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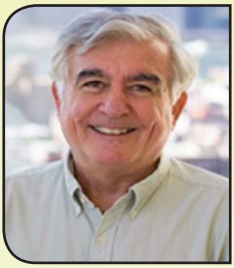

Director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF) in New York, William O'Neill has specialized in humanitarian law, human rights and refugee law. Having worked on the areas of judicial, police and prison reforms in Burundi, Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Timor Leste, Nepal and Bosnia-Herzegovina, O' Neill has written extensively on peacekeeping and peace-building. He has also developed and taught courses on human rights, rule of law and peacekeeping for several peacekeeping training centers at various institutions including United Nations and government-sponsored training centers chiefly participated by senior military, police and humanitarian officials from different countries. In 2008, O'Neill was appointed as the visiting professor of law and International Relations at the ScuolaSant'Anna, Pisa, Italy's premier graduate faculty in public affairs to teach a course on civilians in peacekeeping operations. He has also published widely on rule of law, human rights and peacekeeping, including, Kosovo: An Unfinished Peace and Protecting Two Million Displaced: The Successes and Shortcomings of the African Union in Darfur.

Marc Limon

Presently, Marc Limon is executive director of the Universal Rights Group (URG) – a think tank on international human rights policy. Notably, he holds an experience of serving as a diplomat at the United Nations Human Rights Council from 2006 to 2012. Before his entry into the diplomatic service, Marc worked as a government relations consultant in Brussels, advising a range of corporate and public clients on EU external relations, human rights, trade and environmental policy. He has also written extensively on the international human rights system. He holds Masters degrees from the University of Cambridge (UK), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) and the Libre Universite de Bruxelles (Belgium).He negotiated agreements and resolutions in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

Ashley William Gois

Mr. **Ashley William Gois** is the Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional network of migrants' organizations, NGOs, advocates, grassroots organizations and trade unions. The network promotes rights and wellbeing of migrant workers and members of their families. Mr. Gois also chairs Migrants Rights International (MRI), an international non-government organization with consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He has been working closely with UN Treaty Bodies, with the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Committee on Migrant Workers and other special mandates. Over the last twenty years, he has been at the forefront of international advocacy efforts engaging and influencing international and multilateral organizations to promote equitable and fair migration and development policies, one of which is engaging the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the only annual global platform that brings governments together to discuss migration and development.

Priscilla Hayner

Priscilla Hayner is a member of the United Nations Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers, focused on transitional justice and process design. She has worked in the field of transitional justice for many years, co-founding the International Center for Transitional Justice in 2001 and publishing widely on truth commissions and other justice issues. She published her first book, Unspeakable Truths: Transitional Justice and the Challenge of Truth Commissions, in 2001, with a second edition in 2011. She is now focused on justice and accountability in the context of peace negotiations. She previously served as transitional justice adviser to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Kenyan National Dialogue, and has provided support for peace negotiations in the Central African Republic, Colombia, Cyprus, Kenya, Yemen, and elsewhere. Her second book, The Peacemaker's Paradox: Pursuing Justice in the Shadow of Conflict, was released in early 2018.

Dr. Sev Ozdowski

Since 2006, Doctor Sev Ozdowski is a director for Equity and Diversity in Western Sydney University and adjunct professor for Centre of Peace and Conflict Studies at University of Sydney. He was the Australian Human Rights Commissioner and Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the then named Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission from 2000-2005. He has also headed the Office of Multicultural and International Affairs in South Australia for five years, and since 2006 is the President of the Australian Council for Human Rights Education. Dr. Ozdowski graduated with a Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology from Poznań University, Poland and with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales. In 1984 he was awarded the Harkness Fellowship for post-graduate work at Harvard, Georgetown and Berkeley Universities in USA (1984–86).

Sona Khan

Sona Khan is a former judge and now practices as an Advocate before the Supreme Court of India. She is a distinguished legal scholar, especially on Islamic jurisprudence and is an advocate of women's empowerment through the law. She was instrumental in the landmark Shahbano case, which raised the issue of how to weigh a woman's rights to maintenance after divorce against India's separation of civil and religious law.

