

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	Welcome Speech and Conference Highlight Keynote Speech “Subnational government as a defender of democratic governance and service delivery” Welcome Remarks	Brihaspati Sadan	Tulasi Sharan Sigdel, Senior Director of Studies, NASC Prof. Dr. Bipin Adhikari, Constitutional Expert and Policy Analyst Dr. Rajan Khanal, Executive Director, NASC
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	Chair: Mr. Binod Prakash Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration Discussant: Mr. Krishna Gyawali, General Secretary, Public Administration Association of Nepal Discussant: Dr. Dil Khatri, Executive Director, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies
	Theme 2: Intergovernmental Relationships: Opportunities and Practices	Lumbini Hall, Dikshya Sadan	Chair: Mr. Udaya Sapkota, Secretary-Law Discussant: Mr. Madhu Raman Acharya, President, Public Administration Association of Nepal Discussant: Dr. Hari Prasad Dhungana, Associate Professor, Nepal Open University
	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: Dr. 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, 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	