Evolving the Bank's Evolution Roadmap: Operationalizing Nepal's Vision for Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development (GRID) in the Forest Landscapes – April 17, <u>2023.</u>



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This event brought together officials from the Government of Nepal, Nepali NGOs, Development Partners, and the World Bank to consider the past, present, and future role that Nepal's landscapes play in operationalizing a Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development (GRID) approach at the nexus of water, agriculture, and forestry – to address climate and other environmental risks as well as enhancing the inclusion of Indigenous People, local communities, and women in the rural economy.

Dr. Kugler provided opening remarks for the event. She recognized the difficult interlinked development challenges that Nepal is facing, including climate change, and highlighted the progress that Nepal is making in terms of its commitment to a Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development approach and the success of community forest management expanding the country's forest cover significantly over the last three decades.