

UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

1. Name of the candidate: **Ghan Shyam Pandey**

2. Name of organization or network:

Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal (FECOFUN) & Global Alliance of Community Forestry (GACF)

3. Title (if applicable):

Chairperson of FECOFUN and Focal point for GACF

4. Country: [Nepal](#)

5. Language(s) spoken: English and Nepali

6. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in.

[Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal \(FECOFUN\)](#) is the national level umbrella organization of 15 thousand Community Forestry Users Groups (CFUGs) in Nepal. FECOFUN strives for the community forestry rights, strengthening the poor and marginalized peoples, improving the livelihood of the forest dependent communities. Policy advocacy campaign and mass mobilizations are key features of FECOFUN. FECOFUN is the largest civil society in Nepal and has largest grass roots networking.

[Global Alliance of Community Forestry \(GACF\)](#) is the global network of community forestry users group's federation and networks. The main objective of GACF is to strengthen the federation and networks of community forestry at different level to establish and protect community forestry rights and improve the livelihood of forest dependent communities.

7. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.

[FECOFUN](#) has one and half decades experience on community experience exchanges. FECOFUN has used different tools for the communication and disseminations. Mass campaign, grass root campaign, Media

Advocacy and media mobilization, workshop, seminar, training, Long March; street drama, cultural program, video documentary, radio and television programs etc are the major tools.

8. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

FECOFUN has great experiences on working from grass roots mobilization to global level policy advocacy. FECOFUN is also the partners of the networks and initiatives working on climate change and REDD, and forest service at national, regional and global levels. FECOFUN involved in climate change negotiation dialogues and basically bringing the community voices to the national, regional and global level policy forums.

Currently FECOFUN has been launching the pilot program on developing the community level payment mechanism with the collaboration of ANSAB and ICIMOD with the supports of NORAD. FECOFUN has been participated in UNFF, COP and other international policy forums with representatives of real community voices. FECOFUN is involving to generate the REDD++ concepts from the beginning. FECOFUN is also involving the forest dialogue to develop finance mechanisms.

9. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process.

Nepal is pilot country of World bank supported Forest carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) program. Nepal is not under the UN REDD support program. But there is demand to start program with UN REDD also.

FECOFUN has been involving in the REDD country initiatives from the very beginning. FECOFUN was involved to develop RPIN along with other civil society organizations. FECOFUN has done advocacy to establish climate change and REDD cell with in the ministry of forest and soil conservations.

FECOFUN is representation in the national working group on climate change and REDD from civil society organization and community forestry users groups. FECOFUN is putting strongly community voices from the community perspectives. Forest and rights are inter related. Rights of the indigenous, local and forest dependent people should be the center point of climate change and forest. These concerns and issues are rising from FECOFUN

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