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Agenda

27 March 2016

18.00-20.00 Reception meeting (*by invitation only*).

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Session 1 Inaugural.

09:00 – 10:30 Welcome Remarks by **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission.
Remarks by **Dr. Wencai Zhang**, Vice President, Asian Development Bank.
Statement by **Honorable Finance Minister Mr. Bishnu Prasad Paudel**, Ministry of Finance.
Address by **Right Honorable Mr. K. P. Sharma Oli**, Prime Minister.
Vote of thanks by **Mr. Lal Shanker Ghimire**, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission Secretariat.

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break.

Session 2 Experiences of Asia's Development.

10:45 – 11:45 Chair: **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission.

Honorable Dr. Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Aayog, India.
Transformation of India and Implications for Prosperity across South Asia.

Professor Justin Yifu Lin, former Chief Economist, World Bank.
Structural Transformation and the Process of Catch-up in Asia.

Dr. Joon-Kyung Kim, President, Korea Development Institute.
Korea's Development Experience and Its Relevance to Other Countries.

Q & A.

Wrap up by the Chair.

Session 3

Nepal's Long Term Development Perspective.

11:45 – 13:00

Moderator: **Mr. Harinder Kohli**, President, Centennial Group International.

Presenter: **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission.
Envisioning Nepal 2030.

Presenter: **Dr. Bindu Nath Lohani**, former Vice President, Asian Development Bank.
Roadmap to Prosperity: Relevance of Regional Experiences to Nepal.

Panelists: **Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Dr. Joon-Kyung Kim, Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma**, and **Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal**.

Q & A.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break.

Lunch hosted by **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission.

Luncheon Speaker: **Mr. Harinder S. Kohli**, President, Centennial Group International.
Global Practice of Long Term Strategy and Visioning Exercise.

Session 4

Thematic Presentations.

14:00 - 16:30

Moderator: **Professor Dr. Bishwambher Pyakuryal**.

Accelerating Inclusive Growth.

Presenter: **Dr. Swarnim Waglé**, former Member, National Planning Commission.

Discussants: **Honorable Dr. Bibek Debroy**, Member, NITI Aayog, **Dr. Ajay Chhibber**, former Assistant UN Secretary-General, and **Dr. Nagesh Kumar**, Director, UNESCAP.

Q & A.

Energy (Hydropower) Development.

Presenter: **Dr. Priyantha Wijayatunga**, Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank.

Discussant: **Prof. Dr. Govinda Nepal**, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance.

Q & A.

14:00 - 16:30

Urban Development and Transport Connectivity.

Presenters: **Ms. Yumiko Noda**, Partner, PwC (Japan), and **Dr. Pradumna B. Rana**, Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.

Discussants: **Honorable Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha**, Member, National Planning Commission, and **Honorable Dr. Sumitra Amatya**, Member, National Planning Commission.

Q & A.

Human Resource and Social Sector Development.

Presenter: **Mr. John Henly**, Team Leader, Secondary Education Sector Investment Program, Bangladesh.

Discussant: **Honorable Professor Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi**, Member, National Planning Commission.

Q & A.

Transforming Agriculture into a High-value Competitive Industry.

Presenter: **Mr. Amnon Golan**, Head, Centennial Group International.

Discussants: **Dr. Joon-Kyung Kim**, and **Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha**, Executive Director, Nepal Rastra Bank.

Q & A.

16.30-16.45

Coffee Break.

Session 5

Perspectives from Nepal's Development Partners.

16.45-17:30

Moderator: **Mr. Lok Darshan Regmi**, Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Baikuntha Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

One representative each from bilateral, multilateral development banks, UN (One UN), and EU.

Session 6

Closing.

17:30 – 18:00

Remarks by **Dr. Wencai Zhang**, Vice President, Asian Development Bank.

Remarks by **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission.

18:00 – 20:00

Reception dinner hosted by **Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, National Planning Commission and **Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama**, Country Director, Nepal Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank.

Dinner Speaker: **Dr. Ajay Chhibber**, former Assistant UN Secretary-General.

Implementing a Long-term Development Strategy: Challenges and Possibilities.



PROFILES

Session 1

Inaugural.

