

**TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF
THE NRN TASK FORCE ON CONTINUATION OF NEPALI CITIZENSHIP (CNCTF)
2017-2019**

Background

One of main goals of Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) from its very beginning is to ensure Continuity of Nepali Citizenship (CNC) rights for Foreign Nationals of Nepali Origin (FNNOs). As a result of years of efforts and advocacy, the Constitution of Nepal 2072 has finally included a provision of Non Resident citizenship which will provide economic, cultural and social rights to such citizens. While there is no doubt that this is a big achievement, there is still a long way to go. The main focus now is to ensure that proper laws are in place that shall ensure the provision made in the constitution are applied. To make effective coordination in this direction, the NRNA has formed a Task Force on Continuation of Nepali Citizenship (CNCTF 2017 - 19) chaired by Mr. Ram Pratap Thapa (Germany). The NRN Task Force on Continuation of Nepali Citizenship (CNCTF) will work to facilitate the passing of bill and introduction of acts to ensure that NRNs are able to exercise the rights as per provision made for them in the constitution. Since citizenship is a sensitive issue, the CNCTF will work carefully on this matter through a range of activities which have been outlined below.

Objective of the CNCTF

Coordinate as well as facilitate in the formulation of acts and law in accordance to the provision made for NRNs in the Constitution of Nepal to ensure that NRNs are able to exercise their right.

Detailed work-plan

- *Formulation of team for legal advice*

One of the first activities of the CNCTF will be to formulate a team of legal advisors who will be crucial in providing legal suggestions on the issue. Along with providing legal advice, the team will help in providing answers to any legal questions that will be asked to NRN on the issue.

- *Drafting of position paper*

To ensure that the act is introduced in line with the provision made in the constitution, CNCTF will prepare a draft bill with the help of the legal advisory team. This will be sent to NRN members for suggestions.

- *Lobbying and advocacy through different stakeholders*

The task force will conduct formal and informal discussions as well lobbying with representatives of various ministries and bodies including Home Ministry, Ministry of Law,

and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Cabinet Committee on law formulation, Parliamentary Committees and major political parties.

- *Discussion with relevant ministry*

Since the issue of citizenship falls under Ministry of Home, CNCTF will advocate for the speedy presentation of the CNC bill in the parliament by holding meetings at different levels with Ministry of Home.

- *Interaction with members of parliamentary committees*

CNCTF's efforts will be to hold interactions with the Chairman as well as members of the Committee, under whose jurisdiction the proposal law will come, to ensure that the legal process regarding CNC is undertaken swiftly and immediately.

- *Internal discussion*

CNCTF will hold regular informal discussions among members of the Committee regarding the issue of CNC

- *Discussion with major leaders*

To ensure that the issue of CNC gets support from all the parliamentarians, CNCTF will hold meetings and discussions with leaders of major political parties to inform them about the developments.

- *Provision of focal person*

To ensure coordination, facilitation, maintain communication with various stakeholders and to inform the CNCTF team about the legal process as well as to inform the task force about the steps to be taken, a focal person will be appointed in Kathmandu.

- *Media mobilization*

To assure public support and give a positive message regarding the issue of CNC, media mobilization will be made. The media will help disseminate news to create a positive image around the issue of CNC.

- *Documentation*

Since the issue of CNC has been an issue of focus since the formation of NRNA, efforts of the NRN as well as CNCTF which have been published in the form of print, photo and video will be documented in a video documentary.

- *Budget*

In line with the NRN's policy of taskforces generating their own fund, all the task forces members will donate at least 1 lakh rupees for its operation. Donations from the well-wishers are most welcome.

Guidelines

- Members of CNCTF will need to inform the CNCTF Coordinator before undertaking any work regarding the matter of CNC. To ensure coordination, the focal person as well as the CEO of NRNA in Kathmandu also needs to be pre-informed about all key activities.
- Any information should be first shared within the team and only then formally shared outside after discussion.
- In case of requirement of any information, the focal person should be contacted. However, a discussion needs to be held with the Coordinator to decide whether the information can be made public or not.
- Complete information should be gathered about any issue before speaking in the media.
- The task force will maintain communication and coordination with NRN President and its members through the CNCTF chairman.
- Members should carry out all the responsibilities entrusted by the task force.

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