



## **NRNA ICC Skill Knowledge and Innovation (SKI) Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) and Scope**

In Pursuant to NRN Declaration No 2009, and the subsequent formation of a SKI-Task Group and as a follow up declarations in 2011 and 2013 to develop a long term strategy on Knowledge Investment as a major NRNA ICC program in Nepal, SKI Task Force now defined herein as SKI Committee has the following terms of reference (ToR)

1. The SKI Committee will be the main advisory/consultative body of NRN –ICC dealing with issues pertaining education and S&T development in Nepal;
2. The Committee will advise the NRN ICC on knowledge investment prospects, strategies, program for streamlining technology transfer as feasible for the development of Nepal and, assist, through the ICC, in the modernization of laws on technology transfer, patents and policy options.
3. The Committee will help develop collaborative linkages with national as well as international S&T organizations towards knowledge transfer and development of indigenous capabilities as may be feasible.
4. The Committee will support spin off flagship projects such as Open University Nepal Initiative (OUNI) and Nepal Science Foundation (NSF)
5. The committee will conduct meetings quarterly and submit summary report to ICC
6. The committee will work towards developing strong linkages with project partners both in Nepal and Abroad
7. The committee will lobby for NRNA representation in NAST Academic Council meetings
8. The committee will work closely with MoE and MoST& E to support, advocate and implement SKI flagship projects
9. The committee will provide support to science policy formulation in sector specific areas as relevant working closely with GoN
10. The committee will form an appropriate SKI committee
11. The S&T Committee will coordinate with NRN RC and NC to undertake collaborative projects in accordance with clearly stipulated Term of reference and guidelines defined by committee. NRN ICC will fully support the TF team

in managing the wider dissemination of its outputs and its strategies where necessary to capture benefits for Nepal and of others and respects confidentiality.

12. The Committee will encourage debate on projects from all NRN NCC through exchange of ideas by email, conduct meetings, workshops and seminars to ensure accurate information and expert's opinions are available for the successful completion of the project. Project coordinators and team should communicate and share ideas with NRN community and stakeholders in their area of activities. TF will ensure accurate information is provided to NRN ICC and to Nepal Govt as an input in policy making process. All flagship projects will follow guidelines as defined in the Committee draft regulation, work independently and report to committee.
13. The committee will submit reports to NRN ICC on quarterly basis.

### **Expected Outcomes/Results**

Flagship projects scheme for Open University Initiative and Nepal Science Foundation plan implemented

Potential projects in national priority areas identified and initiated SKI website link developed

Transfer of knowledge, skills and innovation to Nepal initiated through the launch of several projects in education and science domain

A comprehensive skills database of NRNs, Nepal professionals and Stakeholders prepared and integrated with Nepal national Skill Inventory developed

A plan for youth involvement in SKI will be developed and implemented through specific program

NRN representation in NAST Academic Council

Strong networking and partnership among NRN community and stakeholders including the Government of Nepal established

### **Role and Responsibilities**

#### **SKI Chair**

- Formulate SKI strategic policy plan, guidelines and ToR
- Work closely with NRN ICC team and submit quarterly report
- Participate in ICC meeting and NRN Executive body meeting as needed
- Liaison with project champions of OUNI and Nepali Science Foundation Projects
- Participate and represent NRN ICC to GoN, public and private institutions, donor agencies meetings

#### **SKI Co-chair**

- Convene SKI Committee meeting

- Liaison with the various SKI project **Task force** team and provide strategic support for the successful completion of the project
- Compile the progress report
- Participate in ICC meetings
- Represent SKI in various meetings

#### **Region Project coordinators**

- Identify and develop the project proposal & plans
- Submit the project proposal to SKI committee endorsement
- Coordinate the project activities
- Submit timely progress quarterly and annual report to SKI committee