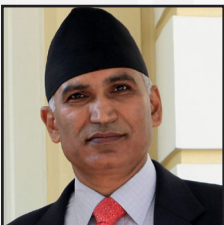


Right Honorable Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli began his political career in 1966 having been influenced by Marxist and Leninist philosophies. He became a member of the Communist Party of Nepal in February 1970. He was involved in revolutionary politics in contradiction of the tyrannical party-less Panchayat System. He became the District Committee Member of the Party in 1971 and the Chief of the Jhapa Movement Organizing Committee in 1972.

Mr. Oli was arrested and imprisoned for 14 consecutive years from 1973 to 1987 for being involved in the movement. After being released in 1987, he became a Central Committee Member of the Communist Party of Nepal - United Marxist and Leninist (CPN-UML). Following the 1990 democratic movement that brought down the Panchayat regime, Oli became a popular political figure in the country. In 1991, he became the Founding Chairman of Prajatantrik Rastriya Yuwa Sangh. He then took the charge of Foreign Department of the party.

He became Member of Parliament in the House of Representatives (HoR) from Jhapa District constituency no 6 in the year 1991. He was again elected as the MP from Jhapa constituency no. 2 in 1999. He became the Home Minister from 1994 to 1995. During the Interim Government in 2006-2007, Mr. Oli became the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal. Mr. Oli won the election of the Second Constituent Assembly from Jhapa constituency no.7 in 2013. Then he was designated as the Chief of the International Department of the CPN-UML Parliamentary Party.

Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli was elected as the Prime Minister of Nepal on 11 October 2015. He is the First Prime Minister of Nepal after the promulgation of the Constitution of Nepal 2015.



Honorable Finance Minister Mr. Bishnu Prasad Paudel comes from Syngja district of the Western part of Nepal. He was appointed Minister for Finance on 5 November 2015. Mr. Paudel was elected to the Constituent Assembly (Legislative Parliament) member from Rupandehi district two times (2008-12, 2013-17) and the Member of House of Representative from Palpa district (1994-1999). Earlier, Mr. Paudel assumed the portfolio of Minister of Defense (2011), Minister of Water Resources (2009), and Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture (1996). He served the

Communist Party of Nepal (UML) as a Deputy-General Secretary and other positions such as the Secretary of Central Committee (2009-14), Member of Standing Committee (2003-15), and Member of Central Committee (1990-2015). Mr. Paudel is associated with the Communist Party (ML/UML) since 1978.



Honorable Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada is currently Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission. He was the Governor of the Nepal Rastra Bank (central bank) from March 2010 to March 2015. Prior to serving the central bank, he had served the National Planning Commission as the Vice Chairman from June 2009 to March 2010 and as a Member of the same from November 2002 to June 2005. He has also served as a Senior Economist the United Nations Development Program serving Asia and the Pacific for three years. Dr. Khatiwada has been a

career central banker and development planner. He has been involved in numerous research projects and published several books and many research papers. He has been a resource person to several regional and global development discourses. He holds Master's degrees in Economics and Public Administration from Tribhuvan University, and a PhD in Monetary Economics from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.



Dr. Wencai Zhang holds the position of Vice President of the Asian Development Bank since December, 2013. Mr. Zhang is responsible for ADB operations in the South Asia and the Central and West Asia regions. Prior to joining ADB, he was the Director General of the Department of External Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of China. Dr. Zhang served as the Deputy Director General at MoF from July 2004 to July 2012 and was in charge of bilateral and multilateral economic and financial cooperation between China and many other economies, such as

China-US strategic and economic dialogue, G20, ASEAN+3, etc. He was the Executive Director of China at the ADB from April 2007 to September 2009.



Mr. Lal Shanker Ghimire is the Joint Secretary of the Economic Management Division of the National Planning Commission Secretariat. Mr. Ghimire has more than two decades of experiences in mobilizing and managing Official Development Assistance (ODA), planning and budgeting. Mr. Ghimire also served as an Advisor to the Executive Directors of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank. Studied at both Tribhuvan University of Nepal and the University of Bradford of United Kingdom, Mr. Ghimire was a Lead Focal Point for

the preparation of Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) following the April 2015 earthquake, and currently, under the guidance of Honorable Vice Chairman of the National Planning Commission, coordinates the preparation of the 14th Three Year Periodic Plan (2016/17-2018/19) and Envisioning Nepal 2030.



