



ICIMOD



Conference on

# Startup Nation 2030: Making Nepal a Startup Friendly Nation by 2030 (Third Edition)

21-22 August 2024 | Soaltee Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Agenda

### **Day 1:**

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Program Schedule	
Time	Program
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration and Networking with tea & coffee
<b>Phase I: Formal Inaugural Proceedings</b> (Main hall - Megha and Malhar)	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcoming Brief and Conference Overview by Emcee, conference overview followed by National Anthem
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Call in the DIAs <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Nepal</b> (Mr. KP Sharma Oli, Chief Guest)</li><li><b>Ministry of Industry , Commerce and Supplies (MoICS), Nepal</b> (Hon'ble Minister Damodar Bhandari)</li><li><b>National Planning Commission, Nepal</b></li><li><b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> (Mr. Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President)</li><li><b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> (Mr. Anjan Shrestha, Senior Vice President)</li><li><b>University Grant Commission (UGC)</b> ( Dr. Devraj Adhikari, Chairperson)</li><li><b>The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development</b></li></ol>



	<p>(<b>ICIMOD</b>), Nepal (Izabella Koziell, DDG)</p> <p>8. <b>PUM Netherlands Senior Experts</b> (Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</p>
9:30AM - 9:40 AM	<p><b>Welcome Remarks (10 mins):</b> Hon'ble Minister Damodar Bhandari, MOICS</p>
9:40 AM – 9:55 AM	<p><b>Keynote Presentation:</b> <b>StartupNation 2030 and Startup Policy 2080</b> <b>Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI)</b> (Umesh Gupta, Executive Director)</p>
9:55 AM – 10:05 AM	<p><b>Special Remarks by the Chief Guest:</b> Hon'ble Prime Minister, Nepal- Mr. KP Sharma Oli</p>
10:05 AM – 10:20 AM	<p><b>Consortium Remarks by the Members (3 mins each)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>PUM Netherlands Senior Experts</b> (Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</li><li>● <b>The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal</b> (Izabella Koziell, DDG)</li><li>● <b>University Grant Commission</b> ( Dr Devraj Adhikari, Chairperson)</li><li>● <b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> ( Mr. Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President)</li></ul>
10:20 AM – 10:50 AM	<p><b>National Planning Commission, Nepal and Ministries</b></p>
10:50AM – 11:10 AM	<p><b>Ecosystem announcement</b> (Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</p>
11:10AM - 11:20 AM	<p><b>Vote of Thanks:</b> <b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> (Mr. Anjan Shrestha, Senior Vice President)</p>
11:20AM - 11:35 AM	<p><b>Group Photo</b></p>
11:35AM- 11:45 AM	<p><b>Break</b></p>



<b>Phase II (Technical Session) - Sharing from the Regional and global experience</b> (Main hall - Megha and Malhar)		
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p><b>Startup Ecosystem and its success factor: Learnings from the HKH</b> Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Netherlands Senior Experts, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert (Moderator)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>            Bangladesh: Minhaz Anwar, BetterStories            Bhutan: Sonam Chopel, CEO, CSI Market            India: Setu Sharma, Manager - International Programs, T-hub Pakistan: Adnan Faisal, Scalex            Nepal: Niraj Khanal, KGS Inc.</p>	
<b>Lunch / Networking (1:00 PM – 1:45 PM)</b>		
<b>Knowledge sharing and learning from the provinces</b> (Breakout Rooms: Megha, Malhar)		
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	<p><b>Discussion Series: Startup Policy and 4-Ps (Policy, Procedure, Practice, People) for each Province</b></p> <p><b>Madhesh, Sudurpaschim, Lumbini: Startup Policy Dialogue - From Policy to Practice</b> (Megha hall)</p> <p>Moderator: Anu Joshi Shrestha Co-facilitator: Shraddha Shakya, Angel Chitrakar</p>	<p><b>Discussion Series: Startup Policy and 4-Ps (Policy, Procedure, Practice, People) for each Province</b></p> <p><b>Koshi , Bagmati, Gandaki, Karnali Province : Startup Policy Dialogue - From Policy to Practice</b> (Malhar Hall)</p> <p>Moderator: Juna Mathema Co-facilitator: Gaurav Shrestha, Niraj Khanal, Pim de Bokx</p>



<p>2:45 PM –3: 45 PM</p>	<p>Panel discussion on <b>Inclusive Finance &amp; Unlocking Capital – Democratizing Access to Capital/ Unlocking Capital</b> (Investment: traditional and alternative financing models for Startups)</p> <p>Entrepreneurs Presentation</p> <p>Presentation (7 min each) followed by Panel Discussion Moderated by <b>Ms. Ritu Pradhan Malla</b>, Director, USAID T&amp;C (TBD)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Manoj Paudel, Chairman, Aadhyantya Fund Management</li> <li>• Sushma Sharma, FWEAN</li> <li>• Expert from GIREE Alliance</li> <li>• Saroj Nepal, UNCDF</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop on Innovative business models for green jobs</b></p> <p>Entrepreneurs presentation:</p> <p>4 Entrepreneurs 5 mins</p> <p>Workshop led by <b>Ms. Padmakshi Rana, Impact hub, Samantha Thapa, Shraddha Shakya</b></p>
<p>3:45 PM - 4:00 PM <b>Tea break</b></p>		
<p><b>Phase II: Technical Sessions</b> (Main hall - Megha and Malhar)</p>		
<p>4:00 PM - 4:45 PM</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: on Ecosystem diagnostic on investment landscape and its prospects and challenges</b> (Moderated by Tenzin Sonam, Team Ventures)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPEA</li> <li>• Global Bank</li> <li>• Pavitra Gautam, Karkhana</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop: Improving Capacity - Commercializing BDSPs</b> (Mentorship, Business Development Services – incubation, acceleration, BDSPs)</p> <p>BDSPs Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clock B (5 mins each)</li> <li>• Aadhyanta (5 mins each)</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by Pim De Bokx, Niraj Khanal, Umesh Gupta,</p>
<p>4:45 PM - 5:15 PM <b>Program Closing</b></p>		
<p><b>Networking</b></p>		