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Welcome Message from the Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

On behalf of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN Academy), I would like to extend to you our warmest welcome to the in-country “Training-the-Teachers” Program to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, hosted by the Tribhuvan University from 23rd to 26th November 2018. It is especially exciting to welcome participants to this program from Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

As part of an ambitious vision to encourage academic institutions throughout Asia to include the study of environmental law as a core subject, the IUCN Academy began the development of a “Training-the-Teachers” (TTT) course about 10 years ago. With the generous support of the Asian Development Bank, the IUCN Academy was able to conduct two very successful Train-the-Trainers Programs in Manila during 2015 for some 60 scholars from 14 Asian countries. These two Manila courses paved the way for the ADB and the IUCN Academy to collaborate further on capacity building of legal scholars in the teaching of environmental law within Asia by delivering four in-country TTT programs during 2016 (in Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and China).

We are pleased that ADB has continued to support this project during 2017-18 with the delivery of four more in-country programs (in Thailand, Cambodia (for Laos also), Myanmar and Sri Lanka) and now for this program in Nepal, for colleagues from Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan. We are delighted to be conducting this next in-country TTT program in Kathmandu, making it the ninth in-country TTT program to be delivered thus far.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trainers, both local and international, who have dedicated their time to develop and participate in the Nepal TTT Program. Equally, we would like to thank all the participants for your interest in being trained to teach the subject of environmental law. We hope that this is only the beginning of your contribution to making environmental law an important subject in your universities for your students, as well as an important area for your future legal research.

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Welcome address to the participants

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentleman,

Namaste and good morning! On behalf of **Nepal-Bangladesh Train-The-Trainers Program** and the Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University and my own behalf I would like to welcome you all to this Train the Trainers Program.

It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome you as the Country Focal Person for Nepal as well as responsible person of the host institution for **Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance Strengthening Capacity for Environmental and Climate Change Law in the Asia-Pacific: Developing Environmental Law Champions Train-The-Trainers Program** to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 23-26 November 2018.

The Train-The-Trainers in Environmental Law Program (“TTT Programs”) was established in 2015 under ADB’s Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance Project to Strengthen Environmental Law in the Asia-Pacific Region for Developing Environmental Law Champions. The Faculty of Law had submitted its expression of interest to host the TTT programs in Nepal in 2017 with the objective to promote environmental law in the country. The Faculty of Law has established Center for Environmental Law in 2002 and is a member of IUCN Academy of Environmental Law since 2003.

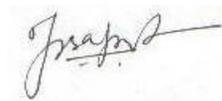
The purpose of the TTT Program is to expand and improve the teaching of environmental and climate change law in Asia Pacific region. This area is new in Nepal and there is no sufficient human resource to teach environmental law in Nepal compared to other subjects of law. Similar situation exist in Bangladesh also. I expect this training will serve as an opportunity for professors from Nepal and Bangladesh and honorable justices from Bhutan.

We have three international trainers from Australia, South Africa and China, and two each in-country trainers from Bangladesh and Nepal to share their knowledge and expertise on ways to promote environmental law teaching, research and curricula design.

Environmental law is considered as super law and teaching environmental law properly is quite challenging. It is because environment has not separate entity and spreading over other disciplines and cross-cutting sectors as well. Therefore, there is a need to conduct trainings environmental law teachers to expand their knowledge and skills. Therefore, this program is designed to make the participants environmental law champion. I appreciate everyone for taking such a journey.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ADB, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Tribhuvan University, Government of Nepal, all resource persons and people who have put their efforts and make the program happen this week.

Once again, I welcome you all in Kathmandu, Nepal, a rich city for the Cultural Heritage. I wish for your pleasant stay in Nepal and safe return. I hope you will take your time to explore some sightseeing, local culture, traditions, religions and food.



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