Honorable Dr. Bibek Debroy is an economist and a full time Member of NITI Aayog of India. He was educated in Ramakrishna Mission School, Narendrapur; Presidency College, Kolkata; Delhi School of Economics and Trinity College, Cambridge. He has worked in different professional bodies like Presidency College, Kolkata (1979-83), Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune (1983-87), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi (1987-93), as the Director of a Ministry of Finance/UNDP project on legal reforms (1993-98), Department of Economic Affairs (1994-95), Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (1997-2005), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2005-06), Centre for Policy Research (2007-2015). He has authored/edited several books, papers and popular articles and has also been a Consulting/Contributing Editor with several newspapers.



Professor Justin Yifu Lin is professor and honorary dean, National School of Development, and Director of Center for New Structural Economics at Peking University. He was the Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank, 2008-2012. Prior to this, Mr. Lin served for 15 years as Founding Director and Professor of the China Centre for Economic Research (CCER) at Peking University. He is Councillor of the State Council, a member of the Standing Committee, Chinese People's Political Consultation Conference, and Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce.



Dr. Joon-Kyung Kim is President of the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. Previously, Dr. Kim was the Senior Vice President of KDI and a Professor at the KDI School. He established the Development Research and Learning Network at KDI where he oversaw research and knowledge sharing initiatives on Korea's development experience. Dr. Kim held senior policy-making position in government, serving in the President's Office of Economic Affairs for Financial Policy. He was a co-chair of the Financial Supervision Reform Committee and a member of the Presidential Economic Policy Advisory Council. Dr. Kim had held teaching positions at Virginia Tech, Columbia University, and University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was also a consultant at the World Bank and contributed in the preparation of "The East Asian Miracle." He has a B.S. in Computer Science and Statistics from Seoul National University and a PhD in Economics from the University of California at San Diego.



Dr. Bindu Nath Lohani currently serves as Global Head, Climate Change Policy at Centennial Group, USA; Distinguished Fellow , Institute of Global Environmental Studies , Japan; Chief International Advisor, K-Water, Korea and Distinguished Adjunct Faculty and Senior Adviser to President, AIT, Bangkok. Prior to these positions, he held positions like Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, and Vice President for Finance and Administration at Asian Development Bank until June, 2015.



Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, former Ambassador of Nepal to the United States has a PhD in economics from the University of Hawaii. He was the Vice-Chairman of the National Planning Commission, Nepal from 2002 to 2006. Before joining the National Planning Commission as a Member in 1997, he was a Senior Economist in the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and was also an editor to ASEAN Economic Bulletin and a consultant editor to Hydrocarbon Asia, both published from Singapore for about seven years.



Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal, a former Member of Parliament and National Planning Commission, is in research, teaching and social works after PhD in economics in 1986. He is the founder Chairman of the Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRAD) established in 1995. He teaches advance macroeconomics to M. Phil. students in the Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University. He has published several books, policy papers and reports individually and jointly to his credit. He has worked extensively with many international and regional agencies. His pioneering contributions include input/output and macro modeling in Nepal. His recent research and writing works are focused on political economy aspects of socio-economic development and transformation.



Mr. Harinder S. Kohli is the Founding Director and Chief Executive of Emerging Markets Forum as well as Founding Director, President, and CEO of Centennial Group International, both based in Washington, D.C. Prior to starting his current positions, he served over 25 years in various senior managerial positions at the World Bank. He has written extensively on the emergence of Asia, Latin America, Africa and other emerging market economies, financial development, private capital flows, and infrastructure. Mr. Kohli is the editor and co-author of the

latest book *The world in 2050: Striving for a just, prosperous and harmonious global community* which will be released in Paris on April 12.



Honorable Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha is a Member of National Planning Commission, Nepal. He also served in the same position in 2009. He earned his PhD in Environmental Development Engineering from Japan and has experience working in various organizations including in the projects of UNDP, World Bank, ADB and GIZ in the capacity of Urban Planner, PPP Expert, Environmental Expert, and Solid Waste Management Expert. He authored a book titled 'A Sustainable City Planning Methodology for 21st Century (Concept of Food Green City)' and has a number of peer reviewed articles. He was honoured with many medals and prizes for his special contribution in the field of science and technology, environment, and engineering.



