



# IMPACT STORY

## DECLARATION SIGNED TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION IN PROVINCE 1, NEPAL

The ACIAR funded Roadmaps Project aims to develop capacity for sustainable agricultural mechanisation in Nepal. Led by CIMMYT, this project targets Provinces 1 and 2 of Nepal, where the SRFSl project has been working since 2012.

In order to create an enabling environment for Nepali farmers to access and utilise sustainable agricultural mechanization, the Roadmaps project seeks to collaborate with provincial governments and other stakeholders to develop appropriate plans to build and maintain these enabling environments. In this process of working in a coordinated way, the project successfully conducted a workshop on 27th September in Province One, linking the Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoLMAC), farmer groups, farmers and other stakeholders interested in sustainable agricultural mechanisation.



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*Dr. Brendan Brown (left), program leader and Dr. Rajendra Uprety (right), MoLMAC, P1*

This workshop was attended by government officials and private sector partners, including Dr Bimal Kumar Nirmal (Secretary of MoLMAC) and Dr Rajendra Uprety (Division Chief of MoLMAC). The discussion focused first on a broader common vision for agriculture in Province 1, and gradually narrowed down to defining the current status, the challenging factors and the role of policies to support sustainable agricultural mechanisation in the province.



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At the end of the workshop, the working groups of the Roadmaps project agreed on a common vision and signed a declaration to pursue a collaborative effort to promote the development of sustainable agricultural mechanisation in Province 1. The work plan will be further defined and implemented over the remainder of the project.