Khushi Kabir

In 1972, immediately after the liberation of Bangladesh, Khushi joined one of the first Bangladeshi NGOs and became the first woman to be based in the field to live and work with rural marginalized women and men, in some of the most remote areas of Bangladesh. In 1980 she joined NijeraKori as Coordinator, a national level NGO working with 2,37,787 rural women and men in 1366 villages. NijeraKori believes in creating strong autonomous organizations of the rural poor to assert their rights and ensure their entitlements as citizens. Khushi is passionately involved in promoting gender equality, rights of women, indigenous peoples and other marginalized communities; land and water rights, secularism, environmental justice, food sovereignty, ensuring democratic values and accountability at all levels. Khushi is a graduate from Dhaka University in Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing). Khushi coordinated OBR in Bangladesh in 2013.

Vrinda Grover

Identified by TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential women in 2013, Vrinda Grover is a lawyer and human rights activist and has made significant contributions to the women's rights movement in India. She has actively dealt with domestic violence cases and cases involving sexual minorities. Grover has also represented victims in the SoniSori rape case, and has been influential in the drafting of the Criminal Law Amendment of 2013, the POCSO Act 2012 and the Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010.

Raja Devasish Roy

Raja Devasish Roy, is a Bangladeshi politician, lawyer and activist. He is a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as well as being the current titular Raja of the Chakma Circle, Bangladesh's largest indigenous community. Devasish Roy is a Barrister by profession and served as a Special Assistant to the Chief Advisor of Bangladesh (Head of the Interim Government). He has been practising law in the Dhaka District Court since 1988 and in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh (High Court Division) since 1991. Raja Devasish Roy holds membership of many international, national and local voluntary organizations dealing with indigenous peoples' rights, human rights, development and environment. He has conducted research on human rights, indigenous peoples' rights, constitutional and administrative law, land rights, forestry, environment, culture and development.

National Speaker/Panelist

Hon. Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla

Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla is the Judge at the Supreme Court of Nepal. In 2008, she was the joint winner of the Gruber Prize for Women's Rights. She has been appointed as a member of the Committee Against Torture (CAT) 2014-2017 term. Before her appointment as judge of the Supreme Court of Nepal, she was involved in almost all leading public litigation in that country, including cases as legalization of abortion, criminalization of marital rape, and equality in marriage and family law. Justice Malla has worked as the president of the Forum for Women, Law & Development and vice president of the Legal Aid Consultancy Center, and has served as the National Coordinator for the South Asian Women's Law Association.

Prof. Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula

Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula is the executive director of Kathmandu School of Law (KSL). Has been teaching Jurisprudence (from human rights and development perspective), Human Rights, International Law, and Professional Ethics and Trial Advocacy at Kathmandu School of Law and Nepal Law Campus for last 26 years. In 2011, he was appointed as Attorney General of Nepal. Also he has experiences of having worked as Convener of the High Level Taskforce for Reforms of Security Agencies of Nepal, 2009, the body constituted by the Cabinet in order to remodel the policing system in Nepal, including criminal justice system. He also headed the Bar Council of Nepal in 2011.

CK Lal

Mr. CK Lal is a columnist for the Republica and the Nagarik Dainik newspapers. For over a decade, he has been writing regularly for the Nepali fortnightly newsmagazine Himal Khabar patrika. He has also contributed to the Himalaya Times, the Kathmandu Post and several other newspapers including Indian publications. In 2006, he was voted the most influential columnist of Nepal. He was an Asia Leadership Fellow in 2008 at the International House of Japan and a Poynter Fellow at Yale University in 2013. Lal's current areas of study include the notion of nationality, functioning of the media, democratization of society, and institutionalization of inclusive democracy in multi-ethnic countries.

Prof. Dr. Surya Dhungel

Dr. Surya Dhungel is a senior advocate and has served as a constitutional legal advisor to the President of Nepal. He has served in the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) in Cambodia from 1999 to 2006. In 2004, he was seconded to the United Nations Mission in Liberia for two years as Rule of Law Adviser. He has also contributed to the constitution building support program of UNDP Nepal as Senior Project Manager for 18 months. He has co-authored two leading books on the Nepalese Constitution and legal system in English, and published several articles on contemporary legal issues. He is the member of Kathmandu University School of Law Planning Advisory Committee.

