

National Federation of Irrigation Water User's Association, Nepal

What is National Federation of Irrigation Water User's Association, Nepal ?

National Federation of Irrigation Water User's Association, Nepal (NFIWUAN) is a national level organization which is formed by the representatives of the Water User's Associations (WUA's) throughout the country for the welfare and betterment of WUA's.

Why is NFIWUAN formed?

Rights of the farmers in irrigation management and need for people's participation in irrigation development have been recognized by the Irrigation policy and the Water Resources Act 1992 and Water Resources Rules 1993. However, almost all of the irrigation users have not been able to benefit from the policy and assert their rights. Usually users are not aware about their rights. Because of this situation, during the Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) workshop held at Chitwan former participants from various irrigation systems realized their co-optation and felt need for a strong and capable national organization which can represent users and express their voice strongly. Based on this expression, during the workshop the participant users decided to form an ad-hoc national committee "NFIWUAN" on 11th November, 1998.

The federation registered at Chief District Office, Kathmandu on 12th Aug, 1999. It's registration no. is 91/056/057.

What are the objectives of NFIWUAN ?

- ▶ to develop leadership among water users through functional coordination between concerned agencies of HMG/N for the development of irrigated agricultural system and water users.
- ▶ to establish dialogue, exchange of information and cooperation among WUAs. GOs, NGOs, concerned with irrigation and agriculture.
- ▶ to build awareness among the water users concerning the policy, programs and legislation in water resources to make them conscious towards their rights, benefits and obligations.
- ▶ to promote the participation of WUAs in the PIM policy of HMG/n.
- ▶ to identify the needs, problems and priorities of the water users and to identify and mobilize the way and means to accelerate agriculture production.
- ▶ to identify and promote technology for sustainable irrigation development and help in the conservation and promotion of already irrigated infrastructure.
- ▶ to organize all the water users of the country under one umbrella of NFIWUAN.

- ▶ to promote women's participation in irrigation management.
- ▶ to conserve water resources in the country.
- ▶ to develop and utilize water resources of the country for multiple usage.
- ▶ to work as representative organization of water users in providing suggestions and advise to HMG/N and related agencies in policy formulation and program planning for water resources development.
- ▶ to organize trainings, seminars, conferences on the issues pertaining to irrigation and water resources use.
- ▶ to work towards promotion of resources and technology generation in irrigated agricultural system and help publication of relevant literatures.
- ▶ to promote cooperatives in irrigated agricultural system through mobilization of the participation of WUAs in input management, market information, information dissemination on improve agricultural technology, storage and value addition.
- ▶ to strengthen and expand the organization of NFIWUAN at District levels through formation of District Level Branch and Sub Branch Committees.

How does it sustain?

- ▶ through membership fees.

▶ through support from associations, individuals, groups, NGOs, INGOs and donor agencies.

▶ through trainings, seminars, researches and other programs.

Who can be the members of NFIWUAN?

All the registered and unregistered WUAs in the country will obtain general membership of NFIWUAN.

District Council :

One male and one female members will represent to the District Council from the system irrigating upto 500 hectares and one more member will be added from each additional 300 hectares.

District Council is liable only in the district where at least seven WUAs are registered and have taken the membership of NFIWUAN.

National Acting Committee:

There remains a National Acting Committee elected by the General Conference.

National Council:

There remains a National Council consisting of all chairpersons of District Branches, and a women and a man representative from each district.

Conference:

The conference consists of the representative of the District Branches on the institutional basis, ex members of the National Acting Committee and the

Chairperson of the irrigation network of more than 2000 hectares.

National Executive Committee:

The national executive committee is to be constituted through a process of election of the functionaries and member during National Convention. The number of functionaries and the member has been limited to maximum of 25 including Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, General Secretary, D. Secretary, Treasurer, Seven members, Chairperson of outgoing executive committee, one nominated women member and five nominated by the Constituent District Level Committees from each five development regions.

Existing Central Executive Committee:

Mr. Gajadhar Yadav (President)	Dhanusha
Mr. Ram Prasad Mehta (Former President)	Sunsasri
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Mr. Vishnu Prasad Khatiwada (Vice- President)	Jhapa
Mr. Badri Nayaran Yadav (Vice president)	Saptari
Mr. Dharma Krishna Shrestha (Vice president)	Shindhupalchowk
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Mr. Yagya Gaire (Vice president)	Rupendahi
Mr. Lok Bahadur Hamal (Vice president)	Humla
Mr. Kumar Raj Shahi (Vice president)	Kailali
Mr. Shambhu Prasad Dulal (General Secretary)	Kathmandu
Mr. Gun Dev Panta (Secretary)	Kanchanpur
Mrs. Bandana Singh	Bara

(Secretary)	
Mrs. Kalpana Rajthalla (Treasure)	Bhakhtapur
Mrs. Ranjana Devi Yadav (Joint Treasure)	Sunsari

Members

Mr. Dhilli Ram Sighdel	Morang
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