

Minutes of the first Regional Coordinators' meeting of Skill, Knowledge & Innovation (SKI) Committee of International Coordination Council (ICC) of NRNA

Meeting Date: January 13th, 2017

Time: 4:45 PM – 7:00 PM Nepal Time

SKI Regional Coordinator team had the first teleconference meeting, since its inception in September 2016 on January 13th, 2017. Below we present a summary of the agendas discussed in this meeting.

Meeting Invitees: SKI Chair Dr. Raju Adhikari, SKI Co-Chair Dr. Hari Dahal, SKI RC Asia Dr. Devi Basnet, SKI RC Oceania Mr. Rajan Koirala, SKI RC Africa Mr. Deepak Karna, SKI RC Europe Dr. Binaya Shrestha, SKI RC America Dr. Madhav Pandey.

Meeting Attendees: Dr. Raju Adhikari, Dr. Hari Dahal, Dr. Devi Basnet, Mr. Rajan Koirala, Dr. Madhav Pandey.

The meeting was opened by SKI Chair Dr. Raju Adhikari. It was carried forward by Co-Chair Dr. Hari Dahal.

Agendas and Summary:

1. SKI Update: Dr Adhikari updated the RC team with current ongoing projects at ICC (Open University Nepal and Nepal Science Foundation, Skill Inventory, SKI seminar) and various projects such as Road safety, Larpak at NCC levels. He also mentioned the ongoing NRN interest and efforts for NRN representations in executive position in Open University.
2. Skill Inventory: To coordinate SKI projects at NCC, RC and ICC levels, SKI regional and NCC teams decided to start collecting skill inventory at the NCC and RC levels. Such inventory by regions will be then integrated to NRNA ICC resources. The RC will also send letter to voluntarily invite skill data from individual NRNA members and professional associations and. We will do this in accordance with NRNA members' privacy act and provide adequate disclosures to the members to avoid any liabilities.
3. The current expansion of the SKI structure by including SKI RCs and NCCs will be communicated to NRNA ICC secretariat office and SKI team structure updated in the website ~~with SKI~~with SKI RCs and SKI NCCs contact ~~information.~~information.
4. To facilitate communication among SKI ICC, RCs and NCCs, a group email ~~is created~~is created including the SKI ICC executive members, RCs and chair of SKI NCCs' contact information.
5. Due to the lack of financial resources at the SKI ICC level, SKI projects should be funded at the at NCC ~~level.~~level. SKI RCs and NCCs will explore any funding or sponsor ship opportunity to seek project support.
6. An international conference (ICQ13) was organized in Nepal in the Chairmanship of SKI Executive member Dr. HemRaj Sharma. SKI ICC Co-chair also participated in this conference. The outcome of this conference, particularly in the area of networking and building collaborations between international scientists and Nepali scientists, was encouraging. Dr HemRaj ji and Hari Ji to follow up discussion with Dept of Physics, TU and KU to initiate scholar exchange program with interested institutions overseas.

7. This meeting proposed that SKI should start brainstorming and feasibility study for organizing such a conference by SKI once every two years during the NRNA ICC global meeting. A proposal to this effect is being drafted and will be discussed during SKI global conference workshop in October 2017.
8. SKI ICC is going to request NRNA ICC to lobby for SKI representation in policy level in S&T institutions of Government of Nepal such as National Planning Commission, NAST.

The meeting was concluded by the SKI Chair Dr. Raju Adhikari by thanking all members for attending and contributing to the first ever meeting of SKI RCs. Next meeting will be called on quarterly and or need basis.