



South and South-West Asia Office



Government of Nepal



**Expert Group Meeting  
on  
MDG consistent Macroeconomic Modelling for Planning  
in South Asia**

*Organized by*  
**United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific –  
South and South-West Asia Office (UNESCAP-SSWA)**  
*in cooperation with*  
**Government of Nepal (GoN), National Planning Commission  
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretariat**

**1-2 October 2013, Hotel Everest, Kathmandu, Nepal**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 1 October 2013**

08:30 – 09:30

**Registration**

09:30 – 10:30

**Inaugural Session**

*Welcome Remarks*

**Mr. Yuba Raj Bhusal**, Member Secretary , National Planning Commission of Nepal

*Opening Remarks*

**Dr. Nagesh Kumar**, Director, UNESCAP South and South West Asia Office, New Delhi

**H. E. Mr. Ahmed Saleem**, Secretary-General of SAARC

**Keynote Address: Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal

**Inaugural Address: Hon'ble Dr. Rabindra Kumar Shakya**, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission Secretariat, Nepal

**Vote of thanks: Mr Puspa Lal Shakya**, Joint Secretary, NPC

10:30 – 11:00

**Group Photo and Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30

**Session 1: Key challenges and issues in incorporating MDG-consistency in the Macroeconomic Models in the South Asian Context**

- This session will present the latest trends and practices in macroeconomic modelling in the region and its use in planning process and challenges encountered in making them consistent with MDGs.

**Moderator: Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada**, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal

**Presenters:**

**Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy**, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

**Dr. Vaqar Ahmed**, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

▪ **Open discussion**

12:30 – 13:30

*Lunch Break*

13.30 – 15.00

**Session 2: MDGs Consistent Macroeconomic Model of Nepal**

- The main objective of this session is to review the development of macroeconomic modelling in Nepal and its use in planning process. This session will also review the policy options which the Nepal can pursue with a special focus on growth prospects.
- This session will discuss the MDGs consistent macroeconomic model prepared by Nepal and its use in planning process in Nepal.

**Moderator: Hon'ble Dr. Rabindra Kumar Shakya**, Vice-chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal

**Presenter: NPC/Nepal**

- **Open discussion**

15:00 – 15:15

*Coffee Break*

15:15 - 17:30

**Session 3**

**Sharing good practices in incorporating MDG consistency in Macroeconomic/ Plan Models in South Asian Countries**

**Moderator: Mr Dhan Bahadur Oli**, Director, SAARC Secretariat

Presentations by Planning Officials of:

**Afghanistan: Mr. Mostainbillah Balagh**, Deputy Director General for Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Afghanistan

**Bhutan: Mr. Tandin Wangchuk**, Planning Officer, Gross National Happiness Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan

**Bangladesh: Mr. Md. Eakub Ali**, Joint Chief (Director General), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Dhaka

**India: Mr. Dinesh Kapila**, Director (Perspective Planning Division), Planning Commission, Government of India

**Maldives: Mr. Ahmed Naem**, Senior Planning Officer, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance & Treasury, Government of Republic of Maldives

**Pakistan: Dr. M. Aman Ullah**, Assistant Chief, Poverty Alleviation & MDGs Section, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan

**Sri Lanka: Mr. T.M.J. Bandara**, Director, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Govt. of Sri Lanka

**Open discussion**

**Wednesday, 2 October 2013**

08:30 – 10:30

**SAARC Symposium on Best Practices in Poverty Reduction in South Asia**

08.30

*Departure for Hotel Radisson*

Chair: **Dr. Rabindra Kumar Shakya**, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

09:00 – 09:10	<b>Welcome Address: H.E. Mr. Ahmed Saleem</b> , Secretary General of SAARC
09:10 – 09:15	<b>Inauguration</b> [Lighting of the Lamps by Rt.Hon. Khil Raj Regmi, Chairman, Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal] <b>Release of the SAARC Regional Poverty Profile 2009-10: Food Security Challenges for the Poor and Social Inclusion</b> , by <b>Rt. Hon. Khil Raj Regmi</b> , Chairman, Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal
09:15 – 09:25	Speech on SAARC-UNDP Partnership <b>Ms. Caitlin Wiesen</b> , Manager, UNDP/Asia Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok
09:25 – 09:40	Address <b>Dr. Ponna Wignaraja</b> , Chairman, South Asian Perspective Network Association, Sri Lanka
09:40 – 09:50	Special Address on Poverty Alleviation in SAARC Process <b>Hon’ble Madhav Ghimire</b> , Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal
09:50 – 10:05	Inaugural Address <b>Rt. Hon. Khil Raj Regmi</b> , Chairman, Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal
10:05 – 10:15	Concluding Remarks by the Chair <b>Hon’ble Dr. Rabindra Kumar Shakya</b> , Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30	<b>Transfer to Everest Hotel</b>
11.00– 12.30	<b><u>Session 5</u></b> <b>Key cross-cutting challenges for incorporating MDG consistency in macroeconomic models: A Panel Discussion</b> <b>Moderator: TBA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Fiscal sustainability: Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy</b>, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi</li> <li>b. <b>Issues for the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Mr. Syed Nuruzzaman</b>, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>c. <b>LDC Graduation: NPC (tba)</b></li> <li>d. <b>LDC Graduation: Dr. Selim Raihan</b>, Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM) and Dhaka University, Dhaka</li> <li>e. <b>Data requirements and consistency: Professor A. Ganesh Kumar</b>, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

13.30 – 15.00

**Session 6**

**Other modelling frameworks for analysing poverty and inclusive growth (including CGE, SAM etc.)**

**Moderator: (tba)**

**Presenters**

**Dr. Selim Raihan**, Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM) and Dhaka University, Dhaka

**Dr. Vaqar Ahmed**, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

**Professor A. Ganesh Kumar**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai

**Open Discussion**

15.00 - 15.30

***Coffee Break***

15.30 – 16.00

**Closing Session**

- Presentation of the key messages and policy options
- Closing remarks by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office (UNESCAP-SSWA)
- Closing remarks by NPC (tba)

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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