



"Peace-Building and Socio-Economic Transformation"

Nepal Development Forum (NDF), previously known as "Nepal Aid Group Meetings", started from 1976. Altogether 15 meetings have been held to date, including Nepal Donor Consultation Meeting (NDCM) held in 2008 in the form of mini-NDF. Twelve meetings from 1976 to 2000 were held abroad and the subsequent meetings have been conducted in Nepal. The 13th NDF was the first to have been convened in and co-chaired by Nepal, while the 14th was the first to have been led solely by Nepal. The 16th NDF is scheduled for May 12-14, 2009 to be held in Nepal. Table-1 shows the chronology of these meetings.

Table-1: Meetings of Nepal Aid Group/ Nepal Development Forum/Nepal Donor Consultation, 1967-2009

S.N.	Date	Type	Country	Finance Minister, Finance Secretary
1	December 1976	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	Japan	Dr. Bhekh B. Thapa, Mr. Bharat B. Pradhan
2	May 1978	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Dr. Bhekh B. Thapa, Dr. Devendra R. Pandey
3	January 1980	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Dr. Bhekh B. Thapa, Dr. Devendra R. Pandey
4	December 1981	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Dr. Yadav P. Pant, Mr. Karna D. Adhikary
5	December 1983	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Dr. Yadav P. Pant, Mr. Karna D. Adhikary
6	January 1986	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	Japan	Dr. Prakash C. Lohani, Mr. Karna D. Adhikary
7	April 1987	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Mr. Bharat B. Pradhan, Mr. Lok B. Shrestha
8	November 1988	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Mr. Bharat B. Pradhan, Mr. Lok B. Shrestha
9	October 1990	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Mr. Bharat B. Pradhan, Mr. Lok B. Shrestha
10	April 1992	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Mr. Mahesh Acharya, Mr. Shashi N. Shah
11	April 1996	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Dr. Ram S. Mahat, Mr. Ram B. Bhattarai
12	April 18-19, 2000	Nepal Aid Group Meetings	France	Mr. Mahesh Acharya, Mr. Ram B. Bhattarai
13	February 4-7, 2002	Nepal Development Forum	Nepal	Dr. Ram S. Mahat, Dr. Bimal P. Koirala
14	May 5-6, 2004	Nepal Development Forum	Nepal	Dr. Prakash C. Lohani, Mr. Bhanu P. Acharya
15	February 21-22, 2008	Nepal Donor Consultation Meeting	Nepal	Dr. Ram S. Mahat, Mr. Vidyadhar Mallik
16	May 12-14, 2009 (forthcoming)	Nepal Development Forum	Nepal	Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Mr. Rameshore P. Khanal

Source: <http://www.mof.gov.np>



The meetings of Nepal Development Forum aim to enhance mutual understanding among development partners, government and civil society through increased dialogues, interactions and effective communication. In the changed national as well as international context, such dialogues on a regular basis have become even more necessary so as to increase effectiveness of foreign aid for realizing development impact. For this, our national need, priority, indigenous institutions, and country system and framework are at the core of the aid management. We are the one to craft, own and lead our own development agenda for building New Nepal. Our ultimate destination is to achieve self-sustainability and self-reliance consistent with the inevitable reality of the global mutual interdependence. We are to seek a practical fusion of self-reliance and global interdependence. For this, foreign aid needs to focus on the high-return, result-oriented and sustaining infrastructure projects/programmes. At the same time, alongside aid, we need to create a conducive environment for scaling up trade and investment. The forthcoming meeting of NDF will provide a platform to mutually explore the potentials for realizing the stated objectives as follows:

- 1) Building understanding between Government of Nepal and its Development Partners on the adequate availability and effective mobilization of aid resources;
- 2) Charting Nepal's development roadmap along the path of sustained peace and resulting socio-economic transformation with the support from the Development Partners;
- 3) Committing to create reforms agenda through reviewing the progress made and challenges encountered during the implementation of high priority projects;
- 4) Developing a new Foreign Aid Policy of Nepal and the National Action Plan for Aid Effectiveness in consultation with the Development Partners; and
- 5) Building roadmap for trade, investment and private sector development through creating conducive environment and increasing competitiveness.

