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

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

### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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

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
Presenter Tourism Services: Current status and way forward – Mr. Prachanda Man Shrestha, Former Chief Executive Officer, Nepal Tourism Board
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

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
Presenter TRIPS, Nepal’s commitments and status – Mr. Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
Discussants Dr. Pratap Shrestha, Regional Representative and Scientific Advisor, USC Canada Asia, Pokhara
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
Presenter Health Services: Current status and way forward – Mr. Puspa Sharma, Programme Coordinator, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
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