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# **State of Environment in Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities<sup>1</sup>**

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**Alice Peters Auditorium (PB 191)**  
**Everyone is welcome**

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<sup>1</sup> Nepal is a developing country in South Asia with an area of about 147,181 km<sup>2</sup>. It is a small country with a population of nearly thirty million and yet rich in natural beauty and heritage. In recent decades, Nepal's environment has suffered the effects of agricultural encroachment, deforestation, soil erosion, and air and water pollution, mainly due to the impacts of high population growth and rapid urbanization. Likewise, the symptoms of climate change have been observed in different sectors of society in various ways. Therefore, it is essential to develop methods and techniques to tackle these problems through innovative ideas and approaches. Richness in biodiversity, traditional knowledge, and practices could serve as potential research areas for undertaking the aforementioned environmental problems through collaboration among different research institutions and universities. The Central Department of Environmental Science at Tribhuvan University was established in 2002 with a goal of training young generation of Nepalese to impart quality education by applying the basics of multi-disciplinary approach focusing in environmental issues.