



6 – 7 November 2023

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Proposed Program
(As of November 5, 2023)

Sunday 5 November 2023

02:00 pm onwards **Registration opens at Conference venue- Hyatt Regency Hotel**

Monday 6 November 2023

37th CACCI CONFERENCE

Theme: **Chambers of Commerce - Helping Businesses Get SET for the Future**

(S) Sustainability is critical for SMEs to gain a competitive advantage in today's market, to be able to manage business risks, grow their brand and enhance their access to capital. According to the OECD, SMEs collectively contribute to over 50% of global Greenhouse Gas emissions from business globally. The majority of SME owners are concerned about the impacts of climate change but they need help to make this transition. Chambers can offer this support to current and potential new members looking to decarbonize their businesses and contribute to a sustainable economy.

(E) Entrepreneurship and particularly inclusive entrepreneurship supports people with new ideas to solve some of our most entrenched challenges. By supporting entrepreneurs embrace new technologies, include and support diverse groups of entrepreneurs and allow for innovation to flourish we will see new business models emerge to move us toward a truly just economy.

(T) Trade support is a critical service Chambers provide to the business community. Trade not only helps business supply the world with the goods and services we all desire, it also builds and maintains cross border relationships. Chambers offer a range of services including mediation, ease of doing business by digitizing processes as well as connecting SMEs through networking and business matching opportunities. Through this work Chambers are truly strengthening global multilateralism and in-turn global peace.

09:00 am-10:30 am **Opening Ceremony (Main Hall)**

- **National Anthem of Nepal**
- **Welcome Remarks**



Mr. Chandra Prasad Dhakal, FNCCI President (Nepal) – 5 Min

- **Lighting the Traditional Lamp(Panas) by Right Honorable President of Nepal**
- **Nepali Cultural Performance - 5 Min**

- **Welcome Remarks by Mr. Peter McMullin AM, President, CACCI (Australia) – 5 Min**

- **Remarks by :Mr. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha, Vice President, CACCI / Former President, FNCCI (Nepal) – 5 Min**
- **Remarks by: Special Guest Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Honorable Finance Minister of Nepal – 5 Min**
- **Key note Speaker : Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Former Prime Minister of Nepal – (10-12 Min)**
- **Address by Chief Guest Mr. Ramchandra Paudel, Right Honorable President of Nepal**
- **Token of Appreciation**
- **Vote of Thanks by Mr. Anjan Shrestha, Senior Vice President, FNCCI (Nepal) – 5 Min**
- **Group Photograph**
 1. Nepali Delegates
 2. Foreign Delegates

10:30 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Plenary Session 1 (Main Hall)

SUSTAINABILITY: Developing Clean and Renewable Energy for a Greener World

This session will feature speakers who will share their views on how to ensure a sustainable supply of renewable energy, improve access to modern energy services, identify possible areas of regional cooperation to achieve a clean energy integration to build a greener world, and how chambers can play the role as a voice of change at COP28 in Dubai.

Speakers – 10 minutes each

- **Mr. Sushil Chandra Tiwari, Secretary, Water and Energy Commission Secretariat, Government of Nepal. (Nepal)**
- **Mr. Khurram Sayeed, CEO, Planet Energy Pvt. Ltd / Vice President, CACCI (Pakistan)**
- **Mr. Gyanendra Lal Pradhan, Chairman, Asian Council on Water, Energy, and Environment (ACWEE) (Nepal)**
- **Dr. Alireza Yavari, Deputy President for International Affairs, ICCIMA / Vice President, CACCI (IRAN)**



- **Mr. Homer Yu**, Vice President, Kowloon Chamber of Commerce (KCC) (**Hong Kong**)

Moderator

- **Mr. Mr. Melvin Tan**, Managing Director, Cyclect Pte. Ltd. / Vice President, SMF(**Singapore**)
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12:00 pm - 01:15 pm Plenary Session 2 (Main Hall)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Driver for Regional Economic Growth

Discussion will focus on how to promote the entrepreneurial spirit in the region – particularly young and women entrepreneurs – through, for instance, mentorship and access to capital and markets, in order to make them effective and sustained contributors to the economic growth of their respective communities and the national and regional economy as a whole.

