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NEPAL WATER SECURITY FORUM

An Academic Forum for Policy Making in the South Asian Region

DATE AND LOCATION

27 March 2007

Radisson SAS Hotel

Dragarbrunnsgatan 32

Uppsala, Sweden

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the forum is to share knowledge and expertise on water security issues in Nepal and the region, and related topics, and to work towards relevant policy recommendations to address these issues. The forum will consist of four subsequent working sessions which will include a paper presentation, followed by questions and open discussion.

MORNING SESSION

9:00 – 9:15

Registration and Coffee

9:15 – 9:30

Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Fiona Rotberg and Dr. Ashok Swain

9:30 – 10:45

SESSION ONE: NEPAL TODAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDRESSING WATER SECURITY, WATER CONFLICT

Dr. Bishnu Upreti: *Nepal's Hydro Conflict: Trade Off, Power and Politics*

Mr. Ajaya Dixit: *To be announced*

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30

SESSION TWO: LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF SHARING WATER RESOURCES ACROSS BORDERS

Mr. Glen Hearn: *Strategies for Regime Building and Institutional cooperation*

Dr. Ganesh Shivakoti: *Coping with Policy, Institutions and Governance Challenges of Water Resource Issues in Nepal*

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch



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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 – 2:45

SESSION THREE: THE INTERSECTION OF WATER SECURITY, RESOURCE SCARCITY AND CONFLICT AND COOPERATION

Dr. Richard Matthew: *To be Announced*

Dr. Ashok Regmi: *Water Security and Farmer Managed Irrigation Systems of Nepal*

2:45 – 3:15

Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:30

SESSION FOUR: THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN WATER SECURITY ISSUES

All Invited Presenters

4:30 – 5:30

Group Discussion and Conclusions

Information and Participants:

Mr. Ajaya Dixit is Founder of the Nepal Water Conservation Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal, and Editor of the Water Nepal Journal.

Mr. Glen Hearn is a Ph.D. Candidate at the Dr. Andrew R. Thompson Program for Natural Resources Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Dr. Richard Matthew is an Associate Professor of International and Environmental Politics in the Schools of Social Ecology and Social Science at the University of California at Irvine, USA, and Director of the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs.

Dr. Ashok Regmi is a Research Associate at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, USA.

Dr. Fiona J.Y. Rotberg is a Research Fellow at the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program and the Director of the Environmental Security in Asia project, Uppsala University, Sweden.

Dr. Ganesh Shivakoti is Professor of Agricultural and Natural Resources Economics at the School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Ashok Swain is Professor of Peace and Conflict Research at the Department of Peace and Conflict, Uppsala University, Sweden.

Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti is Regional Coordinator of the National Centre of Competence in Research's (NCCR) Programme North South, Kathmandu, Nepal.



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Getting to Radisson SAS Hotel Gillet

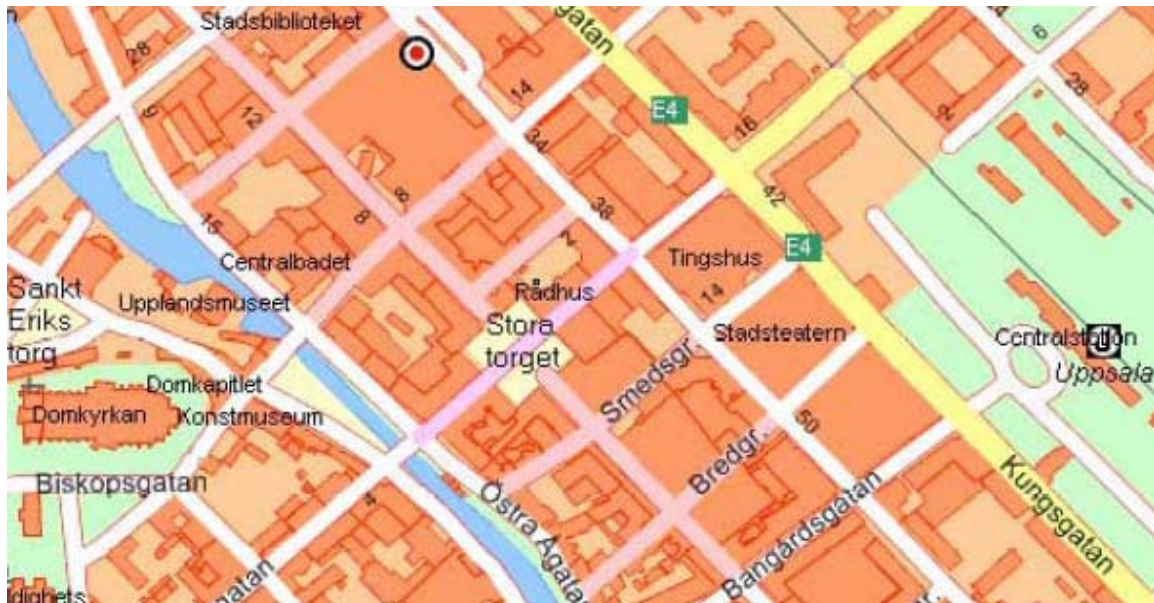
Arriving by train

It is a short walk from the Central Station to Radisson SAS. Below on the map, Radisson SAS is marked with a black circle with a red dot inside.

To get to the hotel, exit the Central Station via the main exit towards the river. Continue straight ahead, crossing Kungsgatan (in yellow) until you reach Dragarbrunnsgatan, the first parallel street after Kungsgatan. Take a right turn onto Dragarbrunnsgatan and continue about five blocks. You will find Radisson SAS on your left hand side, at Dragarbrunnsgatan 32.

Arriving by car from Stockholm

When approaching Uppsala, take the old E4, Tycho Hedéns väg, and continue straight ahead through the first round-about. Continue about 3km along Tycho Hedéns väg until you reach Vaksalagatan. Take a left turn onto Vaksalagatan and continue about 1,5km until you reach Kungsgatan. Take a right turn onto Kungsgatan, and after 130m take a left turn onto St.Persgatan, and then take a right turn onto Dragarbrunnsgatan. There is a parking garage in connection to the Radisson SAS Hotel Gillet.



If you have any questions, or need any assistance while in Uppsala, you may contact me (Project Coordinator Johan Alvin) on my cell phone, 0707-50 97 97, (int. + 46 707 50 97 97)

Welcome to Uppsala!