Honorable Dr. Sumitra Amatya has more than 17 years' experience in lead positions with wide knowledge in design of multi-disciplinary public/ private buildings and master plans, periodic plans of cities in Nepal and abroad. She is well-acquainted with micro-macro enterprise development, and women and youth empowerment. She worked in Pulchowk Engineering Campus from 2003 to 2009. From 2009- 2015, she worked as a CEO/Executive Director in Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilization Centre/ MoFALD, Nepal. She has published many research papers and articles in the field of architecture and waste management. She has introduced 'green economy', creating many green jobs in waste management. She believes in economic architecture and moving from linear to circular economy for sustainable development. Her major interest area is preserving ecosystem in Nepal and globally. She is now a Member in the National Planning Commission, Nepal



Honorable Professor Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi is a Member of National Planning Commission. He worked as the Social Sector Development Planner and Administrator with strategy and planning skills that encompass government agencies, universities, student organizations, civil society, and international development partners. He worked as the Registrar of Tribhuvan University (2003–2006), Advisor to the then Prime Minister of Nepal (2002-2003), and Professor of Mathematics (Applied) at the Institute of Engineering (TU). He has several professional research papers to his credit, published in national and international journals.



Professor Dr. Govinda Nepal a Professor of Economics at Tribhuvan University, is a Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance. Prior to this, he had served as a Member of National Planning Commission (NPC), where he looked after energy, urban development and disaster management portfolio. He provided technical leadership and guidance in the preparation of Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA after devastating earthquake. Three four years back, he coordinated the entire preparation process of 12th National Development Plan (2010/11-2012/13); led a multidisciplinary team of experts that prepared a concept paper on National Development Vision 2030 for Nepal and also led the preparation of MDG Needs Assessment for Nepal 2010. He was the lead author of the National Report to Rio+ 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. Prof. Nepal has authored/co-authored four books in the areas of welfare economics, development planning, poverty and energy.



Professor Dr. Bishwambher Pyakuryal taught economics at Tribhuvan University for 39 years. He holds double Masters and PhD from Nepal and USA and also completed Post-doctoral Research in economics from the University of Maryland at College Park, USA. Professor Pyakuryal was a professional Associate at the East-West Center; a Scholar-in-Residence of the Rockefeller Foundation in Italy; and a visiting scholar at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, D.C. Dr. Pyakuryal was the Chairman of Nepal Industrial Development Corporation, a member of the board of Nepal's central bank, Chairman of High-level Public Expenditure Commission of the Government of Nepal, and a member of the advisory board of the Office of Auditor General. He has co-authored and edited thirteen books and published research articles in accredited national and international journals. He is a freelance international consultant.



Dr. Swarnim Waglé served as a Member of the National Planning Commission (NPC), Government of Nepal between May 2014 and November 2015. In the aftermath of the April/May earthquakes in Nepal in 2015, he co-led the preparation of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and headed the country delegation to the Third UN Conference on Financing for Development. Dr. Waglé has worked for more than 15 years on policy assignments in over 20 countries, most recently as Senior Economist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He trained as an economist at Australian National University, Harvard University and London School of Economics. He was born in Gorkha.



Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha is the Executive Director of the Research Department of Nepal Rastra Bank (central bank). He is also the Senior Economist and Visiting Research Economist at the South East Asian Central Banks Research and Training Centre (SEACEN). He has led and conducted a number of researches for Nepal Rastra Bank, universities, and the SEACEN. He has authored 7 books and published several research papers in peer-reviewed international journals on financial development, monetary policy, capital flows, international migration, and time series econometrics. Dr. Shrestha holds a Master's degree in Public Administration, Master's degree in Political Science, an MBA, and a PhD in Economics.



Dr. Ajay Chhibber is a Visiting Distinguished Professor at the National Institute for Public Finance and Policy and Visiting Scholar at George Washington University. He was India's first Director General of Independent Evaluation with the status of Minister of State. He served as UN Assistant Secretary-General in New York and in senior positions at the World Bank, managing its programs in Vietnam, and Turkey, in Indonesia, and the Pacific. He was the lead author of the 1997 World Development Report on the Role of the State. He has a PhD from Stanford University, a Masters from the Delhi School of Economics, and advanced management programs at Harvard University and at INSEAD, France.



Dr. Nagesh Kumar is Director and Head, UNESCAP's South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi. Previously, he was Chief Economist of UNESCAP based at its headquarters in Bangkok. Prior to joining UN in 2009, Dr. Kumar was Director-General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi based policy think-tank of the Indian Government during 2002-09. Dr Kumar has served on the boards of the EXIM Bank of India, the International Centre for Trade & Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva. A PhD from the Delhi School of Economics (1988), Dr. Kumar is recipient of the EXIM Bank of India's first Trade Research Award and a GDN Research Medal.



