

Report of the activity by Ms. Anjila Babu Malla, at ARC-15 of IAEG

Ms. Anjila Babu Malla, a doctoral course student at Shimane University, is currently pursuing her doctoral studies under the supervision of Dr. Tetsuya Sakai in Department of Earth Science. With the encouragement and support of Prof. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal, Visiting Professor at Shimane University UNESCO chair and Vice President of IAEG for Asia, and her supervisor at Shimane, Ms. Malla actively worked and took on leadership responsibilities at the 15th Asian Regional Conference of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (ARC-15 of IAEG), held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in November 2025.

She serves as Chair of Women in Engineering Geology (WEG) of the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), a Member of the Women in Engineering Geology Committee (WEGC) of International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) and was the WEG Coordinator for ARC-15 of IAEG. At the conference, she helped plan and organize a wide range of WEG activities under the theme “The Role of Women in the Development of Engineering Geology.” These activities aimed to support women professionals and students, promote international collaboration, and encourage leadership in engineering geology.

The WEG program included a pre-conference online networking session that allowed participants from different countries to connect before arriving in Kathmandu.

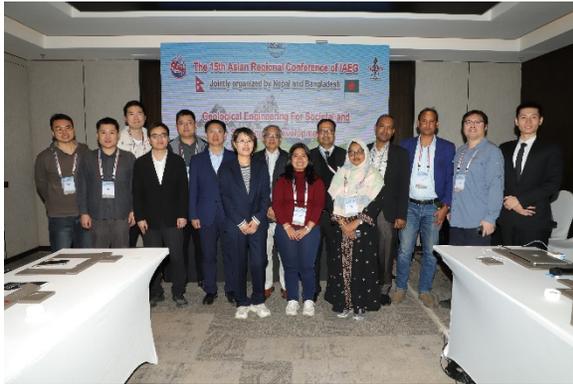
The image is a screenshot of a Microsoft Word document. The top portion shows the Word ribbon with tabs for Paragraph, Drawing, Editing, and Voice. Below the ribbon is a virtual meeting interface. On the left is a vertical video gallery with five participants: Anjila Malla, Ann Williams, Dr. Sultana Nury, manita, and Faruqa, Director, GCH&WR, Branch, GSB. The main area of the document contains a collage of photos and text. The text includes 'Women in Engineering Geology ENGINEERING GEOLOGY, HER STRENGTH', 'WEG Session of ARC-15 of IAEG', and 'Pre-Conference Networking Event'. It also lists the Session Convener (IAEG-WEG Chair Ann Williams) and Coordinators (Anjila Malla, NSEG-WEG Chair and Mahmuda Khatun, IBNG-WEG Chair). Logos for NSEG and IAEG are visible at the bottom right, along with the date November 17, 2025.

During the conference, she was involved in organizing a women-only “Walk and Talk” geological field session in the Chovar area of the Kathmandu Valley, where participants combined geological observations with open discussions about academic paths, career

experiences, and challenges faced by women in the field. The group also visited the Department of Geology at Tribhuvan University, strengthening interaction with students and faculty.



She also actively participated in the IAEG Commission Meeting held on 26 November, representing WEG-Nepal, where she shared her views on the importance of greater inclusion of women not only in IAEG conferences but also in commission activities, technical work, and scientific publications. Her contribution emphasized the need for long-term and meaningful participation of women in shaping research, guidelines, and professional outputs within IAEG.



She further played an active role in the WEG technical session and moderated a panel discussion on women's careers in engineering geology, where international experts (Ann Williams: IAEG-WEG Chair, Ranjan Kumar Dahal: IAEG Vice President for Asia, Mahmuda Khatun: IBNG-WEG Chair and Hiromi Kaji: JSEG WEG) shared experiences related to leadership, mentorship, and professional growth.





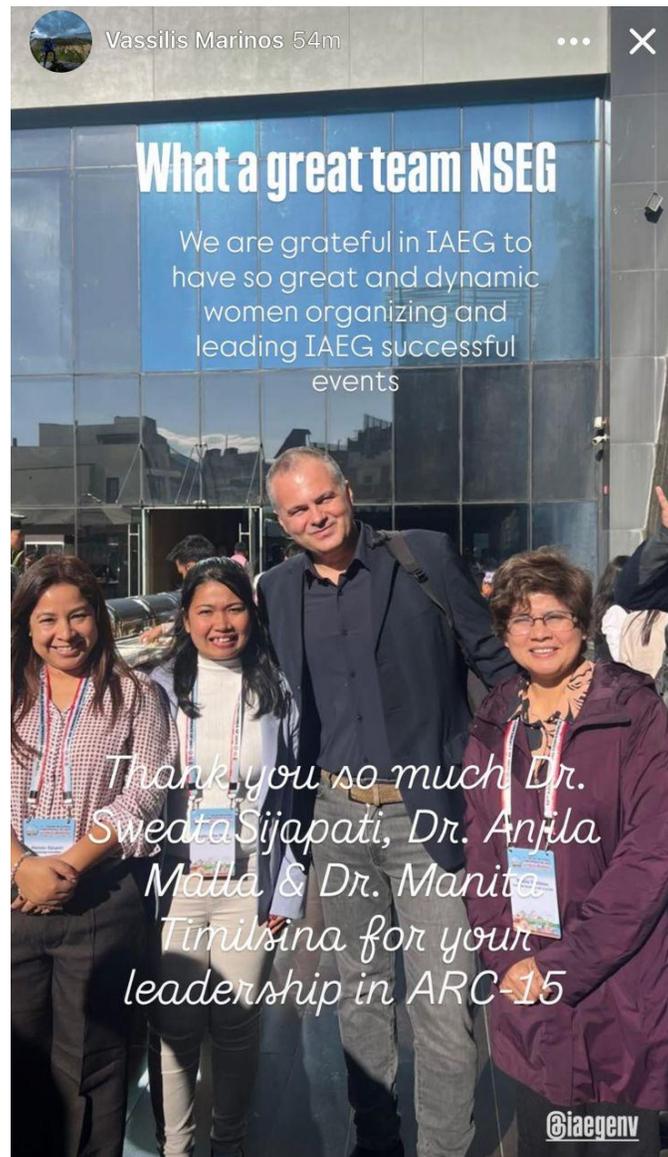
In addition, she coordinated a career development workshop focused on communication, leadership, and negotiation skills, providing practical guidance for women pursuing careers in engineering geology and related STEM fields. She further supported a WEG-led three-day post-conference field excursion in the Kathmandu Valley and Pokhara region, which offered hands-on learning and opportunities for professional exchange.



In recognition of her contributions, Ms. Malla received a Certificate of Appreciation during the Inaugural Ceremony of ARC-15 from the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) and the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG). The award recognized her leadership, dedication, and efforts in strengthening professional engagement within IAEG and NSEG and was signed by IAEG President Prof. Dr. Vassilis P. Marinos and NSEG President Prof. Dr. Kumud Raj Kafle.



Importantly, her leadership was also personally recognized by the IAEG President. Prof. Vassilis Marinos publicly expressed his appreciation for Ms. Anjila Babu Malla, acknowledging her key role in organizing and leading the WEG activities at ARC-15 with high professionalism and energy. He highlighted her commitment to promoting women's participation and leadership within IAEG, underlining the growing respect and visibility of her contributions within the global engineering geology community.



Ms. Malla's active participation and leadership at ARC-15 highlights her strong involvement in international academic and professional activities and reflects Shimane University's commitment to global engagement, research excellence, and inclusive leadership in science and engineering.