

Summit Schedule
Nepal-India Think Tank Summit 2018

Registration and Breakfast 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks: Mr. Shyam KC, Research and Development Director, AIDIA

Chair Remarks: Shri Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML)

Special Remarks: H.E. Manjeev Singh Puri, Ambassador of India to Nepal

Keynote Speech: Shri Ram Madhav, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party and Director, India Foundation

Special Guest Remarks: Hon'ble Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce & Supplies

Special Address: Chief Guest Rt. Hon'ble Former Prime Minister of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Sunil KC, Founder/CEO, Asian Institute and Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA)

Opening Session Brief

Think Tank, as a shaper of various policy related questions, acts as a bridge between the world of idea and action. And it recommends best possible policy options to the government to meet the daunting challenges in the domestic and the international affairs. The session aims to locate the major role of the think tank in addressing the emerging foreign policy questions and the importance of cooperation between the think-tank of Nepal and India.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Session I: Building Innovative Cooperation between Indo-Nepal Think Tank: The Partnership

Chair

Hon'ble Mr. Gagan Thapa, Member of Parliament, Nepali Congress

Panelists:

Prof. Dr Shambhu Ram Simkhada, Convener, CNI Think Tank, Former Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations

Major General Rajiv Narayanan, AVSM, VSM (Retd)

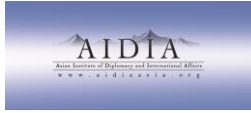
Shri Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML)

Dr. Khadga KC, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University

Mr. Rabindra Nath Bhattarai, Treasurer, Nepal Council of World Affairs (NCWA)

Mr. Jay Nishant, AIDIA Advisor Executive President of Nepal Democracy Foundation (NDF)

Moderator: Mr. Anil Giri, News Coordinator at Political Bureau, The Kathmandu Post



Session I Brief

The continuous constructive dialogue amidst the think tank of India and Nepal is essential to boost the Indo-Nepal relation. This session will emphasize on the practical aspect and explore the possible cooperation in research and publication, regular dialogue/conference/symposium, sharing experiences/expertise/human resources/finance.

Health Break 11:30 AM-11:40 AM

11:40 AM-1:10 PM

Session II: Bolstering Bilateral Economic Ties: The Shared Prosperity

Chair

Hon'ble Surendra Pandey, Former Finance Minister of Nepal

Panelists:

Dr. Bishnu Dev Pant, Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)

Prof. Dr. Nisha Taneja, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)

Mr. Chandu Raj Dhakal, Vice-President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Nepal and Former President and Distinguished Member of Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)

Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI)

Mr. Sujeev Shakya, Founder/Chair, Nepal Economic Forum (NEF)

Ms. Pratanashree Basu, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundations (ORF)

Moderator: Mr. Kuber Chalise, Editor, Karobar Daily

Session II Brief

Nepal and India has the enormous economic interdependence. The session intended to mitigate the existing issues and promote trade, investment, connectivity and tourism with ultimate goal of benefitting from shared mutual prosperity.

Launch Break 1:10 PM- 2:00 PM

2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Session III: Managing Security Dilemma: The Geopolitical Reality

Chair

Dr Rajan Bhattarai, Leader, Nepal Communist Party and Member of Eminent Persons Group

Panelists

Mr Binoj Basnyat, Retired Army Major General, Nepal

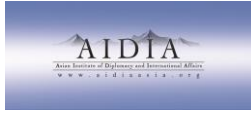
Brig Gen Keshar Bahadur Bhandari (Retd), Secretary General, Nepal Institute for Strategic Studies(NISS)

Dr. Nihar R. Nayak, Research Fellow, Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA)

Dr. Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Foreign Policy at Brookings India

Mr. Geja Sharma Wagle, Security and Strategic Affairs Expert

Mr. Sameer Patil, Fellow, National Security Studies & Director, Centre for International Security, Gateway House



Moderator: Mr. Kosh Raj Koirala, Political Affairs Bureau Chief, Republica English Daily

Session Brief

With having very deeper multi-dimensional relations between Nepal and India, if not regularly, intermittently some kind of crisis/resentments was/is prevailing. So, the session will focus how Nepal and India can mutually manage the respective security concerns of each other's.

Health Break 3:30 PM-3:40 PM

3:40 PM-5:10 PM

Session IV: Redefining Nepal-India Relations 21st Century: The Real New-Normal

Chair

Hon'ble Mr. Ganesh Shah, Former Minister and Standing Committee Member, Nepal Communist Party

Panelists

Dr. Mirgendra Bahadur Karki, Executive Director, Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies (CNAS), Tribhuvan University (TU)

Dr. Nirmala Mani Adhikary, Associate Professor, Kathmandu University

Dr. Sreeradha Datta, Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF)

Mr. Gopal Khanal, Former Foreign Affairs Advisor to Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli

Mr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum Library (NMML)

Moderator: Mr. Shyam KC, Research and Development Director, AIDIA

Session IV Brief

In global scenario, the balance of power is resifiting towards Asia and observation depicts the disarray in international system including in global politics, economy, and security among others. Whereas, India is emerging as regional and global power and Nepal is paving the way for domestic stability. The session envisioned to redefine the Nepal-India relations in contemporary world order and unlock the crux of the problem that is hindering for Nepal-India relations reaching out to the real new normal.

5:10 PM-6:10 PM

Closing Ceremony

Special Remarks: H.E. Manjeev Singh Puri, Ambassador of India to Nepal

Chief Guest: Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Khil Raj Regmi Former Chairman, Council of Ministers and Former Chief Justice of Nepal

Closing Remarks: Founder/CEO, Asian Institute of International Affairs and Diplomacy (AIDIA)

Gala Dinner and Networking 6:10 PM- 9:00 PM