

KATHMANDU DECLARATION

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Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) National Workshop/Mayors' Forum for Urban Sanitation was organized on 18 and 19 December 2019 in Kathmandu where the Mayors of Municipalities, representatives from local bodies and associations, and organizations and entrepreneurs working in FSM gathered together to discuss on the existing context, challenges and opportunities on Urban Sanitation including FSM. Minister for Water Supply Honorable Bina Magar resided as the Chief Guest and Deputy Director of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Dr. Roshan Shrestha resided as the Special Guest for the program. The two-day program organized under the chairmanship of Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality and Chairperson of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) culminated with the following nine-point declarations:

1. Central, provincial and local governments shall formulate policies for the sustainable faecal sludge management (FSM);
2. Establish a steering committee on FSM under the chairmanship of Minister for Water Supply and with representatives from central, provincial and local government. Form the executive and technical committees to execute the FSM initiatives;
3. Under the leadership of local government and together with relevant stakeholders, prepare the strategic plans on FSM and Total Sanitation by formulating appropriate laws, policies and guidelines;

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4. Local governments shall lead to coordinate and collaborate with District Coordination Committees, Municipalities and Rural Municipalities and to strengthen the local capacity on FSM programming through trainings, sensitization workshops and advocacy by the relevant organizations;
5. Coordinate and collaborate with central and provincial government and provide the leadership role by the chief of the local governments to ensure proper inclusion of the urban sanitation and FSM implementation plans in the overall plans of the local government;
6. Foster coordination and partnership with relevant organizations and private sectors for mass FSM campaigning by developing and mobilizing capable human resources;
7. Initiate mass public awareness and engage the general public, communities and stakeholders on faecal sludge management campaigns;
8. Mobilize resources of central, provincial and local governments; collaborate with donor agencies and development partners and allocate municipal annual budget to execute the FSM initiatives;
9. The local government shall prioritize and institutionalize Urban Sanitation and FSM as the mainstream development agenda by effectively mobilizing the concerned stakeholders and media agencies involved in the sector.