

Nepal Administrative Staff College
5th Conference on Public Policy and Governance in South Asia
Subnational Government as a Defender of Democratic Governance and Service Delivery

Program Schedule

March 29, 2024 (Chaitra 16, 2080), Friday

Time	Event	Venue	Dignitaries
09:30 - 10:00	Registration with tea	Outside Brihaspati Sadan (Auditorium)	
10.00 - 11.15	<p>Welcome Speech and Conference Highlight</p> <p>Keynote Speech “Subnational government as a defender of democratic governance and service delivery”</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p>	Brihaspati Sadan	<p>Tulasi Sharan Sigdel, Senior Director of Studies, NASC</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Bipin Adhikari, Constitutional Expert and Policy Analyst</p> <p>Dr. Rajan Khanal, Executive Director, NASC</p>
11.15 - 11.45	Tea Break	Open Space outside Dining Hall	
11.45 - 13:30	Theme 1: Subnational Governments: Structures, Innovations and Empowerment	Khaptad Hall, Dikshya Sadan	<p>Chair: Mr. Binod Prakash Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Krishna Gyawali, General Secretary, Public Administration Association of Nepal</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Dil Khatri, Executive Director, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies</p>
	Theme 2: Intergovernmental Relationships: Opportunities and Practices	Lumbini Hall, Dikshya Sadan	<p>Chair: Mr. Udaya Sapkota, Secretary-Law</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Madhu Raman Acharya, President, Public Administration Association of Nepal</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Hari Prasad Dhungana, Associate Professor, Nepal Open University</p>
	Theme 3: Role of Subnational Governments in meeting 2030 Target of SDGs (5)	Prithvi Hall, Dikshya Sadan	Chair: Dr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Member Secretary, National Planning Commission

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			Discussant: Mr. Biju Kumar Shrestha, Joint Secretary, Office of Vice-President of Nepal Discussant: Dr. Prakash C. Bhattarai, Associate Dean of External Affairs, Kathmandu University School of Education
	Theme 4: Inclusive Governance and Service Delivery at Subnational Level	Swayambhu Hall, Dikshya Sadan	Chair: Ms. Radhika Aryal, Principal Secretary, Lumbini Province Discussant: Dr. Pukar Malla, Chairperson – Daayitwa Discussant: Dr. Purna Bahadur Nepali, Assoc. Professor, Kathmandu University School of Management
	Theme 5: Local Leadership Development and Functioning during Disasters	Malika Hall, Dikshya Sadan	Chair: Ms. Anita Lama, Deputy Mayor, Budhanilkantha Municipality Discussant: Prof. Dr. Meen Bahadur Poudyal Chhetri, Executive Member - Nepal Center for Disaster Management Discussant: Mr. Anil Pokhrel, CEO, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch break	Dining Hall	
14:30 - 16:00	Panel: Strengthening Subnational Governments for Deepening Democracy	Brihaspati Sadan	Panelist: Hon'ble Pradip Paudel, Member of the Federal Parliament of Nepal Panelist: Mr. Dormani Paudel, Former Chief Minister, Bagmati Province Panelist: Mr. Krishna Prasad Sapkota, Former Member of Constituent Assembly Panelist: Ms. Laxmi Devi Pandey, Chairperson, Hupsekot Rural Municipality Moderator: Mr. Bishnu Prasad Lamsal, Deputy, Executive Director NASC
16:00 -16:15	Closing Remarks		Dr. Rajan Khaal, Executive Director, NASC
16:15 onwards	Tea	Outside Brihaspati Sadan	