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An economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future can only be envisioned and achieved through their clear vision, comprehensive preparation and concerted actions. Freeing humanity from poverty and hunger; generating inclusive, equitable and green economic growth; creating greater opportunities for all; reducing inequalities; raising basic standards of living; fostering equitable social development and inclusion; and promoting integrated and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems are still the critical challenges to sustainable development for emerging economies. Tangible supports to economic, social and human development while facilitating environmental conservation, regeneration and restoration and resilience are the new and emerging challenges for emerging economies.

The United Nations after the partial achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) have set 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which in general constitute the sustainable development in any country, particularly in developing and emerging countries. Implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals requires different actions dependent on economic, social and environmental context of a country. This especially applies to countries with emerging economies.

Despite, concerted efforts of the international community, national Governments, the private sector and other development partners, sustainable development goals have still faced great challenges to achieve, because of their complex inter-linkage with economic development, social transformation and environmental protection. Now the world is committed to achieve the sustainable development as a matter of urgency. Challenges for the sustainable development are becoming even more serious and complex because, despite various efforts, our consumption and production systems are not becoming sustainable in the real sense. Neither are we fully and seriously prepared for sustainable oriented modernity, risk-free production and consumption system, nor for a life or community beyond the material affluence. This situation is further aggravating the challenges of environmental sustainability i.e. 'the harmony with nature.' Thus SDGs are the critical points of negotiation among the social, economic and environmental subsystems of our planet.

However, achieving these SDGs is not an easy task. They require heavy public expenditure which seems far beyond the affordability of most developing and emerging countries. Many of the SDGs and the overall goals of mainstream development have strong inter-linkage. Appropriate assessment and management of such inter-linkage may reduce the need of development financing. Search for synergies among the critical SDGs may help to achieve the overall SDGs through the shortest path with the principle of least cost within the shortest time possible.

Considering the above-mentioned context, the objective of this conference is to provide an opportunity for a vibrant discussion among academics, policymakers, professionals and practitioners on developmental strategies most effective for countries with emerging economies. We hope that these discussions will lead to the guidelines articulating more pragmatic measures that could be forwarded to the Governments and other partners working for sustainable development for the emerging economies. The conference sessions will have the mainstream sustainable development themes especially those that create the biggest challenge for emerging economies.

The modality and expected outcomes of the conference:

Members of academia, policy makers, planners and professionals, policy implementing actors, evaluators, and practitioners are invited to submit theoretical papers, research papers, practical papers as well as posters. All papers will be printed before the conference, and during the sessions authors will present their paper. Plenary sessions and panel discussions will be organized to highlight the thematic areas of the conference.

The outcome of the conference will have four productions in terms of publications and reports: (i) Abstract booklet; (ii) proceedings of the conference; (iii) publication of research papers in the Journal of Development Social Engineering (published by the School of Development and Social Engineering); and (iv) report of the conference, which will incorporate the academic, professional and practical synthesis of deliberations, presentations, discussions and declare the preparedness-action oriented Pokhara Sustainable Development Dialogue.

The major themes of the conference

✚ Conceptual and theoretical analyses of SDG/ theoretical perspective on social ecosystem and development	✚ Alternative development models(Saemaul Undong, Sufficiency Economy, etc.)
✚ Poverty, inequality, and vulnerability	✚ Management of globalization
✚ Human prosperity and equality	✚ Population and development
✚ Innovation and entrepreneurship	✚ Technological diffusion and development
✚ Development partnership	✚ Disaster, response and justice
✚ Sustainable human settlements and communities	✚ Climate change and natural resource
✚ Employment and livelihood development	✚ Tourism and development
✚ Social engineering and development	✚ Critical evaluations and case-studies of sub-national, national, regional, and international action towards achieving SDGs

Registration fee:

Categories	Nepal (NRs)	SAARC (US\$)	Others countries (US\$)
University students	3000	70	100
Academicians/ Professionals	5000	100	150
Institutional representatives	20000	300	500
Accompanying person	3000	70	100
Participants from Pokhara University Faculties and Constituent Schools	Free	-	-

Registration fee includes kits, dinner, lunch and refreshment provided during the conferences. Students should provide confirmation letter of being student signed by the head of the institute or department. The registration form can be downloaded from the conference website (<http://www.pu.edu.np/icsd2019>). The registration fee should be paid through demand draft or banker's cheque in favour of School of Development and Social Engineering (SDSE), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pokhara University. The registration fee is non-refundable.

The registration fee does NOT include accommodation and travel costs. The bookings for accommodation and travels must be arranged individually. The participants may be assisted by conference staff on booking accommodation on discounted prices in hotels located in Pokhara if required.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission	5 May 2019
Acceptance of abstract	10 May 2019
Deadline for submission of final paper	10 June 2019

An electronic copy of the abstract in MS Word version should be submitted at icsd2019@pu.edu.np. The submitted abstracts will be blind reviewed.

About School of Development and Social Engineering (SDSE), Pokhara University, Nepal

School of Development and Social Engineering aims to lead the contemporary academia in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, with a focus to sustainable development and social engineering by producing professionals, academicians, entrepreneurs with scientific knowledge, intellectual insight, technical know-how, and practical skill (KITS) for independent thought, critical analysis, self-awareness and professional and academic proficiency based on disciplinary clarity, multidisciplinary distinction and interdisciplinary comprehensiveness. The school currently offers Master of Development Studies (MDEVS), Master in Population, Gender and Development (MPGD), Bachelor of Development Studies (BDEVS) and Bachelor of English and Communication Studies (BECS).



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- ✦ Listen about the latest interdisciplinary research related to sustainable development
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