



Nepal Administrative Staff College

Seminar on

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNANCE

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Prithvi Hall, Nepal Administrative Staff College

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Background

Performance of public sector drives the overall performance of different actors of the government. This calls for developing capacity of the public sector so that it can lead by example and demonstrate professionalism and competency in managing public affairs. Capacity building of the public sector is a perennial issue that requires continuous and innovative intervention. Making an efficient and result oriented public sector for ensuring quality public services by managing multiple networks and relationships has remained a challenge for recent governments. Building on the knowledge and skills of global governance, it is imperative to develop the public sector capacity for ensuring national commitments of provisioning better public services. Nepal has witnessed unprecedented changes in polity amidst the economic, social, cultural and political transitions. It has urged for an efficient and professional public sector to ensure public provisions in the spirit of Constitution of Nepal promulgated in 20 September 2016. The Constitution has made a fundamental departure in the principles and processes of public sector governance.

Building public sector capacity is a comprehensive approach requiring multiple interventions from different fronts. It is also imperative to discuss those initiatives for developing a broader alliance and knowledge community in public sector capacity building. This seminar will be instrumental to bring the key actors responsible for public sector governance and capacity building into a same platform for sharing experiences and setting a common roadmap for realizing the national commitments of efficient, effective and equitable provisioning of public services.

Aim and Objectives

This seminar aims to create a forum for discussions amongst the stakeholders of the capacity building of public sector governance. Primarily, it will share the public sector capacity building initiatives through training, research and consulting activities for ensuring improved public sector governance.

The seminar is set forth to meet the following specific objectives:

- To bring different stakeholders of public sector governance into a discourse on the need for improved service delivery in the changing context of Nepal.
- To share amongst the stakeholders the initiatives of NASC on building the capacity of the public sector.
- To identify way forward on capacity building for improved public sector governance.

Seminar Highlights

This seminar will feature the following key deliberations:

A. Keynote Speech on Public Sector Capacity Building in Changing Context will highlight key issues to be considered for designing an efficient and effective public sector.

B. Thematic Presentation:

- a) ***Innovation in Public Sector Capacity Building*** will highlight innovative initiations for capacity building that can make a difference in public sector governance.
- b) ***Creating Knowledge Base*** will highlight initiatives for harnessing opportunities to strengthen public sector by creating a knowledge base and knowledge community.
- c) ***Enabling Public Sector Management*** will mainly share experiences from system design interventions in public sector.

C. Panel discussion on Sustaining Discourse on Public Sector Capacity Building among senior public sector officials will shed lights on avenues to build collaboration among actors to strengthen public sector capacity for ensuring a common goal of provisioning quality and accessible services.

Seminar Participants

This seminar will appreciate participation from senior officials of the Government of Nepal and representatives from development partners, institutions working on public sector capacity building and academia for developing a common idea in public sector governance.

Seminar Outcome

Participants representing different sectors will enter into public sector governance discourse and capacity building alliance. This initiative will extend the scope for continuous cross-learning and experience sharing.

Programme Schedule

Time	Activities
13:30	Arrival , Registration and Tea
14:00	Chairperson: Tarak Bahadur K.C., PhD, Deputy Executive Director, NASC Welcome Speech and Programme Highlights: Bharat Thapa, Senior Director, NASC
14:10	Key Note Speech: Public Sector Capacity Building in Changing Context <i>Leela Mani Paudyal, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal</i>
14:30	Presentation I: Innovation in Capacity Building <i>Basanta R. Sigdel, Director of Studies, NASC</i>
14:45	Presentation II: Creating Knowledge Bases <i>Trilochan Pokharel, Director of Studies, NASC</i>
15:00	Presentation III: Enabling Public Sector Management <i>Suwarn K. Singh , Director of Studies, NASC</i>
15:30	Floor Discussion
16:00	Panel Discussion: Sustaining Discourse on Public Sector Capacity Building <i>Punya Prasad Neupane, Executive Director, NASC</i> <i>Tanka Mani Sharma, Secretary, MoGA</i> <i>Dr. Som Lal Subedi, Chief Secretary, GoN</i> <i>Hon'ble Rekha Sharma, Minister, MoGA</i>
16:45	Closing Remarks by Chairperson
	Refreshments

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