Three Stakeholder Consultation Meetings will be held at regional level. Biratnagar on 5 April, 2009, Pokhara on 13 April, 2009 and Kathmandu from 15-17 April, 2009, leading to the main event from 12-14 May 2009 in Kathmandu. Followings are the tentative programs as of 15 March 2009. [\[Click here for updated programs\]](#)



Nepal Development Forum, 2009

Regional Stakeholder Consultation Program

Biratnagar

(Sunday 5 April, 2009, Chaitra 23, 2065)

0800-0830 Registration

Chairperson: Dr. Ramesh Adhikari, Economist, PG Campus

0830-1030 Presentations on-

- **Nepal's Development Roadmap by Dr. Guna Nidhi Sharma, Honorable Vice Chairmen of the National Planning Commission**
- **Economic Reforms: Challenges and the Road Ahead by Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Finance Secretary**
- **On Trade, Private Sector Development and Investment Opportunities by Messers Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies & Tana Gautam, Secretary, Ministry of Industries**
- **On Aid Effectiveness and Nepal's Foreign Aid Policy by Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance**

1030-1100 Tea Break

1100-1300 Group Works

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1500 Group Presentation

1500-1600 Q/A and Discussion / Responses from Presenters

1600-1620 Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson

1620-1630 Vote Of Thanks by Finance Secretary

1630- 1650 Tea/ Coffee



Nepal Development Forum, 2009
Regional Stakeholder Consultation Program
Pokhara

(Monday 13, April 2009, Chaitra 31, 2065)

0800-0830 Registration

Chairperson: Dr. Keshar Jung Baral, VC, Pokhara University

0830-1030 Presentations on-

- **Nepal's Development Roadmap by Honorable Dr. Guna Nidhi Sharma, Vice Chairmen of the National Planning Commission**
- **Economic Reforms: Challenges and the Road Ahead by Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Finance Secretary**
- **Trade, Private Sector Development and Investment Opportunities by Messers Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies & Tana Gautam, Secretary, Ministry of Industries**
- **Aid Effectiveness and Nepal's Foreign Aid Policy by Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance**

1030 – 1100 Tea Break

1100 – 1300 Group Works

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1500 Group Presentation

1500 – 1600 Q/A and Discussion / Responses from Presenters

1600 – 1620 Responses from Presenters and Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson

1620 – 1630 Vote of Thanks by Finance Secretary



1630 -1650 Tea/Coffee

Nepal Development Forum, 2009

Regional Stakeholder Consultation Program

Kathmandu

(Monday 15-17, April 2009, Baishakh 2-4, 2066)

Date: April 15, (Baisakh 2) Wednesday

Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chabahil, Kathmandu

Morning Session: Nepal's Development Agenda

Chairperson: TBD

Presenter: Dr. Guna Nidhi Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chairmen, National Planning Commission

Panelists/Discussants: (10) Major Political Parties Representatives
Ex-NPC VC
Donor Representatives
Women Representatives
Ethnic Group's Representatives

09:00 Registration
09:30 Program Opens with Finance Secretary's Remarks
09:40 Presentation
10:40 Panel Discussion
12:20 Lunch Break
13:50 Floor opens for Discussion
15:30 Responses from Panelists
16:30 Chairperson's Concluding Remarks
16:50 Adjourn



Date: April 16, (Baisakh 3)Thursday
Venue: Hotel Everest, Baneshwor, Kathmandu

Morning Session: Economic Reforms: Challenges and the Road Ahead

Chairperson: TBD
Presenter: Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Panelists/Discussants: (4)

1. Private Sector
2. Senior Economist
3. Academician
4. Donor Representatives

09:00 Registration
09:30 Program Opens with Finance Secretary's Remarks
09:40 Presentation
10:10 Panel Discussion
11:00 Tea Break
11:15 Floor opens for Discussion
12:20 Chairperson's Concluding Remarks
12:30 Lunch



