

Conference on

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

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

### Tentative Agenda

#### **Day 1:**

Date: 21 August 2024

Time: 9:00am–6:00pm

Time	Program
8:00am–9:00am	Registration and networking with tea & coffee
<b>Phase I: Formal Inaugural Proceedings</b> (Main hall – Megha and Malhar)	
9:00am–9:15am	Welcoming brief and conference overview by emcee, conference overview followed by national anthem
9:15am–9:30am	Call in the DIAs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Rt. Hon’ble Prime Minister, Nepal</b> (KP Sharma Oli, Chief Guest)</li> <li>2. <b>Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MoICS), Nepal</b> (Hon’ble Minister Damodar Bhandari)</li> <li>3. <b>National Planning Commission, Nepal</b></li> <li>4. <b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> (Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President)</li> <li>5. <b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b> (Anjan Shrestha, Senior Vice President)</li> <li>6. <b>University Grant Commission (UGC)</b> (Devraj Adhikari, Chairperson)</li> <li>7. <b>The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal</b> (Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General of ICIMOD)</li> <li>8. <b>PUM Netherlands Senior Experts</b> (Pim de Bokx, PUM Netherlands Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</li> </ol>

9:30am–9:40am	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Hon’ble Minister Damodar Bhandari, MOICS</p>
9:40am–10:00am	<p><b>Conference Remarks by the Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PUM Netherlands Senior Experts (Pim de Bokx, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</li> <li>● The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal (Izabella Koziell, DDG, ICIMOD)</li> <li>● University Grant Commission (Devraj Adhikari, Chairperson)</li> <li>● Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal (Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President)</li> <li>● National Planning Commission, Nepal</li> </ul>
10:00am–10:10am	<p><b>Keynote Presentation:</b></p> <p><b>StartupNation 2030 (SN2030) and Startup Policy 2080</b></p> <p><b>Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI)</b></p> <p>(Umesh Gupta, Executive Director)</p>
10:10am–10:20am	<p><b>Ecosystem announcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Partnership between FAO and SN2030</li> <li>● Launch of World Startup and World Startup Kathmandu (Video message /online presence from Jan )</li> <li>● Launch of Byapar Briddhi Bikalpa Pvt. Ltd as Local Version of PUM (Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert)</li> </ul>
10:20am–10:35am	<p><b>Closing Remarks by the Chief Guest:</b></p> <p>Hon’ble Prime Minister, Nepal – KP Sharma Oli</p>
10:35am–10:45am	<p><b>Vote of Thanks:</b></p> <p><b>Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Nepal</b></p> <p>(Anjan Shrestha, Senior Vice President)</p>
10:45am–11:00am	<p style="text-align: center;">Group Photo</p>
11:00am–11:10am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>

<b>Phase II (Technical Session) - Sharing from the Regional and global experience</b> (Main hall - Megha and Malhar)	
11:10am–11:55am	<b>Presentation of evolution of Startup ecosystem in India</b> – Deepak Bagla, Former CEO, Invest India
11:55am–12:30pm	<b>Startup Ecosystem and its success factor: Learnings from the Globe</b>  Mr. Pim de Bokx, PUM Netherlands Senior Experts, PUM Program Manager/Incubation Expert
<b>Lunch / Networking (12:30pm–1:30pm)</b>	
<b>Knowledge sharing and learning from the provinces</b> (Breakout Rooms: Megha, Malhar, Malshree, Malva)	
1:30pm–2:30pm	<b>Discussion Series: Startup Policy and 4-Ps for each Province</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Koshi Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Megha hall)</u></li> <li>• <u>Madhesh Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malhar Hall)</u></li> <li>• <u>Bagmati Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malshree hall)</u></li> <li>• <u>Gandaki Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malva Hall)</u></li> </ul>
2:30pm–3:30pm	<b>Discussion series on Startup Policy and 4-Ps for each Province in break out rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Lumbini Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malhar Hall)</u></li> <li>• <u>Karnali Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malshree Hall)</u></li> <li>• <u>Sudurpaschim Province: Startup Policy Dialogue – From Policy to Practice (Malva Hall)</u></li> </ul>
<b>Tea/Coffee/Cookies (3:30pm–4:00pm)</b>	