Dr. Priyantha Wijayatunga, Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank, obtained his PhD in Power System Economics from Imperial College, London. Prior to joining ADB he was the founder Director General of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and a Senior Professor of Electrical Engineering. He was one of the lead authors of Sri Lanka Energy Policies and Strategies of 2008/09 and a key contributor to the Sri Lanka Electricity Act of 2009. He was the Chairman, South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation in 2006. He is a Chartered Electrical Engineer and has been leading and contributing to processing key

energy sector loans in South Asia. He was the ADB focal point for South Asia regional energy cooperation for many years and has co-authored over 75 publications including the ADB publication on “Power Trade in South Asia: Opportunities and Challenges”.



Ms. Yumiko Noda is a Partner of PwC Japan, leading Infrastructure and Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) practice. She also leads Cities Solution Centre in Japan as well as Cities Infrastructure Solutions Centre for PwC Global, which is located in Singapore. She is recognized as a pioneer who introduced PFI/PPP concepts into Japan and contributed to the development of Japan’s PFI/PPP market, advising governments and private sector companies on policies, strategies, and financing. Between 2007 and 2009, she served as Deputy Mayor of Yokohama City, where

she was responsible for business and economy, tourism, transport, water, international strategy, city branding, and PPP. During her career in Yokohama, she spearheaded the initiative of newly creating PPP unit and transferring Yokohama’s “urbanization” experience to Asian cities. She is a member of Urban Solution Advisory Panel, Centre for Liveable Cities in Singapore as well as World Cities Summit Young Leaders. She has served many public positions in Japan. She currently serves as a member of “Future City Initiative” under Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Japan.



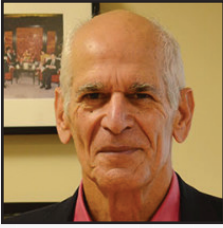
Dr. Pradumna B. Rana is Associate Professor and Coordinator of the International Political Economy Programme at the Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Prior to this, he worked for 25 years at the Asian Development Bank. His last appointment at the ADB was Senior Director of the Office of Regional Economic Integration. He has authored/edited 15 books, and published over 60 articles in peer-reviewed international academic journals. His forthcoming book

is entitled *Jump-starting South Asia: Round Two of Reforms and Look East Policies*. He has a PhD in economics from Vanderbilt University.



Mr. John Henly is an independent education consultant. He has designed and led education development studies and evaluation projects in many countries investigating progress and impact of development programs. John has worked closely with Ministry of Education directorates in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Kosovo, Vanuatu, Eritrea and others to advise on sector policy and prepare context-based development plans aligned with national priorities. Mr. Henly is currently supporting Bangladesh Ministry of Education to design and implement its secondary

education SWAp, and to prepare the country strategy for achievement of the SDGs by 2030. John’s current position is as Team Leader: Effective Planning, Management, and Coordination Specialist for the Secondary Education Sector Investment Program for the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh.



Mr. Amnon Golan worked in the World Bank from 1965 to 1994. During that period, he held various management positions including Director of Industry Department (1984 – 1987), Director of Technical Department Asia Region (1987 – 1990), and Director of Economic Development Institute (1990 – 1994). Following his retirement from the Bank, he managed a private investment firm (1994-1997). From 1997 to 2011, he worked as Senior Advisor with the World Bank’s Quality Assurance Group and as a consultant with the IMF Institute, IFAD, the Australian Government, and Centennial. He has MA degrees in International Economics and Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School-Tufts University.

Session 5

Perspectives from Nepal’s Development Partners.

Mr. Lok Darshan Regmi is currently Secretary in Ministry of Finance. He started his career in Ministry of Home affairs and has more than two decade of extensive experience in civil service at various levels in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Land Reforms and Management. Mr. Regmi holds Master’s degrees in Public Management from Tribhuvan University and in Institutional and Human Development from Denmark.



Mr. Baikuntha Aryal has been serving as a Joint Secretary at Ministry of Finance for past 4 years. Prior to this, he served in the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers and National Planning Commission. He holds a PhD in Development and Resource Economics from Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway. Besides his regular job he has been involved in series of research in development economics and macroeconomics area.



Session 6

Closing.

