

Hariyo Ban Program



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Call for Abstract

USAID's Hariyo Ban Program – II (hereafter referred to as Hariyo Ban-II) is implemented by a consortium of WWF Nepal as lead, CARE Nepal, NTNC and FECOFUN. The Program aims to reduce adverse impacts of climate change and threats to biodiversity in Nepal. The goal of Hariyo Ban II is “Increased ecological and community resilience in the Chitwan-Annapurna Landscape and the Terai Arc Landscape” – to be achieved by 1) Improving the conservation and management of the Chitwan-Annapurna Landscape (CHAL) and Terai Arc Landscape (TAL); and 2) Reducing climate change vulnerability in CHAL and TAL. Work at field level in the two landscapes is complemented by enabling policy support at the national level.

Small Grant Program under Hariyo Ban II is designed to ensure innovation, flexibility, and responsiveness to the dynamic policy environment and political and socio-economic transition. The grants for Government of Nepal's agencies are to support policy related activities, capacity building, innovation, piloting, and other priorities. Civil Society Organization (CSO) grant is provided to Non-Government Organizations (NGO), private sector organizations, consulting firms, academia, media and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) covering academic and action research; testing innovative approaches and ideas; capacity building; and taking successful approaches to scale. Similarly, Student Research Grant is provided to support Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students to conduct academic research as well as dissertation works. In the last 10 years, more than 84 projects from CSOs have been successfully implemented and 253 students have conducted their academic research through such grants, helping Hariyo Ban-II achieve objectives in general, and directly contribute to one or more result areas of the Program.

Hariyo Ban Program is hosting a virtual Conference titled “Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Adaptation in CHAL and TAL” from April 5-6, 2021 targeting the results from research and assessment works conducted by CSOs and Students. The conference will focus on the following thematic areas of Hariyo Ban-II supported academic researches and innovative projects:

- ✓ Biodiversity Conservation
- ✓ Climate Change adaptation
- ✓ Market-based Livelihood
- ✓ GESI and Governance
- ✓ Innovation

Please follow these guidelines when submitting the abstract for the conference. Abstracts and presentations must be in English, and shall consist:

- ✓ A brief, descriptive title, which avoids abbreviations and acronyms with a maximum of 150 characters.
- ✓ First Name, initial for Middle Name and Last Name for each author shall be provided. Do not include degrees or titles. The presenting author's name will be published in bold.
- ✓ An affiliation for each author, listed by Office, University/Company, Department and Country.
- ✓ The abstract should be of between 300-500 words (Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12) in length, excluding the title, author names and affiliations. The content should be organized to provide clear information such as background, objectives, methods (if applicable), results (if applicable), discussion/conclusions.
- ✓ Include 3-5 keywords reflecting the topic of the study. Based on the key words, the abstract, if accepted, will be assigned to a session.
- ✓ Oral presentation will be limited to 10-15 minutes including discussion. More details will be communicated after selection of final abstract.
- ✓ Please submit your abstract by March 1, 2021. Early submission is requested.
- ✓ Workshop will be virtual either via Zoom and/or in physical presence. The mode of workshop will be communicated accordingly.

Abstract Selection and Presentation

All submitted abstracts will undergo review by Scientific Screening Committee. The Committee will determine whether abstracts will be accepted as oral presentations. Submitting authors will be notified via e-mail by March 15, 2021 regarding the status of their abstract acceptance.

Dates to be Remembered

- ✓ March 1, 2021: Abstract Submission deadline
- ✓ March 15, 2021: Notification of abstract review
- ✓ March 20, 2021: Abstract authors need to confirm presentation in the system
- ✓ March 30, 2021: Deadline for submission of selected abstract presentation and registration
- ✓ April 5-6, 2021: Conference

Communications

- ✓ Information for abstract submission:
 - Email abstracts to hariyobanprogram@wwfnepal.org
 - Subject line in the email: "Abstract for Hariyo Ban Conference 2021"
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- ✓ Social media hashtag: #HariyoBanConference2021