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FMO CEO LEADS NBA MASTERCLASS II ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND CLIMATE RISK



In February 2026, NBA, in partnership with IIN, organised the first-of-its-kind CEO Masterclass, by a leading international CEO for CEOs of banks in Nepal. It brought together 20 CEOs and DCEOs from across Nepal's banking industry and was facilitated by Mr. Michael Jongeneel, CEO of FMO, the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank.

The Masterclass was structured around three core themes; 1) global developments in sustainable finance, 2) climate risk in banking, and 3) the financing of the green economy. Drawing on international experiences and emerging best practices, Mr. Jongeneel highlighted the growing financial relevance of climate-related risks and opportunities for banks in Nepal.



Michael Jongeneel ✓ • 2nd

CEO at FMO - The Dutch entrepreneurial development bank
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Giving a [#CEOMasterclass](#) for about 20 CEOs of Nepalese Banks was a highlight of my recent trip to Nepal. During about two hours we discussed:

- * Global trends in [#SustainableFinance](#)
- * [#ClimateRisk](#) in banking
- * Financing the [#GreenEconomy](#)

Have a look at the PDF below if you are interested.

I had to dust off my [#consulting](#) skills a bit, but all CEOs coming back after the break was a sign that it was interesting enough to spend their valuable time on this 😊.

Many thanks to [Bibek Shrestha](#) and his team at Invest for Impact Nepal (IIN), as well as [Santosh Koirala](#) and the Nepalese Bankers' Association (NBA) for organizing this opportunity.

The participants felt that the session was very timely and insightful. Whilst the participants acknowledged the need for the industry to better address the risks posed by the challenges of climate change, there was key interest to deepen the understanding around financing the green economy.

SAVE THE DATE: NEPAL IMPACT INVESTMENT FORUM 2026

Following the success of its previous editions in 2023, 2024, and 2025, IIN will host the 4th Nepal Impact Investment Forum (NIIF 2026) on 20-21 May 2026 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Forum is being organised in partnership with the Nepal Private Equity Association (NPEA) and the Nepal Bankers' Association (NBA).

NIIF is a flagship platform convening Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), Impact Investors, Financial Institutions, Private Equity and Venture Capital (PEVC) Funds, Real Economy Businesses, Regulators, and Development Partners.



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SAVE THE DATE

20th & 21st May, 2026

Organising Partners



The key highlights of NIIF 2026 includes pre-scheduled 1-1 meetings/ matchmaking sessions designed for investors and investees to explore potential partnerships and opportunities. Similarly, the Forum will also feature technical sessions on Climate Capital, Growing the PEVC Landscape, Opportunities in the Real Sector, and Client Protection and Digitalisation in Microfinance and a high-level panel discussion to further the dialogue on how to scale foreign investments in Nepal. As always, delegates will have the opportunity to have in-person engagement with the government and regulators to discuss investment environment reforms and understand the government's priorities.

Follow official [NIIF website](#) and [IIN's LinkedIn page](#) for the latest updates on NIIF 2026.



WHERE DO NEPALI COMMERCIAL BANKS STAND ON CLIMATE TRANSITION?

IIN, in collaboration with the Nepal Bankers' Association, conducted a *Climate Transition Maturity Assessment* of the 20 Commercial Banks. This study is the first comprehensive assessment of how the banking sector is prepared to manage climate risks and scale green finance.

To explore the full findings and recommendations, read the report [here](#).

BII CONDUCTS TRAINING ON ESRM FOR THE BANKING SECTOR



In January 2026, British International Investment (BII), in partnership with Invest for Impact Nepal and the Nepal Bankers' Association, organised a 2.5-day capacity building workshop on Environmental and Social (E&S) risks management for Nepal's banking sector professionals.

The training was attended by 43 banking professionals from 18 commercial banks. The workshop focused on how banks can better integrate environmental, social, and climate risk considerations into their lending decisions. The workshop also deepened participants' understanding of IFC's Performance Standards and other international frameworks commonly used by European Development Finance Institutions and Multilateral Development Banks.

Following the session, BII's E&S experts spent additional time engaging with participants, discussing challenges banks' face in implementing E&S practices and exploring ways the programme can continue supporting the sector.



BII CONDUCTS WORKSHOP FOR BANK BOARD MEMBERS ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY



BII, together with IIN and the NBA, hosted a half-day workshop with board members of banks that discussed corporate governance and the need to strengthen ESG integration in their banking operations.

The workshop was attended by 12 board members from five banks with DFI Investments. The session encouraged the board members to think through the evolving governance priorities and explore practical ways to strengthen oversight and strategic decision-making.



POSITIONING NEPAL AT THE AFI FORUM 2026

Invest for Impact Nepal (IIN) participated in the Asia Financial Institutions Forum (AFI Forum) held in January 2026 at Bangkok, Thailand. The Forum was a crucial platform for IIN to engage with global investors including DFIs, impact investors, and asset managers seeking opportunities in emerging and frontier markets.

At the AFI Forum, IIN led a dedicated session on *Unlocking Nepal's Impact Investment Landscape* and presented on Nepal's economic outlook, regulatory environment, and high-potential sectors for foreign investment. The session not only communicated that Nepal's business environment had not been drastically impacted by the September 2025 unrest, but that Nepal was open to investors.



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