# MoU Signed Between WWF-Nepal and SCAEF Nepal to Promote Environment Friendly Infrastructure Development



WWF-Nepal signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) on September 7, 2023, at WWF-Nepal's office in Kathmandu. The MoU will promote sustainable and environment friendly infrastructure development in Nepal. WWF-Nepal, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Asia's Linear Infrastructure safeGuarding Nature (ALIGN) Project, will collaborate with SCAEF in the capacity development of its members in natural resource safeguards for infrastructure development.

With this agreement in place, the organizations will partner to create a single platform that brings together the conservation and development communities to discuss global trends, policy needs, and issues regarding natural resource safeguards.

For the implementation of this agreement, WWF-Nepal will serve as the expert agency for providing solutions to environmental safeguard issues. SCAEF will use its network to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly infrastructure nationwide.

During the MoU signing event, Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung, country representative for WWF-Nepal, stated that this will be a pioneer step in the development of environmentally friendly linear infrastructure in Nepal. Mr. Sandesh Singh Hamal, chief of party of the ALIGN Project, highlighted the importance of the MoU and briefed attendees on its main provisions. Likewise, Mr. Tuk Lal Adhikari, president of SCAEF Nepal, said that the coming together of SCAEF's expertise in the technical aspects of infrastructure construction and WWF's leadership in conservation will be a bridge to minimize the gap between conservation and infrastructure agencies.

It is expected that this partnership will pave a new path of collaboration and will be a cornerstone for the promotion of sustainable infrastructure development practices in Nepal through the involvement of the private sector.