



## PROLINNOVA–NEPAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022

### **Introduction**

Members of the Prolinnova–Nepal Country Platform (CP), especially of the National Steering Committee (NSC), have been trying to re-establish and activate the CP after it had been coordinated for many years by LI-BIRD (Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development) and then by the Institute for Science and Technology of Tribhuvan University, by SAHAS (Group of Helping Hands) and – from early 2022 – by RIMS (Resource Identification and Management Society) Nepal. The NSC was then strengthened. Shortly thereafter, RIMS withdrew from the CP, citing its inability to continue as the host organisation. In December 2022, the NSC – together with the Prolinnova–Asia coordinator and the Asian member in the Prolinnova Oversight Group (POG) – discussed how to identify a new host organisation to serve also as secretariat to the NSC. In early 2023, Rupantaran Nepal, a national NGO that works mainly in the areas of natural resource management and climate change adaptation and mitigation, accepted the NSC’s invitation to play this role.

The NSC now comprises six members from government, research and academia:

1. (Ms) Bimala Devkota, Nepal Academy of Science & Technology
2. Dharma Dangol, Institute of Social and Environmental Research
3. (Ms) Huma Neupane, Research & Publication, Institute of Agriculture & Animal Science (IAAS), Tribhuvan University
4. Khemraj Dahal, Department of Agronomy, IAAS, Tribhuvan University
5. Ram Krishna Shrestha, Department of Agriculture – NSC Chairperson
6. (Ms) Sony Baral, Institute of Forestry

Shankar Paudel, Rupantaran Nepal, CP Coordinator, *ex officio* member

### **Achievements**

Even in the absence of the host organisation for much of the year 2022, the CP members contributed to the Global Forum on Agricultural Research & Innovation (GFAR) survey on local innovation and organised a CP meeting in December 2022 – in addition to the above-mentioned NSC meeting in the same month. Another positive aspect is that the NSC is functioning and the chairperson, in particular, has shown a keen interest to carry forward the Prolinnova initiative in Nepal. At the time of reporting (March 2023), the chairperson hosted an NSC meeting at his office, in which the selection of the new host organisation was the main item on the agenda.

### **Future plans**

Prolinnova–Nepal with its new host organisation in place and with the support of NSC members looks forward to develop a clear strategy to actively carry forward the initiative.

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