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TOWARDS: Towards Responsive Governance in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation – A comparative case study in Tanzania and Nepal

Whether the proponents of international and national level climate strategies and interventions are able to understand the aspirations of the local stakeholders and function with responsive governance needs further investigation. This study aims to shed some light on the elements of responsive governance, which are necessary for preparing locally-acceptable and applicable adaptation and mitigation plans.

Nepal and Tanzania are selected as case study countries because the information generated through this type of context-specific research will be highly relevant for the future climate policies and various interventions in Asia and Africa

Partners:

The project is under the School of Forest Sciences, University of Eastern Finland (UEF), in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies (UEF) and the Institute for Natural Resources, Environment and Society (LYY)¹, which is also affiliated with the Philosophical Faculty at the UEF.

¹ A network of researchers actively working on topics related to the social impact of natural resource use and environmental change.

The project concentrates on the following aspects of responsive governance:

- *The decision-making structures* which allow local representatives to be involved in decision-making;
- *The allocation of rights and responsibilities* to local representatives, which expands the public domain and promotes citizenship as a social practice; and
- *Accountability mechanisms* which recognize locally-responsive representation and create offsetting powers through responsibility to, and enforcement by social groups and individuals (e.g. user groups, community based organizations, household heads, individual farmers, women and youth).

Cooperating institutions include the University of Pokhara in Nepal and the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

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