

BioTrade Mandate

Ministry of Commerce & Supplies (MoCS) – Janardhan Gautam

- Promote and facilitate trade
- Bio trade as a cross-cutting issue
- Coordinate with other stake holders

Trade & Export Promotion Center (TEPC) – Bimal Nepal & Gabriele Schlaeger

- Advice to government on export policy
- Assist in product development & research
- Research on exportable products
- Publish trade statistics
- Certification for tea and organic coffee
- Not focused on Biotrade as of now

Agro Enterprise Centre (AEC)/ Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) – Dev Bhakta Shakya (now an independent consultant)

- Creation of commodity association
- Policy perspective from the private sector
- Identified ten potential commodities
- “One village one product” program
- Worked with other agencies, such as IFAT & SNV (the Netherlands Development Agency)

Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources (ANSAB) - Puspa Raj Ghimire

- Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP)
- Value chain activities have enhanced rich biodiversity
- Working with local, impoverished communities
- Products identified and working on handmade paper, essential oil, bio briquette, allo fiber, soap-nut, bamboo, cardiceps sinensis and others (herbal tea, squash, ginger, cardemon and orange)
- Next steps to organize that buyers and sellers meet

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)-Michael Kollmair & Giridhar Kinhal

- No mandate for trade but looking at mountain issues and mountain products
- Viewpoint of the well-being of mountain areas and economic system services
- Niche products from mountain and high land areas
- Biotrade intervention is required
- Enhance benefits for the local people
- Working with other institutions

Annex 2 A: BioTrade Mandate

- Projects focus on sustainability

Department of Plants and Resources – Puspa Raj Shrestha

- Working under the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MOFSC)
- Working with the Department of Aurveda and the Ministry of Local Development
- Program on NTFP
- Worked on high value products
- Worked with ICIMOD using a value chain approach
- Developed standards for medicinal plants
- Biosafety guidelines
- Biosafety legal process
- Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) considerations
- Working with the Department of Plant Resources and the Jadi Buti Association of Nepal (JABAN)
- Pest risk assessment undertaken with the Nepal Agricultural Research Centre (NARC)
- Pricing and standards
- Contract farming, community forestry
- Worked on pricing based on quality
- Worked on national quality standards for certain products (asparagus and timur), and ongoing work on burzo and papal
- Legal mandate for developing standards

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE) - Kamalesh Adhikari

- Regional network
- Secretariat for a global network and global policy
- National network for food security
- National network for Friends of Biodiversity and Farmers
- Farmers rights
- Review of trade and economics
- Policy recommendations
- Rights to biotrade growth