Dr. Bipin Adhikari

Dr. Bipin Adhikari is an expert of constitutional law and Dean of Kathmandu University School of Law. He teaches Constitutional Law and Federalism. Adhikari is involved in numerous legal reform programs and institution building issues in Nepal. He is also set to implement the Masters by Research Programme of Kathmandu University School of Law in the area of Corporate Law, International Trade Law, International Investment Law, Intellectual Property Law and Energy and Infrastructure Law. Adhikari is a member of Supreme Court Bar Association. He was conferred the title of "Senior Advocate" by the Supreme Court in August 2017. Adhikari is also a member of Nepal Bar Council Legal Education Committee.

Dr. Bhaskar Gautam

Dr. Bhaskar Gautam is a PhD from Kyoto University, Japan. He is also the member of Research Committee, Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University. He is a visiting Faculty, Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University. Dr.Gautam has been working as a researcher in Martin Chautari, Nepal for past ten years. He has edited and co-edited several books and has contributed articles in various books and journals. Social movements, revolutions, livelihoods, sociology of knowledge, and media are his areas of studies.

Dr. Renu Adhikari

Dr. Adhikari is a founding chairperson of Women Resource Centre (WOREC) and the National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders (NAWHRD), and a founding coordinator of the Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children (AATWIN). Dr. Adhikari has served in a number of high profile appointments, including National Rapporteur against trafficking in women and children for the National Human Rights Commission, Nepal and as adviser of the gender-based violence unit within the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers Nepal in 2010. Most recently, she was appointed as a member of the high level investigating committee on the key cases of violence against women in 2013.

Akhilesh Upadhyay

He is the Chief Editor of Nepal's leading English-daily newspaper 'The Kathmandu Post'. Upadhyay has authored/edited a number of articles, reports and books. Other than Nepal's newspapers, he has also written for international publications, including The New York Times, New York Newsday, Outlook (India) and Independent (Bangladesh). A former CNN correspondent for Nepal, he is regularly featured in national/regional/international newspapers/TV/radio as a commentator. A New York University graduate, he has held several high-level positions in the development sector.

Mandira Sharma

Mandira Sharma is pursuing PhD at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, UK, researching on transitional justice. She is the leading human rights activist in Nepal. She is the Founder of Advocacy Forum, Nepal. She has also received Australian Leadership Award. She received Human Rights Watch Defender Award, 2006. For last two decades, she has been working to promote human rights and rule of law in the country by monitoring and documenting cases of human rights violations, challenging cases of human rights violations by initiating advocacy and litigation both at national and international level. She represents the perspective of victims of human rights violations from Nepal before the UN Human Rights Committee and the victims who have brought cases under universal jurisdiction, including the one in the UK.

Govinda 'Bandi' Sharma

Govinda leads ICJ Nepal's work on human rights accountability and transitional justice. Before joining the ICJ in May 2007 as a legal officer in the Asia Pacific Programme, Mr. Sharma was member of a high level Detainees Investigation Task Force appointed by the Supreme Court of Nepal. He is a Fellowship recipient at Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen (Denmark) and International Service for Human Rights, Geneva. He worked for three years with the Nepal Bar Association as a Vice President. His broad experience includes documentation of human rights violation, transitional justice, legal research, law reform, and national and international public interest litigation. Mr. Sharma received his LLM degree in Human Rights from the University of Hong Kong.

Brabim Kumar

Mr. Brabim Kumar is a writer, political activist, and a communication specialist, currently serving as the president of Association of Youth Organization Nepal (AYON), a national network of youth that unites 92 youth organizations in Nepal. He has a decade of commitment to youth-led activism in Nepal, which includes the founding of Creative Youth Society and a national radio show called Youth Vision, in 2004. Kumar holds a Master's degree in Sociology and Anthropology, and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences, both from Tribhuwan University.

