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## Nepalese Youth Summit on Climate Change: Kathmandu Declaration 2008

We, the youth of Nepal, are aware of the threats imposed by Climate Change on our unique Himalayan heritage, natural ecosystems and biodiversity, human health and livelihood. We commit to helping our society adapt to the challenges of climate change. We will work to raise awareness throughout society and take personal actions to lower our impact on the planet. We urge the international community, especially developed nations, to commit to greater reductions of green house gases and bring justice for 'The right to life'. We, youth representative across the country, have gathered and discussed the issues of climate change that are important and we have concluded the following points.

The state has a responsibility to ensure our fundamental rights. As written in the Interim Constitution of Nepal 2063 - Article 16(1), the people of Nepal have the right to live in a healthy environment. This right should be protected, preserved and promoted at every level of the state mechanism.

As we know that the Government of Nepal has signed and ratified the Kyoto Protocol, we urge our Government, civil society including leaders and stake holders to act responsibly and directly for our nation and for the world.

We ask the concerned actors to prioritize to the issues of climate change and make policy changes accordingly and immediately, for our common future.

- Ensure a transition to a low carbon society. Invest in large scale renewable energy production; provide clean and green public transport systems throughout the country; implement technology for energy efficiency in all households; and regulate all industries to ensure they continue to reduce their emissions.
- Identify communities and species vulnerable to climate risks, and provide resources and strategies for adaption and survival.
- Protect natural resources for national and international benefit, and ensure social, economic and environmental sustainability.
- Update and maintain quality environmental education in the curriculum at all levels of schooling.
- Introduce climate change policy and implement it through cooperation, coordination and consistency in all government bodies.
- Empower the youth of Nepal in climate change mitigation and adaptation techniques and support youth involvement in the solutions.



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- Involve youth in the formulation of national plan and policy on climate change including international negotiations.
  - Facilitate dialogue and networking among different organisations and interest groups from local to international level, in order to combat the problems on a mass scale.
  - Establish and maintain a national information centre – include information from various sources: government, international organisations, newspaper, e-bulletin, publications, research reports etc.

We hope to work with the Government of Nepal, our civil society, and the wider global community to implement these points immediately, for our future and the future of generations to come.