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CONCLAVE ON CIRCULARITY IN NEPAL: TRANSITIONING INTO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Project *Roots of Circularity*, funded by the European Commission and implemented by Impact Hub Association, Impact Hub Kathmandu, and Wildlife Conservation Nepal, is organizing our project's first conclave on circular economy- **"Conclave on Circularity in Nepal: Transitioning into a Sustainable Future"** on November 26th and 27th, 2024, at the Nepal Art Council, Babar Mahal.

The primary goal of the conclave is to create a collaborative platform where the private sector, civil society, government, and academia can come together to exchange knowledge, share insights, and promote circular economy practices in Nepal. By empowering the private sector, civil society, youth, and emerging leaders, the conclave seeks to drive sustainable change for the future. This inclusive approach aims to foster meaningful partnerships that will contribute to the growth of a vibrant circular economy in Nepal, setting the foundation for its long-term success.

It will be a two-day gala event filled with meaningful and thought-provoking activities. The conclave will bring together government representatives, producers, consumers, and civil society to discuss how we can collectively accelerate the transition toward a circular economy.

Program's Key Components:

The key components of the conclave will be organized in three floors of the Nepal Art Council's building. The three floors will be designed to cater to three important purposes to meet the objectives of the conclave. They are as follows-

- Ground Floor-Program floor
- 1st Floor- Learning Hub floor with market place
- 2nd Floor- Recreation and Exhibition Floor on Circular economy aspects through arts, sounds and other senses and another market place.

PROGRAM

The program will be as follows-

Session	Description	Setting and Time	Other Remarks
Day 1 (November 26, 2024)			
1. Inaugural Session: Setting the Stage	Inaugural Session: Setting the Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Musical Performance: Opening with a performance by sarangi players, highlighting Project Sarangi's work in reviving Nepali music and creating authentic instruments from natural products.● Inauguration of the Conclave: Lighting of the <i>diya</i> to officially inaugurate the conclave.● Video Release: Screening of a video on the Circular Economy, showcasing its importance and potential impact.● Welcome Notes from Dignitaries and Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 9:30 am to 11.30 am● Theater style● Indoor● 2 hours● Where? -Main Hall	

<p>2. Exhibition, and networking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase of circular business innovations, and initiatives by incubates of the first ROC cohort and 10 other circular business leaders • Networking Tea session with the business leaders and panel speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.30 am to 1.30 pm • Freestyle Exhibition • Where? - Workshop Space and Recreational Space (1st and 2nd Floor) 	
<p>LUNCH</p>			
<p>3. Panel Discussions: Cross-Sector Insights</p>	<p>Panel 1: Circular Economy in Action: Innovations, Opportunities, and Challenges for Businesses in Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on successful circular business models and how industries are transitioning to sustainable practices, the opportunities available for new businesses in this space, and the challenges they face. Insights from ecosystem drivers and business leaders will highlight the role of policy, collaboration, and innovation in driving the circular economy forward. <p>Moderator: Padmakshi Rana, PhD, Executive Director, IHK</p> <p>This panel will bring together leading business figures from industries such as manufacturing, who have successfully implemented circular models in their operations.</p>	<p>1.30 pm 2.30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs and innovators will share their journeys, emphasizing the impact of circular practices on profitability and sustainability, and Ecosystem drivers will share their thoughts on the importance of collaborative efforts, policy support, and innovative solutions in accelerating the transition to a circular economy in Nepal.

