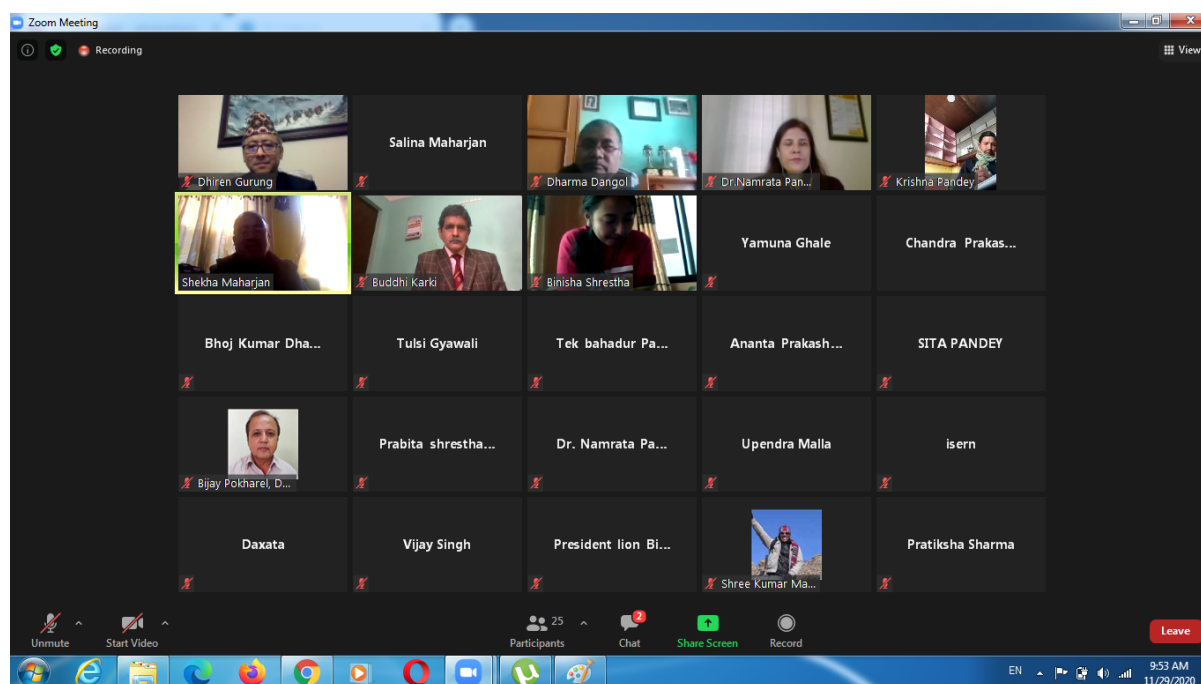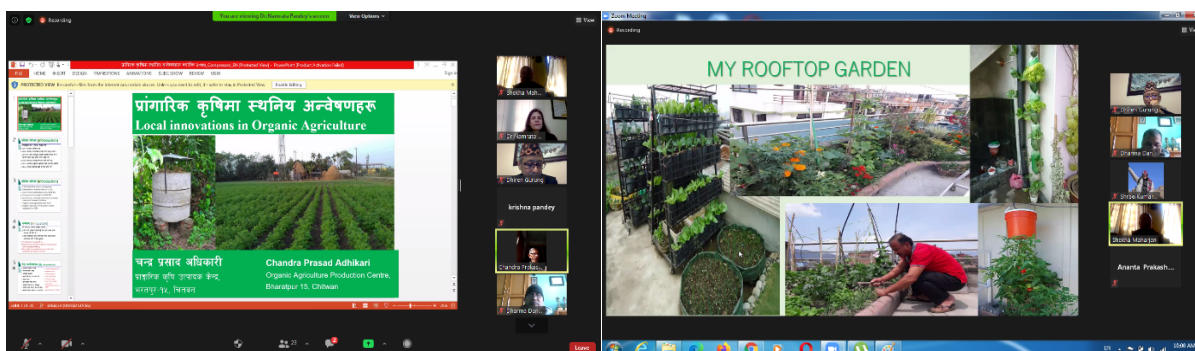## INTERNATIONAL FARMER INNOVATION DAY 2020 CELEBRATED IN NEPAL
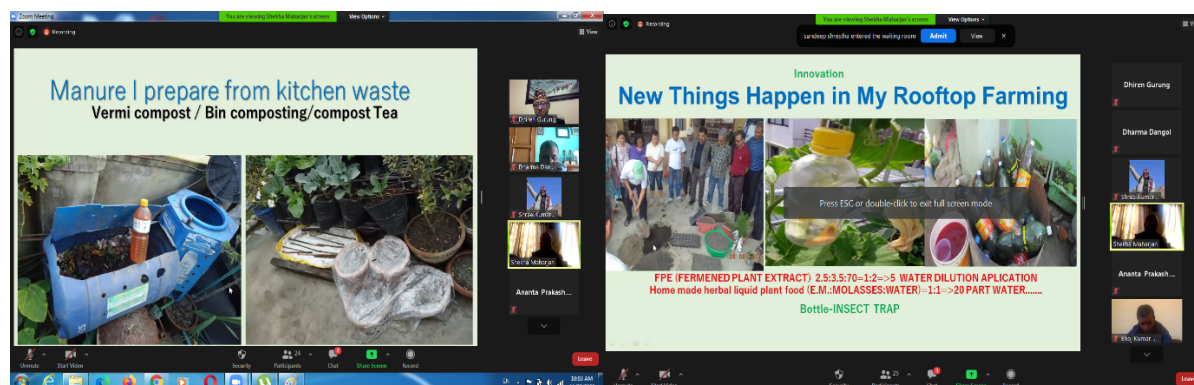
International Farmer Innovation Day (IFID) was celebrated in Nepal on 29 November 2020 by holding a Zoom meeting to share experiences on local innovation. The virtual event was organised by the Institute for Social and Environmental Research–Nepal with sponsorship from Interscaff Safety Training Solution Pvt Ltd. Mr Hari Bahadur KC, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal, was a special invitee and gave a speech wishing the IFID celebration much success.

Farmer innovators Mr Chandra Prasad Adhikari, Ms Tulsi Gyawali, Mr Shekha Narayan Maharjan, Mr Bhoj Kumar Dhamals, Ms Binisha Shrestha and Mr Krishna Pandey shared their innovations in agriculture. Ms Yamuna Ghale, an agricultural expert currently pursuing her PhD at the Agricultural and Forestry University, talked about innovations related to agriculture, marketing and policy.

Prolinnova–Nepal member and chair of the Institute for Social and Environmental Research–Nepal, Mr Dharma Raj Dangol, shared the status of farmer innovation in Nepal, briefing about the IFID celebration from 2012 onwards by Country Platforms in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He also mentioned the integration of local innovation and participatory innovation development into the Master's degree curriculum of Tribhuvan University and into the curriculum of primary and secondary education (Grades 1–8) of Kirtipur Municipality. He mentioned the activities of Prolinnova–Nepal related to documentation and publication of innovation catalogues, brochures, newsletters, etc.

The event was moderated by Ms Namrata Pandey and concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Indra Prasad Paudel, who expressed his willingness and commitment to work with farmer innovators.

Twenty-five participants (11 women and 14 men) attended the virtual meeting, coming from governmental and non-governmental organisations and academic/research institutions.