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Nepal participated in Eighteenth Meeting of the Council of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) held in Abu Dhabi from 4 to 6 November 2019. Nepali delegation comprised of His Excellency Krishna Prasad Dhakal, Ambassador of Nepal to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ms. Rita Dhital, Minister Counsellor/Deputy Chief of Mission.

In his intervention during the council session, Ambassador Dhakal highlighted Nepal's richness in resource endowment of renewable energy. Stating Nepal's potential in hydropower, solar, wind, biogas, and other various forms of biomass energy, he welcomed functional cooperation from IRENA including innovation and transfer of the affordable and accessible technology in harnessing these resources. He also underlined that real energy for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is essentially the renewal energy.

Shedding light on impact of climate change on renewable energy, particularly hydropower, Ambassador Dhakal called upon IRENA, its member states and international community to work together to save the Himalayas, the largest source of hydropower. He also expressed concerns regarding future of hydropower if the melting process of Himalayas continues.

The council meeting considered the Annual Report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget 2018-2019. The meeting was attended by representatives from member countries.

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an inter-governmental organization established to promote the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, including bio-energy, hydropower, solar and wind energy in the pursuit of sustainable development and low-carbon economic growth. Nepal is a member of IRENA.

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