Date: April 16, (Baisakh 3)Thursday
Venue: Hotel Everest, Baneshwor, Kathmandu

Afternoon Session: Foreign Aid Policy and Aid Effectiveness

Chairperson: TBD
Presenter: Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Panelists/Discussants: (4)

1. Sr. Economist/Academicians
2. Civil Society Representative
3. Donor Representative
4. Parliamentarians/ Ex- Finance Ministers/ Secretaries

14:00 Registration
14:15 Program Opens with Finance Secretary's Remarks
14:20 Presentation
14:50 Panel Discussion
15:50 Tea Break
16:10 Floor Opens for Discussion/ Response from Panelists/Presenter
17:20 Chairperson's Concluding Remarks
17:30 Dinner



Date: April 17, (Baisakh 4) Friday
Venue: Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu

Morning Session: Trade, Private Sector Development and Investment Opportunities

Chairperson: TBD
Presenter: Mr. Tana Gautam, Secretary, Ministry of Industries and
Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and
Supplies.

Panelists/Discussants: (8)

Private Sector (CNI, FNCCI, NCC)
National Trade Organization
Senior Economist
Foreign Investors
NRN
Donor Representative

09:00 Registration
09:30 Program Opens with Finance Secretary's Remarks
09:40 Presentation
10:40 Panel Discussion
12:20 Lunch Break
13:50 Floor opens for discussion
15:30 Responses from Panelists/Presenter
16:30 Chairperson's Concluding Remarks
16:50 Adjourn



**Nepal Development Forum¹, Main Event
Kathmandu**

12-14 May, 2009 (Baisakh 29-31, 2066)

Tentative Program

Day One: Tuesday 12th May(Baisakh 29th)

Venue: Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza

16:00 – 18:00

Opening

- Registration
- Welcome Speech by Finance Secretary Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal
- Opening Address by Honorable Finance Minister/Chair of the Meeting Dr. Baburam Bhattarai
- Statement by Development Partners' Representatives
- Inauguration and Address by Right Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'
- Vote of Thanks by Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance

18:30-20.30

Reception

Hosted by Right Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' at Hotel Soaltee Crown Plaza

¹. All Sessions to be chaired by Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Honorable Finance Minister



Day Two :Wednesday 13th May(Baisakh 30th)

Venue: Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza

Business Sessions

- 09.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 09:30 – 10.00 Video Presentation on Nepal’s Journey Toward Peace and Development
- 10:00 – 10:30 Presentation on **Nepal's Development Roadmap for the Transition Period** by Dr. Guna Nidhi Sharma, Honorable Vice Chairmen, National Planning Commission.
- 10:30- 11:00 Presentation on Nepal’s **Economic Reforms: Challenges and the Road Ahead** by Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- 11:00 – 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch** Hosted by Finance Secretary Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal at Hotel Soaltee Crown Plaza
- 14:00- 14:30 Joint Presentation on **Trade, Private Sector Development and Investment Opportunities** by Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies and Mr. Tana Gautam, Secretary, Ministry of Industries
- 14:30 – 15.00 Presentation on **Nepal’s Foreign Aid Policy and Aid Effectiveness** by Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- 15:00-16.30 Discussion
- 16.30 – 17:00 Presentation on **Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy** by Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
- 17.00 – 17.30 Discussion
- 17:30 – 17:45 Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson
- 19:30-22:00 Dinner** Hosted By Honorable Finance Minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai at Hotel Soaltee Crown Plaza



Day Three :Thursday 14th May (Baisakh 31st)

Venue: Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza

09.00 – 12.00

Closing Session

- Development Partners' Statements
- Presentation and Adoption of Joint Statement
- Vote of Thanks by Finance Secretary Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal
- Concluding Remarks by Honorable Finance Minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai

12.00 – 12.30

Media Briefing by the Chair

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch Hosted by Nepal Banker's Association on behalf of Private Sector at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza

18.00-21.00

Dinner Hosted by The World Bank on behalf of Development Partners (Venue: The Garden of Dreams, Keshar Mahal)