Speakers – 8 to 10 minutes each

- **Mr. Michael Lee**, Chair, Membership and Partnership Alliance Committee, YEGAP / CEO, CreBiz Factory (**South Korea**)
- **Mr. Allen John Ku**, Vice-President, EVERIII & Partners / Director, Startup Island Taiwan (The Intersection of Innovation & Technology) (**Taiwan**)
- **Mr. Sanjeeb Panthee**, Good Return (**Nepal**)
- **Ms. Sudha Shivkumar** President, FICCI Ladies Organization (Women Entrepreneurs) (**India**)
- **Prof. Pramod B. Shrestha Ph.D.** Entrepreneurship and the Metanarrative of Economic Growth: An Overview, Ph.D. (Engineering Management, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada) Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, (**Nepal**)
- **Ms. Narin Shahrokhi Kabir**, ICCIMA (**Iran**)

Moderator

- **Mr. Suraj Vaidya**, Former President, FNCCI / President, Vaidya's Organization of Industries & Trading Houses (**Nepal**)

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01:15 pm-02:30pm Lunch

02:30pm-03:30pm Policy Advocacy Working Group (Main Hall)

- **Session Chair: Mr. Peter McMullin AM**, President, CACCI (Australia)
- **Presenter (virtual): Prof Mr. De Guven Sak, Founding Managing Director, TEPAV (Turkey)**

“Sector Specific, Green Transformation Model for Value Chain Formation among CACCI Member Countries”



Open to All:

03:30pm-05:00pm

Discover Business Opportunities Through CACCI (Main Hall)

This session will feature representatives from CACCI member chambers who will make presentations on the current economic situation in their respective counties, and the business, trade and investment opportunities they offer.

- **Session Chair: Mr. Jemal Inaishvili,** President Emeritus, CACCI (Georgia)
- **Special Remarks: Mr. John Denton AO,** Secretary General, ICC (Video) (Australia)
- **Country Presenters:**
 - Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) – **Mr. Lennon Tan (Singapore)**
 - **Dr. Alireza Yavari,** Deputy President for International Affairs, ICCIMA / Vice President, CACCI (IRAN)

05:00pm-6:30pm

Business Matching Sessions (Main hall)

CACCI internal meetings:

03:30pm-04:30pm

Budget Commission Meeting (Kirtipur Hall)

Chair: Mr. Peter McMullin AM,
President, CACCI (Australia)

05:00pm-06:30pm

97th CACCI Council Meeting (Kirtipur Hall)

Chair: Mr. Peter McMullin AM,
President, CACCI (Australia)

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07:00pm – 08:30pm Welcome Reception (only for CACCI Delegates)



Tuesday 7 November 2023

08:30am - 09:00am Registration

09:00am – 10:15am Parallel Breakout Sessions

Group One

Asian ICT Council (Main hall 1)

Theme: “Envision the Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI)”

Invited speakers will be requested to share their perspectives on the session theme “Envision the Future of Artificial Intelligence”: what are the challenges, opportunities, and benefits for industries and businesses

Speakers – 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Sam Shen**, Global Business Director, Taiwan Smart Solutions Alliance (TSSA) (Taiwan)
- **Mr. Parag Shrestha**, Managing Director, Fuse machines Inc. (Nepal)
- **Mr. Homer Yu**, Vice President, Kowloon Chamber of Commerce (KCC) (Hong Kong)
- **Mr. Umesh Raghubanshi**, Vice President, Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN Federation) (Nepal)
- **Prof. Andrew Koh**, President, Singapore Chapter, Government Block chain Association (Singapore)

Session Chairman

- **Mr. Mangesh Lal Shrestha**, Immediate Past Chairman, CACCI YEGAP / Global Vice President (Growth & AI) at Frost & Sullivan (Nepal)
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Asian Council on Food and Agriculture (Main hall 2)

Theme: “Food Security and Access: Ensuring Equitable and Sustainable Food Systems”

Invited speakers will be requested to elaborate on their views on how to ensure equitable and sustainable food systems through food security and food access.

Speakers -8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Rommel Gerodias**, President, A101 Innovation Inc. “Food Safety” (Philippines)
- **Mr. Sumit Kedia**, Executive Director, Kedia Organization / Commodity Council Advisor , FNCCI (Nepal)
- **Mr. Igor Piasetskii**, Representative of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russian Federation in India. (Russia)
- **Mr. Hem Raj Dhakal**, Vice President (Commodity), FNCCI (Nepal)

Session Chairman

- **Mr. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha**, Vice President, CACCI / Former President, FNCCI (Nepal)
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10:15am – 11:30am Parallel Breakout Sessions

Group Two

Young Entrepreneurs Group Asia-Pacific (Main Hall 1)

Theme: “Digital Transformation and Adoption of AI: Driver for Innovation in Entrepreneurship, Trade and Sustainability”

This session will feature speakers who will examine how digital transformation and the adoption of AI will serve to drive and enable innovation in entrepreneurship, trade and sustainability.

Speakers - 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Michael Lim**, Founder, Beyond Value (**Australia**)
- **Mr. Aabhushan Jyoti Kansakar**, Board Member, Nepalese Young Entrepreneurs Forum (NYEF) (**Nepal**)
- **Mr. Saurabh Jyoti**, Chairman, Syakar Trading Co. P. Ltd. (**Nepal**)

Session Chairman

- **Mr. Rommel Gerodias**, President, A101 Innovation Inc. (**Philippines**)
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Asian Council on Tourism (Main Hall 2)

Theme: “Green Tourism for Sustainable Future”

Invited speakers will share their experiences and best practices in promoting green tourism in their respective countries for a sustainable future.