Advocate Shankar Limbu

Mr. Shankar Limbu is an advocate. Limbu is a human rights attorney with the Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP) and a leader in his field. LAHURNIP provides free legal aid services and promotes the human rights of indigenous peoples in Nepal. He is an expert on Social Inclusion. He has worked as an expert in the National Inclusion Commission (NIC), Commissioned by Nepal Government. Comprehensive study on Indigenous Peoples' in state restructuring process was prepared and submitted to the Nepal Government by NIC. He is currently a PIL Net Fellow at Columbia Law School.

Suman Adhikari

Conflict victim Suman Adhikari established Conflict Victim Orphan Society for campaign to justice. Suman Adhikari is the Chairperson of Conflict Victims Common Platform (CVCP). He served as a member of Expert Task Force formed by Nepal Government in 2014, to prepare draft of Disappearance Commission and Truth and Reconciliation Commission as per the Supreme Court verdict of January, 2014.

Ram Kumar Bhandari

Ram Kumar Bhandari is a human rights activist of Nepal. He has led the struggle to secure justice for victims of Nepal's conflict for over a decade. His involvement with the victims' movement began when his own father disappeared in 2001. He has helped to launch the community Radio station, national network of families of the disappeared and missing (NEFAD), the Committee for Social Justice, the National Victims Alliance, the Conflict Victims Common Platform for transitional justice and the several community groups. He has written extensively on disappearances, victim movement, transitional justice, human rights and nonviolent conflict in English and Nepali, and has a range of published and unpublished papers. He is a PhD Researcher in transitional justice at NOVA School of Law in Lisbon and can be reached at rambhandari3000@gmail.com

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Conference Schedule

April 9 -11, 2018, Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal

Day 1 April 9, 2018				
Time	*Theme*	*Speakers*	*Description*	*Format*
8:00 am – 9:00 am	*Breakfast*			
9:00 am –12:00 pm	*Sightseeing*			
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	*Lunch*			
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	*Registration*			
3:00 pm onwards	Arrival of the dignitaries/ participants and guests, to be seated in the Hall of Yak and Yeti Hotel, Kathmandu			Facilitated by MC
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Conference Inauguration Session	Inauguration of the Conference by Chief Guest Rt. Hon. President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari ***National Anthem of Nepal*** Welcome speech by Hon. Member Prakash Osti, NHRC Nepal Opening Remarks by Justice Kedar Nath Upadhyay, Former Chairperson of NHRC Nepal	Arrival of Rt. Hon. President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari	Facilitated by MC

		Opening Remarks by Hon. Chairperson Dr. Sima Samar, APF and Afghanistan IHRC Opening Remarks by Ms. Katharina Rose, Representative of GANHRI Keynote Speech by Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma, NHRC Nepal Inaugural Address by Chief Guest Rt. Hon. President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari		
5:00 pm-5:30 pm	Closing Announcement of Inauguration Session by MC			Facilitated by MC
5:30 pm-5:45 pm	*Photo Session*			Facilitated by MC
6:00 pm onwards	*Cultural Program and Networking*			
6:45 pm onwards	*Reception Dinner*			

Day 2 April 10, 2018				
Time	*Title*	*Speakers*	*Description*	*Format*
8:00 am – 9:00 am	*Breakfast*			
9:00 am – 10:30 am (Plenary)				

	Opening of the plenary session by Mr. Bed Bhattarai Secretary of NHRC Nepal The plenary session aims to reflect the changes in the human rights context of the region over the past decade and a half. Both positive and regressive changes are to be discussed in the plenary session.	**Key Note speakers:** 1. Hon. Chairperson Dr. Sima Samar, Afghanistan IHRC 2. Hon. Member Nurun Naher Osmani, NHRC Bangladesh 3. Hon. Member Justice D. Murgesan, NHRC India 4. Hon. President Aminath Eenas, HRC Maldives 5. Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma, NHRC Nepal 6. Hon. Chairperson Justice Ali Nawaz Chowhan, NHRC Pakistan 7. Hon. Chairperson Dr. Deepika Udagama, HRC Sri Lanka	Representatives of NHRIs provide insights into two major problems they have faced, and one area of success in human rights context. This plenary is expected to provide a background to the successive plenary discussions, and to concurrently mull over future strategies to combat human rights violations. Keynote speakers throw light on what challenges human rights institutions have been facing in identifying and responding to victims' needs and developing systems and institutions that prevent the types of systemic human rights violations, and list out best practices in cooperation across institutions to conduct investigations into HR violations, and protection work during and after conflict.	Mr. Deepak Thapa-Moderator
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Q &A / Discussion			
10:30 am – 10:45 am	*Coffee Break*			
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	**Role of security forces in promoting or challenging impunity**	**Chair(s)** Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma, NHRC Nepal Hon. Chairperson Dr. Deepika Udagama, HRC Sri Lanka	This session throws light on the issue of legal safeguards and the regulation of police powers; police accountability; the use of torture; impunity and national security acts and access to remedies (due process for both victims and alleged perpetrators).	Papers by Experts and Q/A

