

NCE-Nepal
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NCE-Nepal celebrated ASPBAE's 50th anniversary by organising a national seminar on the role of civil society in the post-2015 education agenda. NCE-Nepal coalition members, education experts, and other stakeholders participated in the consultation held in Kathmandu.



The event was inaugurated by the planting of a 'Siris' (Blue Mimosa) tree, symbolising growth for ASPBAE and its role of providing shelter to the civil society movement for education. Vice President of NCE-Nepal, Kumar Bhattarai, gave the Welcome Remarks and Saloni Singh, ASPBAE Executive Council member, gave a presentation on ASPBAE's advocacy and campaigns work. President of

NCE-Nepal, Babu Kaji Shrestha, made a presentation on the 'Consultation report on EFA before and beyond 2015 from a civil society perspective'. This was followed by an open discussion.

The following are excerpts of the main discussion points at the national consultation –

- Government budget allocations for education are high, but progress low.
- Education in the mother tongue should be mandatory up to grade 3. A trilingual policy should be adopted.
- Teachers need to be appropriately trained on the basis of multi-grade teaching methodologies and should be conducted on a demand basis at the local level
- There is lack of relevant curriculum development.
- Parents need to be sensitised on the importance of children's' education
- There should be a scholarship scheme children with disabilities.
- A national campaign needs to be directed towards development authentic data for education.
- The pressure needs to be on the government for the 3 A's – assessment, amplification, awareness.



- There needs to be a focus on – (1) Claiming space (2) Creating space (3) building conscious, and (4) capturing power.

Towards the conclusion of the national consultation, ASPBAE's Cecilia (Thea) Soriano offered remarks on the role of civil society organisations in the post-2015 education agenda. Over 40 participants took part in the national consultation in Nepal.