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IIN PARTNERS WITH SOMTU TO LAUNCH NEPAL'S FIRST MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Invest for Impact Nepal (IIN) has partnered with the School of Management (SOMTU), Tribhuvan University, to support the development of Nepal's first Master's Degree programme in Sustainable Business Management.

Building on the earlier collaboration for the Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Sustainable Business Management, SOMTU will once again in collaboration with UPF- Barcelona School of Management's support launch a new Master's degree programme.

BII ENGAGES WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NEPAL

On July 2026, British International Investment (BII) and the IIN team met with officials from International Economic Relations Division (IERD) and Investment Coordination Desk at Ministry of Finance, to discuss Nepal's evolving foreign investment landscape.

The meeting, attended by Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of South Asia, M. Rehan Rashid, Country Director for Bangladesh, and Rabi Rayamajhi, Country Director for Nepal, provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on strengthening the investment ecosystem and further attracting sustainable foreign capital to Nepal.



PROPARCO VISITS NEPAL TO ASSESS EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

IIN had the pleasure of hosting Vincent Vandebussche, Acting Director for South Asia, and Sahil Jain, Investment Officer, from Proparco during their mission to Nepal.

The engagement also deliberated on Nepal's evolving DFI investment landscape, explore emerging investment opportunities, discuss Proparco's investment priorities, and identify potential collaboration opportunities.



NPEA EXPANDS PEVC AWARENESS THROUGH REGIONAL OUTREACH IN POKHARA AND CHITWAN

In August 2026, Nepal Private Equity Association (NPEA), in collaboration with IIN, organised a Private Equity Information Sharing Session in Pokhara and Chitwan. The two sessions brought together 90 entrepreneurs, along with the fund managers and DFI representatives.

The strong participation in both cities showed a growing interest among entrepreneurs in understanding and accessing private capital. Participants gained insights into Nepal's evolving alternative investment ecosystem, available private financing avenues, and developments within the private equity and venture capital market.

The sessions also provided a platform for direct engagement between entrepreneurs and investment stakeholders, fostering dialogue on how private equity and venture capital can support business growth and expansion.



IIN AND RAPTI URJA COLLABORATE TO UNLOCK FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR SOLAR ENERGY



IIN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rapti Urja Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of the Golyan Group's Energy Division, in September 2026.

Under this partnership, IIN will support the project in conducting a Global Standard Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for its proposed 50MW solar power project in Rolpa. This will help the project secure financing from foreign investors, including DFIs.

IIN PARTNERS WITH FCF TO ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTORS



IIN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with First Choice Foods Limited (FCF), a Nepali agribusiness dedicated to producing premium frozen potato products while also creating opportunities for jobs and increased farmer participation and income.

Under this partnership, IIN and FCF will work together to enhance FCF's investment readiness and support the company attract sustainable foreign capital, including from DFIs and Impact Investors.

NPEA FACILITATES KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ON FUND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



NPEA, in collaboration with IIN, organised a working session on fund governance and management practices for general partners, bringing together 25 investment professionals from Nepal's private equity and venture capital industry.

Led by Ms. Ananya Sonthalia, Partner at Trilegal India, the session drew on lessons from the India's alternative investment industry since the introduction of the AIF regulations. The session also explored the evolution of the industry, key drivers of fundraising, and emerging governance & valuation standards shaping fund management in India today. The session also covered international practices for LP-GP alignment, portfolio valuation, and fund governance, while reflecting on their relevance for Nepal's growing PEVC industry.



The session further highlighted opportunities within Nepal's growing PEVC ecosystem to strengthen fund structures, governance standards, and investor confidence while positioning Nepal as an emerging investment destination for domestic and international capital.

The session was highly interactive, with participants actively engaged in the discussions.

NPEA ENGAGES INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND HNWI'S ON PEVC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NPEA, in collaboration with IIN, organised a knowledge-sharing session for local limited partners, including institutional investors and high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs). Attended by more than 35 LPs, the session highlighted private equity and venture capital as an emerging asset class and explored how institutional investors can participate in alternative investment funds.

Drawing on insights from India's alternative investment industry, Nepal's LPs discussed on the growth of private capital markets, sources of institutional capital, and the evolving role of investors in supporting the expansion of alternative investment funds. Discussions also covered governance mechanisms, investor rights, LP-GP relationships, and global practices that contribute to building a mature and transparent alternative investment ecosystem.



DE-RISKING MSME FINANCE: IFC AND SIDDHARTHA BANK SIGN US\$40 MILLION AGREEMENT



Siddhartha Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) have signed a US\$40 million Risk Sharing Facility under the Small Loan Guarantee Program, with IFC covering 50% of the risk on MSME loans. The partnership aims to expand financing for small businesses across Nepal and marks IFC's first risk-sharing initiative in the country.

The agreement builds on a long-standing relationship that includes Siddhartha Bank's participation in IFC's Global Trade Finance Program and a US\$55 million syndicated loan provided by IFC in 2023.

LAXMI SUNRISE BANK PARTNERS WITH IFC FOR USD 20 MILLION RISK SHARING FACILITY

Laxmi Sunrise Bank and IFC have signed a USD 20 million Risk Sharing Facility to expand financing for small businesses across Nepal at a time when many enterprises are under pressure.



RABO FOUNDATION INVESTS IN AQYSTA TO SCALE CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE IN NEPAL



Taking Nepal's organic agriculture further

Rabo Foundation partners with aQysta Nepal to strengthen sustainable agricultural value chains

Rabo Foundation has announced a loan investment in aQysta Nepal to support the expansion of its climate-smart agricultural value chains. The investment is expected to help the company expand its reach to additional farming communities, expand its export operations, and strengthen traceable agricultural supply chains connecting Nepal farmers to premium domestic and international markets. Rabo Foundation has also acknowledged IIN's efforts in navigating the regulatory process to help successfully close the deal.

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