

International Farmer Innovation Day 2017 celebrated in Nepal

International Farmer Innovation Day (IFID) was celebrated in Nepal on 29 November 2017 by holding a seminar to share experiences on farmer innovation. Prolinnova–Nepal organised the event in collaboration with the Natural History Museum (NHM) of Tribhuvan University, Rarahil Memorial School, Creative Academy and Center for Nepal Environmental and Educational Development (CENEED).

Farmer innovator, Mr Chandra Prasad Adhikari from Chitwan, shared his innovations in organic agriculture. Mr Sarab Maharjan from Kirtipur highlighted an innovative initiative to convert solid waste into manure for use in agriculture. Ms Jenisha Napit of NHM introduced the Prolinnova network to the seminar participants and shared several farmer innovations in agriculture and natural resource management from various parts of the country that have been recognised and promoted by network participants. Mr Sundar Malla, a potato grower, also highlighted some new things they are trying out in potato cultivation in the Sankhu area of Kathmandu valley. Ms Nirmala Pradhan of NHM shared different activities of NHM along with its role as Prolinnova–Nepal Secretariat.

The chief guest, Mr Ramesh Maharjan, Mayor of Kirtipur Municipality, inaugurated the event and expressed his interest to collaborate with Prolinnova–Nepal in promoting local innovation in the municipality. The programme was chaired by Mr Dharma Raj Dangol (chief of NHM and Prolinnova–Nepal coordinator) and facilitated by Ms Dipa Maharjan, college lecturer. Ms Anita Shrestha, President of CENEED, and a 90-year old farmer participant expressed their views on local innovation and positively evaluated IFID as an important and effective event in giving recognition to farmer innovators.

A total of 52 people from farmer groups, universities, schools, and governmental and non-governmental organisations were present. Some participants shared about the IFID event by posting news on their Facebook pages.



Mayor of Kirtipur Municipality, Ramesh Maharjan, inaugurating IFID 2017 with Dharma Dangol, Prolinnova–Nepal coordinator (Photo: Raj Man Maharjan)



Farmer innovator Chandra Prasad Adhikari presenting his work (Photo: Raj Man Maharjan)



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