

Terms of Reference

Task Force on External Relations

1. Background

The International Coordination Council (ICC) of the NRN Association decided, at its 31st meeting on 13 November 2011, to establish a 'Task Force on External Relations'. The purpose of this TF is mainly, to establish relationship and to coordinate NRN activities with international and regional organizations, such as, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, SAARC, UN and other international organizations based in Nepal.

The ICC entrusted Patron, Bhim Udas to coordinate this Task Force. The TF will have the responsibility to establishing relationship with the above-mentioned organizations and Bretton Wood institutions, and to collaborate activities which are concerned and relevant to the NRN Association and NRNs as a whole.

Some relevant activities could be to, i) utilize NRNs skills, experience and knowledge in Nepal's overall development; ii) develop technical skills among Nepalis; iii) have partnership for investment in development projects in Nepal.

There is a possibility to develop projects together with UN Women and International Organization for Migration (IOM) for creating job opportunities for returnee NRNs. Similarly, a vocational institute can be established, in collaboration with International Labour Organization (ILO), to provide technical skills and training in Nepal.

Since the first Global Conference in 2003, NRN has suggested the Government of Nepal to negotiate with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to utilize the technical expertise and know-how of NRNs in development projects in Nepal. This issue needs to be further pursued with the Ministries of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Law and Parliamentary Affairs to ensure that NRNs' technical expertise are better utilized, in lieu of foreign experts. It will be beneficial for both the Government of Nepal and NRNs.

2. Objectives:

The main objective of this TF is to:

- i) Establish relationship with Bretton Wood Institutions, Regional, UN and other international organizations, and resident diplomatic missions in Nepal;
- ii) Collaborate NRN activities and projects with those organizations;
- iii) Develop partnership for NRN investment in development projects in Nepal.

3. Operational Framework

A Task Force consisting of five members will be established. Members will be identified and selected from different regions, in consultation with Regional Coordinators.

The TF will prepare its Plan of Action by the end of January 2012. Its Coordinator will inform the ICC on the progress made by the TF on a regular basis.

The TF will disseminate NRN's mission, objectives and its activities with Bretton Wood Institutionss, Regional and International Organizations as well as the diplomatic missions in Nepal. It will also coordinate with those institutions to explore the possibilities for partnership for investment in Nepal.

4. Outcomes/Results:

- ToR and Plan of Actions of the TF are prepared.
- Projects for skill development and vocational trainings are formulated.
- Explore possibility for investment in development projects in Nepal.
- NRNs' technical skills and expertises are utilized for development in Nepal.

5. Time Frame:

The TF will present its recommendations to the ICC. This TF will be operational from December 2011 to October 2013.

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