	<p>Panel 2: Policies and Educating for Circularity: Bridging Government, Industry, and Society to Empower Future Leaders</p> <p>This session is part of our larger event aimed at advancing circular economy principles in Nepal and beyond, with a strong emphasis on the critical role industries play in driving sustainable transformation.</p> <p>Moderator: Sanjeevani Yonzon Shrestha, Director, WCN</p> <p>Panelists: Representatives from the Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Education, and Civil Society Organizations</p> <p>Panel Overview: This discussion will focus on: Addressing policy gaps and opportunities to foster circularity through coordinated efforts between government bodies, industries, civil society, and community initiatives. It will highlight the role of industries in adopting circular practices and their potential to lead by example in sustainable development. Exploring how educational institutions, civil society, and the private sector can collaboratively nurture a generation of sustainability-conscious leaders while creating systemic change for a circular future. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, this panel aims to bridge gaps and establish practical solutions to accelerate circular economy practices across all sectors.</p>	<p>2:30–3:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theater style with panel in front (4 -5 speakers and one moderator) ● 1 hour ● Where? - Main Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This panel will also feature educators, sustainability experts, and youth leaders who are actively involved in integrating circular economy concepts into education. They will explore how schools, universities, and civil society can empower students to become champions of circularity and sustainability in their communities.
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<p>World Café</p>	<p>World Café on Sustainability</p> <p>This interactive session will feature insights into successful circular business models, resource optimization, and the role of the private sector in driving sustainable innovation in a World Café setup, where conclave’s participants will engage in small group discussions to explore opportunities, challenges, and future trends in sustainability</p>	<p>4 pm to 5 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Round tables (6-8 participants per table and one moderator) ● 1 hour <p>Where? -Main Hall</p>	<p>This session will bring together industry leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and sustainability experts in a dynamic, interactive format. Participants will engage in collaborative group discussions to explore key challenges and opportunities in sustainable practices across various sectors in Nepal</p>
<p>Jewelry Crafting from Recovered Metal</p> <p>Parallel</p>	<p>In this creative center, participants will learn how to craft unique jewelry from recovered metals, such as aluminum and brass. This hands-on workshop will focus on teaching sustainable craftsmanship techniques, allowing participants to turn waste materials into valuable, wearable art.</p>	<p>11:30 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Workshop style</p>	
<p>Wire Collection and Copper Recovery Center visit for repairing</p> <p>Parallel</p>	<p>This drop-off point will allow individuals to donate unusable wires, cables, and other electronic scrap. The center will be designed for efficient collection, sorting, and recovery of valuable copper. Participants can observe the copper extraction process and learn about the environmental and economic benefits of recycling e-waste.</p>	<p>11:30 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Shop set up</p> <p>Both days</p>	

Repair Center for Umbrellas and Shoes	This space will be equipped with necessary tools and materials for repairing broken umbrellas and shoes, providing a practical solution to extend the life of these commonly discarded items. Skilled technicians will guide participants on how to mend their belongings, offering both a service and a learning opportunity.	Shop set up Both days	Live demonstrations will showcase innovative technologies and products, allowing participants to interact directly with the solutions, gain insights into their practical applications, and explore potential collaborations.
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Day 2

<p>Parallel Workshops</p> <p>MORNING SESSION</p> <p>10.30 am to 12.30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Student Innovation Hub: Interactive brainstorming sessions for students to understand circularity and circular economy. They can also engage in a session to pitch circular ideas and projects. Mentorship from business leaders, CSOs, and academics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 hours Indoor Workshop setting ● Where? Learning HALL 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CE principles and adoption with CSOs: CSOs driving the circular ecosystemic change at local community level o The CSOs will be trained on CE principles and adoption. In addition, they will be receiving training on how to best engage with other stakeholders in and specifically on public sector engagement. initiatives on circularity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 hours ● Where? CSO HALL (main Hall) 	<p>Prioritized for potential alliance members, other relevant civil society members and private sector</p>
<p>12.30 to 1.30 pm</p> <p>Exhibition and Networking and Lunch</p> <p>(exhibition will start at 12.30 pm)</p>			
<p>4. Parallel Workshops</p> <p>AFTERNOON SESSION</p> <p>2 pm -4 pm</p>	<p>Circular Business Models: A hands-on workshop for entrepreneurs and companies on designing sustainable and circular products/services.</p> <p>(CONTINUED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 hours ● Indoor Workshop setting ● Where? ● Main hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Prioritized for interested private sector, young entrepreneurs, start-ups

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<p>5. Closing Ceremony: Certificate Awards and Commitments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of key Findings and Insights sharing from the conclave by ROC representative ● Certificate Distribution by EU Commission Representative ● A commitment pledge from government, private sector, and civil society to continue supporting circular economy effort 	<p>4.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour ● Where? - Main Hall 	