		International/Speakers Ms. Vrinda Grover, Lawyer and Human Rights Activists, India (*National security and its relation to human rights and gender*) **National** Prof. Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula, Executive Director, Kathmandu School of Law (*Role of Security Forces in Promoting or Challenging Impunity: Nepal's Perspective*) **International** Mr. William O'Neill, Director, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF) *(National Security and Human Rights)*		
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	**Fundamental Rights and Human Rights**	Prof. Dr. Sev Ozdowski Former Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission *(Human Rights as an Instrument of Social Cohesion in South East Asia)* Prof. Dr. Surya Dhungel, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Nepal	This session sheds light on the relationship between fundamental rights and human rights. It also discusses how human rights is an instrument of social cohesion in South Asia	Paper presentation by Experts followed by Q/A
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Concluding Remarks by the Chair(s) of the Session followed by Q & A			
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	*Lunch*			
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	**The voices of human rights: Freedom of expression and its meaning in South Asia**	**Chair** Justice Kedar Nath Upadhyay, Former Chairperson of NHRC Nepal.	This session throws light on the role of NHRIs and HRDs in defining and defending freedom of expression. Predominant areas of discussion comprise privacy, surveillance, and the persecution of those who speak out against powerful institution.	Expert panelists comprise of representatives from law enforcement, journalism, and academia, as well as an activist/advocate/ practitioner.

		Speakers Mr. CK Lal (Writer/Columnist) Mr. Akhilesh Upadhyay (Chief Editor at The Kathmandu Post) UNESCO- South Asia Representative	The session also lists out benchmarks that could be developed to assess freedom of expression in South Asia, and what are the core actions and alliances that NHRIs should be involved in.	At least one panelist will be asked to provide recommendations on how activists and independent commissions can promote and protect human rights with high level of security in modern technological era.
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Q&A Session			
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	**Rights of Women and Marginalized Communities and Challenges of Combating Impunity**	**Chair(s)** Hon. Chairperson Dr. Sima Samar, APF and Afghanistan IHRC Hon. President Aminath Eenas, HRC Maldives Mr. Charan Prasai (Representative of Civil Society/ Human Rights Activist) **Key Note Speaker** Hon. Justice Sapana Malla, Supreme Court of Nepal (*women's rights and marginalized communities*) **International** Dr. Sona Khan, Advocate Supreme Court of India Mr. Shankar Limbu, Advocate, Nepal Ms. Khushi Kabir Women's Rights Activists, Bangladesh Mr. Raja Devasish Roy, Chief Chakma Administrative Circle, Bangladesh (*Issue of Indigenous/ Marginalized Communities*)	This session highlights the rights of women and marginalized communities and also presents success stories of impact in specific contexts of access to justice and advocacy work against impunity.	

	Concluding Remarks by the Chair(s) of the Session followed by Q & A			
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	*Coffee break*			
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	**Migration and livelihood**	**Chair(s)** Hon. Member Justice D. Murugesan, NHRC India Hon. Member Sudip Pathak, NHRC, Nepal **Speakers** Dr. Renu Adhikari, Human Rights Defender Mr. Brabim Kumar, Youth Activist/Researcher **International** Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia	To consider, in tandem, the needs of mobile population – refugees/asylum seekers/displaced who have been forced to flee their countries of origin, or home districts, on the one hand, and 'voluntary' or 'economic' migrants, including worker population, on the other. In doing so, this session throws light on the core issues of instability and human rights violations that drive all types of migration, and the session also aims to provide ways to address these vulnerabilities.	Paper Presentation by Experts followed by Q/A
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Concluding Remarks by the Chair (s) of the Session followed by Q & A			
6:30 pm onwards	Followed by Film screening and *Dinner*			Movie on Migration issue