Speakers – 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Yogendra Shakya**, Chairman, Club Himalayan Resort, Nagarkot (Hotel Ambassador) (**Nepal**)
- **Dr. Dhananjaya Regmi**, CEO, Nepal Tourism Board (**Nepal**)
- **Mr. Binayak Shah**, President, Hotel Association Nepal (**Nepal**)

Session Chairman

- **Mr. Anura Lokuhetty**, Chairman, Red Apple Travels & Holidays Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. (**Sri Lanka**)
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11:30am-12:45pm Parallel Breakout Sessions

Group Three

SME Development Council (Main Hall 2)

Theme: “Private sector and government cooperation for SMEs in change management”

This session will feature speakers who will elaborate on their countries’ experience in promoting the growth and development of SMEs and the government policies in place to achieve this objective amidst a changing market environment.

Speakers - 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Stuart Thomson**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Good Business Foundation / Chief of Staff, Office of the President, CACCI(**Australia**)
- **Ms. Jyotsna Shrestha**, Vice President (Associate), FNCCI(**Nepal**)
- **Ms. Juna Mathema**, Chairperson, Startup and Innovation Forum/EC member FNCCI (**Nepal**)
- **Mr. Manoj Paudel**, Chairperson, Investment & International Affairs forum/EC member FNCCI (**Nepal**)



Session Chairman

- **Mr. George Abraham**, Chairman, The GA Group Pte. Ltd.(Singapore)
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Asian Council on Water, Energy and Environment (Main Hall 1)

Theme: "Clean & Green Energy: CO2 Zero Emission"

Invited speakers will share their views and perspectives on the importance of promoting clean and green energy and what their respective countries are doing in this regard.

Speakers - 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Melvin Tan**, Managing Director, Cyclect Pte. Ltd. / Vice President, SMF(Singapore)
- **Mr. Sher Singh Bhat**, Former Deputy Managing Director of Nepal Electricity Authority "*Energy Transition for Net CO2 Zero Emission (Nepal)*"
- **Mr. Shailendra Guragain**, Executive Committee Member, FNCCI (Nepal)

Session Chairman

- **Mr. Gyanendra Lal Pradhan**, Chairman, Asian Council on Water, Energy and Environment, CACCI (Nepal)

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12:45pm-02:30pm Lunch

**02:30pm - 03:45pm Plenary Session 3 (Main Hall)
TRADE: Helping Businesses Become Global Trade Players**

Invited speakers will elaborate on their thoughts and ideas on how to assist businesses, particularly the SMEs which comprised majority of chambers' constituencies, adequately equipped to participate in the international market through, for instance, digital transformation, mediation and dispute resolution capability, and labor mobility and skills development to meet new business and market demands.

Speakers - 8-10 minutes each

- **Dr. Yubaraj Khatiwada**, Former Finance Minister of Nepal (Nepal)
- **Ms. Deborah Lockhart**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Disputes Cetner (*Mediation/Dispute Resolution*) (Australia)
- **Mr. James Shi Chu**, Secretary General, Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce (CNAIC), Taiwan (Taiwan)
- **Dr. Posh Raj Pandey**, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (Nepal)
- **Dr Gunveena Chadha**, Assistant Secretary General and Coordinator International Division, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) (India)



Moderator

- **Mr. Kush Kumar Joshi**, Former President, FNCCI / Managing Director, Nepal Ekarat Engineering Co. Pvt. Ltd. (**Nepal**)

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03:45pm – 04:00pm Coffee Break

04:00pm – 05:30pm Plenary Session 4 (Main Hall)

**CEO FORUM: Development Challenges and Opportunities
in the Asia-Pacific Region**

Company CEOs and business leaders will be invited to share their insights on what they think are the development challenges and opportunities faced by the region, including – but not limited to – food safety and security, tourism, supply chain resilience, climate change, cooperation in healthcare, the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, and China's economic growth.

Speakers - 8-10 minutes each

- **Mr. Jemal Inaishvili**, President Emeritus, CACCI / Former CEO, Poti Sea Port (**Georgia**)
- **Mr. Samir Modi**, Immediate Past President, CACCI / Executive Director, Modi Enterprises (**India**)
- **Mr. Lennon Tan**, President, Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) (**Singapore**)
- **Mr. Padma Jyoti**, Chairman, Jyoti Group / Past President, FNCCI (**Nepal**)

Moderator

- **Mr. Peter McMullin AM**, President, CACCI (**Australia**)

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- Optional Post-Conference City-Tour
- Departure of delegates