

**Brief Concept Note on
The Celebration of First Annual Day of Nepal Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (NACC)
Thursday, 10 July 2014 (26 Ashadh 2071)**

1. Background

Nearly 75% of households in Nepal (i.e., 4.03 million out of 5.42 million) still use solid biomass like firewood and animal dung as the usual type of cooking fuel. Additionally, there are institutions like hotels, restaurants, schools, barracks and religious establishments where biomass is the main cooking fuel. Burning of solid fuels in traditional cooking stoves consumes large amount of firewood, produces a lot of smoke causing indoor air pollution (IAP) and making indoor environment dirty, poses fire hazard, and increases drudgery of women in cooking, cleaning, and collecting firewood. A study conducted in Nepal reports more than 7,500 deaths annually due to high IAP levels in rural Nepalese kitchens.

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC), the focal agency Government of Nepal for the promotion and development of renewable energy technologies in the country, has been promoting various kinds of clean cooking solutions engaging a number of partners and stakeholders including private sector, I/NGOs and GOs and with support from different external development partners. So far, more than 800,000 improved cookstoves (ICS), 300,000+ biogas plants and 600+ solar cookers have been disseminated in the country.

On 20th January 2013, Government of Nepal announced an ambitious mission: "Clean Cooking Solutions for All by 2017 (CCS4ALL)". This has been incorporated in Government's Policy and Programme for Fiscal Year 2071-72 unveiled by the President's address to the parliament on June 29, 2014. Along with this announcement, the government has requested all concerned stakeholders to support this mission. The stakeholders recognize that achievement of this mission requires stronger joint collaboration. AEPC recognizes the efforts of stakeholders engaged in clean cooking solutions and their request for more coordination in this sub-sector. Hence, the stakeholders discussed and agreed form a coordination platform hosted by AEPC in the form of a national alliance. Consequently, Nepal Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (NACC; www.nepalcookstoves.org) was launched on 10th July 2013, while inaugurating the Clean Cookstoves Market Place 2013.

The strategic intent of NACC is to collaborate efforts in Nepal and create synergies for achieving the goal of CCS4ALL. In order to raise public awareness of clean cooking solutions, NACC will adopt major communication tagline of Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves: "Cooking Shouldn't Kill". The NACC is an alliance of organizations engaged in all renewable cleaner cooking technologies including ICS, solar cookers, biogas and electricity based cooking. Fossil fuel based technologies such as LPG, kerosene etc, despite being clean cooking options, have not been included within the scope of NACC as these are non-renewable sources of energy.

2. Objectives

The First Annual Day of NACC is being celebrated to:

- Share the successful achievements made by the alliance partners
- Foster collaboration opportunities for achieving the goal of CCS4ALL
- Encourage stakeholders' discussion on national benchmark on biomass cookstoves
- Commemorate the launching of NACC

3. Brief outline of the Event

The event of First Annual Day of NACC consists of the paper presentations, theme seminar, and posters and product exhibition/live demonstration. Following is a brief outline of the program:

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00	Registration and setting up of posters and exhibition stalls
9:00 – 10:00	Session 1: Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal opening of the program in presence of dignitaries/invited guests
10:00 – 10:30	Hi-Tea
10:30 -12:30	Session 2: National Initiatives on Clean Cooking Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress sharing from programme implementers on clean cooking solutions, e.g., cookstove and biogas dissemination programs, carbon projects and private sector initiatives on clean cooking solutions*
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Lunch and observation of posters and cookstove stalls/live demo
14:00– 15:45	Session 3: Collaboration Opportunities for CCS4ALL Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations from organizations/initiatives with overlapping objectives, e.g., SE4ALL, EFLG/MoFALD, LGCDP/ MoFALD, MSFP/DoF, ICIMOD, TAL/WWF, Bioenergy Project/Helvetas, SGP-UNDP/GEF, CEDBL etc.
15:45 – 16:15	Tea-break
16:15– 17:15	Session 4: Theme Seminar on “Nepal Benchmark on Solid Biomass Cookstoves” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on draft benchmark, comments from the commentators and discussion
17:15 – 18:00	Session 5: Synthesizing and Closing of Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summing up of the day
18:00 – 19:30	Reception & Dinner

*As the time allocated in this session may not be sufficient to cover the presentations from each and every partner involved in cookstove dissemination/business, poster presentation – one poster per organization - summarizing the key information on cookstove business shall be encouraged.

4. Outcomes of the Event

The event is expected to:

- Serve as a platform for progress sharing and showcasing the successful accomplishments in cookstove business and programme implementation
- Develop collaboration and partnership among relevant partners and campaigners
- Facilitate discussion among and gather inputs from relevant stakeholders on national benchmark on biomass cookstoves
- Attract the attention of policy makers, implementers, investors as well as other relevant stakeholders in promotion of clean cooking solutions

5. The Participants & Registration

Around 200 participants from diverse background related to clean cooking solutions are expected attend the event:

- NACC member/partners
- Clean cooking solutions entrepreneurs and programme implementers
- Policy makers
- Investors and sponsors/supports
- Cookstove researchers and other relevant stakeholders

All interested participants must submit registration by filling in online/electronic form by 4th July 2014 and confirm their participation accordingly, except in case of dignitaries and special invited guests. Details on registration will be made available via email soon.

All the organizations involved in Nepalese clean cookstove sector and/or willing to support this sector, if not joined NACC as its member earlier, are encouraged to join NACC by self registering on its website, before submitting their registration to participate in this event.

6. Logistics

The participants will not be charged any registration/participation fee for participation in this event. Lunch and tea/snacks during the breaks as indicated in the event outline above and stationeries will be provided by the organizers. However, there is no provision of sponsoring the travel costs, DSA, accommodation or any other costs and the participants are responsible to bear all costs incurred in this regard.

7. Interested to support/sponsor

If you are interested to support in this event or sponsor a part or whole of the cost of the event, please write an e-mail NACC Secretariat at AEPC at nacc@aepec.gov.np