

# Public-Private Dialogue on Nepal's WTO commitments and roles of stakeholders

2-3 December 2011  
Hotel Pokhara Grande, Pardi, Pokhara

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

<b>Day 1:</b>	<b>2 December 2011, Friday</b>
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
Chair:	Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu
Remarks:	Mr. Philipp Kruschel, Team Leader, WTO/EIF – Support Programme, GIZ, Kathmandu
Remarks:	Mr. Krishna Mohan Shrestha, President, Pokhara Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Pokhara
Remarks:	Mr. Ishwori Raj Regmi, Acting Chief District Officer, Kaski District
Keynote Speaker:	Mr. Purushottam Ojha, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies (MoCS), Government of Nepal <i>General overview of the multilateral trading system and Nepal's WTO accession</i>
Chief Guest:	Hon'ble Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)</b>
Moderator	Mr. Krishna Mohan Shrestha, President, PCCI, Pokhara
Presenter	<i>GATT and Nepal's commitments (major highlights)</i> – Mr. Jib Raj Koirala, Under Secretary, MoCS, Government of Nepal
Discussants	Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu  Mr. Nirajan Shrestha, Executive Member, PCCI and Executive Director, Sujal Foods P. Ltd., Pokhara  <i>Floor Discussion</i>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)</b>
Moderator	Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhaya, Joint Secretary, MoCS, Government of Nepal
Presenter	<i>GATS and Nepal's commitments (major highlights)</i> – Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Discussants	Mr. Prachanda Man Shrestha, Former Chief Executive Officer, Nepal Tourism Board, Kathmandu
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*Floor Discussion*

**15:00-15:30**      *Tea/coffee break*

**15:30 – 17:00      Trade in Tourism Services**

Moderator	Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
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Presenter	<i>Tourism Services: Current status and way forward</i> – Mr. Prachanda Man Shrestha, Former Chief Executive Officer, Nepal Tourism Board
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Discussants	Mr. Tika Sapkota, President, Pokhara Tourism Council, Pokhara
	Mr. Pradip Kumar Koirala, Under Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Nepal

*Floor Discussion*

**17:00– 17:15      Supporting Nepal's WTO Commitments**

Presenter	Mr. Rup Kumar BK, Programme Officer, Supporting the Implementation of Nepal's WTO commitments and the Enhanced Integrated Framework (WTO/EIF-SP), GIZ, Kathmandu
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**Day 2:      3 December 2011, Saturday**

**8:30-9:00      Registration**

**9:00 – 10:30      Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**

Moderator	Mr. Bharat B. Thapa, Former Secretary, MoICS, Government of Nepal
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Presenter	<i>TRIPS, Nepal's commitments and status</i> – Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
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Discussants	Dr. Pratap Shrestha, Regional Representative and Scientific Advisor, USC Canada Asia, Pokhara
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Mr. Sajjan B. S. Thapa, Advocate, Supreme Court, Kathmandu

*Floor Discussion*

**10:30-11:00**      *Tea/coffee break*

**11:00 – 12:30      Trade in Health Services**

Moderator	Mr. Bhupendra Thapa, Chief Drug Administrator, Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), Government of Nepal
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Presenter	<i>Health Services: Current status and way forward</i> – Mr. Puspa Sharma, Programme Coordinator, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
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Discussants                      Dr. B. M. Nagpal, Dean and CEO, Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Pokhara

   Mr. Gokarna Awasthi, Chief of Economic Bureau, Kantipur Daily, and Vice President, Society of Economic Journalists of Nepal (SEJON), Kathmandu

*Floor Discussion*

**12:30– 12:45                      Role and support of the media in advocating trade issues**

Speaker                      Mr. Pradip Chapagain, President, Society of Economic Journalists of Nepal (SEJON), Kathmandu

**12:40-13:30                      Way forward and Closing**

Chair                      Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Speakers                      Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhaya, Joint Secretary, MoCS, Government of Nepal

   Mr. Philipp Kruschel, Team Leader, WTO/EIF – Support Programme, GIZ, Kathmandu

   Mr. Krishna Mohan Shrestha, President, PCCI, Pokhara

*13:30                      Lunch and return to Kathmandu*