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## Nepal Bankers' Association Initiates Climate Transition Benchmarking

Building on the momentum from the Climate & Green Finance Seminar and Climate Finance Masterclass held back in September 2024, this study was led by the Sustainable Finance Department of NBA to benchmark practices and identify opportunities in the banking sector to transition to climate finance.

As part of the study, an introductory workshop to socialise the Climate Transition Maturity Matrix was organised by NBA in collaboration with IIN. The workshop was attended by 30 bankers from 16 commercial banks.

Ms. Allison Snellen, Principal Consultant at IBIS Consulting, facilitated the workshop. The workshop introduced participants to the assessment tool being used to assess banks and their progress on climate change integration. The tool was developed to guide the bank participants to conduct their assessment across four key areas: Governance, Strategy, Risk Management and Metrics & Targets.



The workshop was highly appreciated by the participants and was instrumental in providing an in-depth understanding of the tool and the process to be adopted during this market assessment. It serves as a foundation for an upcoming comprehensive survey that will gauge the current state of commercial banks progress towards climate transition targets and their ambitions.



## SOMTU Launches Nepal's First Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Business Management

School of Management Tribhuvan University (SOMTU) in collaboration with UPF Barcelona School of Management (UPF-BSM) launched Nepal's first Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Business Management (PGDBSM). In addition to IIN's support, this ground-breaking initiative was initiated and further supported by FMO to allow for the partnership between SOMTU and UPF-BSM to foster.

The PGDM course was officially inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Danielle Meuwly, Ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal, Mr. Michael Jongeneel, CEO, FMO - Dutch entrepreneurial development bank and Prof. Dr. Mahananda Chalise, Dean, Faculty of Management, Tribhuvan University. The event saw participation from 65+ industry professionals, including representatives from Nepal Rastra Bank, Securities Board of Nepal, banks, PEVC funds, private sector, academia and sustainability experts.

At the launch event, Prof. Dr. Dilli Raj Sharma, Faculty of Management, TU said, "The purpose of the Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Business Management (PGDSBM) programme at the School of Management, Tribhuvan University, is to provide future leaders with the knowledge and abilities necessary to drive the transition. Graduates of the PGDSBM programme will be equipped with the ability to make significant contributions towards a society that is more sustainable and fair manner".



The PGDSBM is a one-year programme spread over two semesters. Each year, the course will enroll 33 students, including 30 national and 3 international. The first batch is scheduled to be admitted in April 2025, with classes set to begin in May 2025.

For further details - [School of Management Tribhuvan University \(SOMTU\)](https://www.somtubhuvan.edu.np/).





## Save the Date (3-5 June 2025)



Nepal Impact Investment Forum 2025 is set to take place in June 3-5, 2025, in Kathmandu. Building on the success of two highly impactful DFI Missions organised in 2023 and 2024, this year's forum takes a leap forward in also incorporating the alternative investment industry. This edition of the forum is being jointly organised by IIN, NBA and NPEA.

NIIF 2025 aims to bring together more than 25 foreign investors (DFIs & impact investors, international financial institutions and asset managers) and more than 100 domestic financial institutions including



private equity and venture capital funds. This forum will serve as a dynamic platform to:

- Build connections and expand partnerships,
- Access valuable market intelligence,
- Strengthen collaboration with stakeholders,
- Engage in high-level dialogues.

For more information, please see the NIIF [Website](#).

## Expanding PEVC Awareness Across Nepal's Emerging Business Hubs

Nepal Private Equity Association (NPEA) in collaboration with the Nepalese Young Entrepreneurs' Forum (NYEF), of Biratnagar Chapter organised a 'Private Equity Information Sharing Session'.

The event witnessed participation from 40 entrepreneurs from the NYEF Biratnagar Chapter representing various industries, including healthcare, hospitality, IT/ICT, and agribusiness.

This initiative is a part of the NPEA and IIN 's joint objective to raise awareness about the alternative investment ecosystem across Nepal.



NPEA will continue to foster an engaging platform for entrepreneurs, investors, and stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions on private equity and investment opportunities in Nepal.



## IIN Team Meets BII's Managing Director

It was a privilege to welcome Mr. Colin Buckley, Managing Director and General Counsel of British International Investment (BII) for the first time to IIN's office. The team briefed Mr. Buckley on IIN's progress and deliberated on the approach and strategies in further enhancing IIN's impact.



## IIN Team Meets FMO's Chief Executive Officer

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss IIN's work with Mr. Michael Jongeneel, CEO of FMO - Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank. The discussion was focused on how IIN can further contribute to shaping Nepal's foreign investment ecosystem and continue to promote sustainable finance practices.



## Journey from Seed to Success: A Case Study of Katmandu Coffee

IIN and NPEA have co-developed a comprehensive case study on the Katmandu Coffee, an agribusiness established by two passionate entrepreneurs. The case study unpacks company's incredible journey from its humble beginnings to its strategic growth, fuelled by investments from both FDI and Private Equity.



With support from investments by C4D Partners, True North Associates, and Alpha Plus Ventures Limited, the company has successfully expanded its operations into both retail and international markets.

For a more in-depth look at their journey, the full case study is available [here](#).

## Quarterly Overview of DFI Investments into Nepal

### BII Invests in Sanima Bank Limited

British International Investment (BII) has signed a \$15 million trade loan agreement with Sanima Bank Limited to support Nepal's renewable energy sector, with a strong focus on hydropower. The financing will facilitate the import of capital goods essential for hydropower development, as well as equipment for manufacturing, food, and agriculture.

With hydropower already supplying 90% of Nepal's electricity, this investment plays a vital role in the country's ambitious goal of generating 15GW of electricity by 2035. By enabling the development of renewable energy plants and the import of necessary equipment, this partnership will enhance clean energy access in Nepal and its neighbouring countries.

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