes.
- B. Role of local bodies, NGOs and the private sector in creating national, regional and global partnerships for an appropriate infrastructure design, early warning systems, rescue operations and technological systems.

- C. Environmental legal initiatives and procedural innovations in urban planning, technology initiatives, agricultural policies, and institutional designs for land, water, forest and coastal zone management including laws for the protection of the vulnerable population from the impact of climate change.
- D. Issues of bioethics in environmental governance that includes the protection of non-human species, plants, trees etc.
- E. Geopolitics of governance in managing climate change and its adaptation.

### **Guidelines to the Contributors**

Papers are invited on any of the sub-themes of the conference. Contributions can be in the form of a paper or a panel presentation. Authors are requested to submit abstracts in English fulfilling the following standards:

- The entire paper should be in saved in MS word format
- Abstracts shall summarize the issues addressed, their relevance and highlight empirical and theoretical framework. An abstract shall be no longer than 300 words, in MS word.
- The title shall clearly indicate the Conference theme/sub-theme being addressed.
- Full Paper shall not exceed 5000 words in Times New Roman, double spaced with 12 font size, accompanied by a certificate of originality. The referencing style for the publication should be APA style (which is close to the Harvard system).
- The abstracts/papers shall be submitted electronically at: [napsipag2011@pactu.edu.np](mailto:napsipag2011@pactu.edu.np)
- All submissions will be subject to blind reviews by two independent reviewers who will not have knowledge of the authors and their works. The presented papers will be considered for publication in a special book or the *Journal of Administration & Governance*.
- The author should also indicate a brief bio-note such as Name and Designation, institutional affiliation, Contact Information, and mailing address, e-mail/website, etc.

### **Program deadlines:**

- Abstracts submission last date June 30, 2011

- Notice about acceptance of abstracts by July 30, 2011
- Full paper submission: September 31, 2011
- Registration/confirmation of participation: October 1-30, 2011.
- Conference organization date: December 15-16, 2011, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

### **Accommodation for foreign participants**

Accommodation as well as local hospitality will be provided to all the foreign participants of the conference.

### **Registration Fee**

Free: for paid NAPSIPAG members only

Non-members: USD 110

### **Conference support:**

- Paper presenters will be provided meals and refreshments during conference
- A limited number of travel support grants will also be provided
- Participants are also requested to find the funding of their travel

### **Conference organizer**

“The NAPSIPAG Conference 2011 will be jointly organized by Central Department of Public Administration (CDPA), Tribhuvan University, Nepal and Network of Asia Pacific Schools and Institutes for Public Administration and Governance (NAPSIPAG). You can also visit: (<http://pactu.edu.np>; and <http://www.napsipag.org>) for more information.

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