CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATION
The organizing committee welcomes submission of abstracts from professionals, scientists, practitioners and students for oral and poster presentations. Abstract submission has been opened from 15th November, 2016. All submission must be made through email to secretariat.silvws@gmail.com or postal mail (mentioned below) by 4th January 2017 with an indication of the preferred session and mode of presentation (oral or poster). The workshop technical committee will review and make decisions on all the potential abstracts. Priority is given for evidence based empirical presentations that have wider relevance in managing various types of forests in Nepal. Acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to the authors by 9th Jan 2017. Language of the abstract and power-point slides should be either in Nepali or English. Presenters are encouraged to prepare a full paper based on the presentations to be included in the workshop proceeding.

REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION
All the interested participants should register their names by the end of 13th January, 2017. There are limited seats for participation from different institutions and individuals. Final decision on the registration will be communicated by 18th January 2017. Those whose abstract has been accepted will be automatically registered as a participant. There is no registration fee for the participants. Participants (outside of the government) will have to cover their own travel and accommodation. However, the travel and accommodation cost of presenters especially from community level will be covered by the program.

WORKSHOP DATE AND VENUE
The workshop will be held on 19-21 February 2017 at Park Village Hotel, Budhanilkantha, Kathmandu. Details itinerary will be provided in the websites www.dof.gov.np

IMPORTANT DATES
Call for Abstract Submission: 15 November 2016
Abstract Submission: 4 January 2017
Decision on the abstract acceptance: 9 January 2017
Presentation/Slide Submission: 23 January, 2017
Full Paper Submission: 28 January, 2017
Workshop: 19-21 February, 2017

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INTRODUCTION

The forests resource assessment report 2014 reports 5% increment of forest cover in 20 years' time from 1990. Despite this increment, there has not been much improvement in the quality and productivity of the forestland mainly due to the subsistence forest management practices. As a result, the full potential of forests to produce its goods and services could not be harnessed. In the past, several silvicultural practices were demonstrated on various forest types. However, these practices could not be scaled up due to differences on understanding on the importance of silvicultural interventions.

To address these issues, the Department of Forests in collaboration with other departments under the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation and non-governmental organizations is organizing a three-day "National Workshop on Silviculture" on the particular theme of "Silviculture for Sustainable Forest Management". This workshop will provide a common platform for the government, non-government, and academic sectors to identify methods on and lessons from various silvicultural piloting and intervention experiences, to recommend for their effective implementation.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the workshop is to review the previous silviculture initiatives and develop silvicultural prescriptions for each of the major forest types of Nepal. Specifically, the workshop will

- Identify and analyze evidence-based silvicultural practices piloted and implemented in various forest types by the government and non-government organizations
- Review legal provisions, guidelines, and practices in implementing silviculture and identify bottlenecks in expanding silviculture based forest management throughout the country.
- Assess risks and uncertainties in extending sustainable forest management (SFM) intervention and design appropriate safeguard measures;
- Develop appropriate silvo-institutional models for managing forests under different management regimes with diverse objectives;
- Create a common understanding among participants on appropriate silviculture prescriptions for different types of forests; and
- Provide prescriptions for developing detailed guidelines based on agreed silvicultural prescriptions for various forest types.

WORKSHOP THEMES

The workshop will cover different aspects of silviculture options in managing plantations and natural forests. In general, the workshop covers the following thematic areas.

- **Planted Forest and Silviculture**
  - Seed management and nursery technique
  - Silviculture of planted forest

- **Silviculture and Forest Management**
  - Silvicultural of Sissoo-Khair forest, Sal forest, Chilaune-Katuja forest, Pinus forest, Quercus forest
  - Management of Tropical, Subtropical, Temperate, Subalpine and Alpine forest.

- **Scientific Forest Management in Terai Districts**
  - Success, Gaps, Challenges, Lessons Learned

- **Silviculture System Based on Management Objectives**
  - SFM in community forests, collaborative forests, leasehold forests, Government managed forests
  - Forest management in other regimes such as Protected forests, buffer-zone community forests

- **Forest Genetics and Tree Improvements**
  - Progeny trial, Provenance tests, Breeding seed orchards
  - Tending operations, Mother tree selection, In-situ and Ex-situ conservation
  - Conservation and Multiplication of high value forest crops

- **Crosscutting Issues and Challenges:**
  - Adaptive forest management in the face of ongoing environmental challenges including climate change
  - Forest Ecosystem Services (FES) from sustainably managed forests on tackling with environmental impacts and contribute to human well-being
  - Invasive species, Pest and Pathogens
  - Forest fire management
  - Governance and Institutional arrangement
  - Gender and social equity in SFM

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

The workshop focuses on evidence-based presentations under different themes relevant to management of various types of forests in Nepal. The key note speakers will present their opinions based on the thematic presentations highlighting wider perspective. There will be parallel sessions and the participants will have the opportunity to attend the thematic presentations in any of the sessions. The highlights of parallel sessions will also be presented in the plenary sessions. Group works and plenary discussions are integral part of the workshop aimed at developing appropriate silviculture prescriptions based on specific forest types and identifying solutions for legal and institutional issues.