Day 3 April 11, 2018				
Time	*Theme*	*speakers*	*Description*	*Format*
8:00 am – 9:00 am	*Breakfast*			
9:00 am – 10:10 am (Plenary)	Opening of the plenary session by Mr. Bed Bhattarai Secretary of NHRC Nepal	**Chair(s)** Hon. Chairperson Dr. Sima Samar, APF and Afghanistan IHRC Hon. Member Nurun Naher Osmani, Bangladesh NHRC	Good practices in collaboration with the government and public impacts.	Ramyata Limbu-Moderator

	Experiences and challenges of Human Rights Organizations in advocacy and work against impunity, and best practices, including collaboration with NHRIs	**International/Speakers** Ms. Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF Dr. Bipin Adhikari, Dean, Kathmandu University School of Law Dr. Bhaskar Gautam, Senior Researcher Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director, Universal Rights Group (URG)	Pip Dargan will provide an overview/background information on current practices of NHRIs in South Asian context.	
10:10 am-10:30 am	Concluding Remarks by Chair(s) of the session and Q/A			
10:30 am-10:45 am	*Coffee break*			
10:45 am-12:30 pm	**Truth and Reconciliation: Commissions, lessons learnt, and what not to do to promote impunity**	**Chair(s)** Hon. Chairperson Deepika Udagama, HRC Sri Lanka Hon. Chairperson Justice Ali Nawaz Chowhan , NHRC Pakistan **Speakers** Hon. Attorney General Agni Kharel, Government of Nepal Mr. Surya Kiran Gurung, Chairperson of Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), Nepal Hon. Chairperson Lokendra Mallick, Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons (CIEDP) Nepal Mr. Suman Adhikari, Chairperson, Conflict Victims Common Platform Mr. Ram Kumar Bhandari, Human Rights Activist Mr. Govinda 'Bandi' Sharma, Human Rights Activist Ms. Mandira Sharma, Human Rights Activist **International** Ms. Priscilla Hayner, Senior Mediation Adviser, UN Standby Team of Mediation Advisers	Lesson learnt and ways forward with case studies from Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka	Ramyata Limbu-Moderator Ramyata Limbu-Moderator

12:30 am-1:30 pm	Concluding Remarks by the Chair(s) of the Session followed by Q&A			
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	*Lunch*			
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Regional networking and Kathmandu Declaration *Alternative*: -- "Architecture for human rights: Building and measuring capacity in the implementation of human rights standards")	**Chair** Hon. Commissioner General Mousa Suleiman Thany Burayzat, Jordan National Centre for Human Rights Ms. Pip Dargan, Deputy Director, APF Ms. Katharina Rose, Representative of GANHRI	This session addresses how National Human Rights Institutions, as well as other human rights organizations and this session seeks to identify a common sense of priorities to fight impunity and ways forward across the region for the promotion and protection of human rights. (*Alternative*: Workshop to reflect on the lessons of the past two days, and to develop some common benchmarks for assessing the implementation of human rights across the region. This session also includes recommendations on how these conversations can be continued after the conference.)	Ramyata Limbu-Moderators
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	*Coffee break*		Sideline meetings with NHRIs Chairperson/Representatives and Observers	

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Concluding reflections and discussion		This final session is an opportunity for the participants to reflect on the panels of the past three days and to provide any comments or feedback and also to raise any final points from previous sessions.	By Moderators/ Facilitators
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Press conference	Joint Initiative		Joint Initiative
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm	**Closing Ceremony**	Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Nepal, K.P. Sharma Oli Joint Kathmandu Declaration Closing Remarks by Ms. Valerie Julliand, UN Resident Coordinator Closing Remarks by Ms. Caroline Vandenabeele, Governance Facility-Head Closing Remarks by Hon. Chairperson Dr. Sima Samar of APF and Afghanistan IHRC Closing Remarks by Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma, NHRC Nepal		Facilitated by Moderator
6:00 pm onwards	*Closing Dinner*			