<b>Phase II: Technical Sessions</b> (Main hall – Megha and Malhar)	
4:00pm–5:15pm	<b>Plenary Session: Sharing from the Region on the role of incubation centres to strengthen the startup ecosystem:</b>  The GIREE Alliance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minhaz Anwar, BetterStories, Bangladesh</li> <li>2. Sonam Chopel, CEO, CSI Market, Bhutan</li> <li>3. Setu Sharma, Manager - International Programs, T-hub</li> <li>4. Pim De Bokx, PUM Netherland</li> <li>5. Adnan Faisal, Scalex, Pakistan</li> </ol>
5:15pm–5:45pm	<b>Startup Policy Dialogue Summary</b> – Presentation by Juna Mathema, Chair, Startup and innovation forum, FNCCI on summary of each Province during the breakout (information compiled and given by rapporteurs)
5:45pm–6:30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecosystem announcements</li> <li>2. Emerging startup province recognition to provinces</li> <li>3. Way forward by UGS followed by Group Photo</li> </ol>
<b>Networking and high tea</b>	

**Day 2:**

Date: 22 August 2024

Time: 9:00am–4:00pm

Time	Programme
8:00am–9:00am	Registration and networking with tea & coffee
9:00am–10:00am	<b>Pavilions and Expo visit</b> (poster presentations by colleges supported by UGC under ESP program, CTEVT and other colleges and universities, stalls of entrepreneurs, provincial Ecosystem poster presentation based on the 4 Ps of day 1)
<b>Breakout Session 1: Promoting Sustainable Entrepreneurship</b> (Breakout Rooms: Malshree, Malva, Madhavi)	
10:00am–12:00pm	<b>Break-out room 1:</b> Malshree hall  <b>Workshop on green jobs</b> – trends and future in Nepal

	<p><b>Break-out room 2:</b> Malva Hall</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>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Manoj Paudel</b>, Managing Director, Aadhyantya Fund Management</li> <li>● Sushma Sharma, FWEAN</li> <li>● Expert from GIREE Alliance</li> <li>● Saroj Nepal, UNDF</li> <li>● Bishnu Khatri</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Break-out room 3:</b> Madhavi Hall</p> <p><b>Workshop on Digital Nepal</b> – Igniting Innovation in the Digital Space to Promote Sustainability</p>
<p><b>Lunch/Networking (12:00pm–1:00pm)</b></p>	
<p><b>Breakout Session 2: Preparing the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs in Nepal</b> (Breakout Rooms: Malshree, Malva, Madhavi)</p>	
<p>1:00pm–2:30pm</p>	<p><b>Breakout room 1:</b> Malshree Hall</p> <p><b>Workshop on Improving Capacity</b> (Mentorship, Business Development Services – incubation, acceleration, BDSPs)</p>
	<p><b>Breakout room 2:</b> Malva Hall</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion on Ecosystem diagnostic on investment landscape and its prospects and challenges</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Tenzin Sonam, Team Ventures</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Siddhanta Raj Pandey</b> - NPEA</li> <li>● Financial Institution, Amit (NABIL)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Sushil Bhatta</b>, CEO, Investment Board</li> <li>● SEBON</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Breakout room 3:</b> Madhavi Hall</p> <p><b>Workshop on Inspiring Innovation</b> (what is innovation, why is it necessary, how can Nepal be more innovative)</p>
2:30pm–2:45pm	<p><b>Certificate distribution</b> to Startup Participants from all Provinces</p>
2:45pm–3:00pm	<p><b>Programme Closing</b> in each hall by one of the consortium partners</p>
<p><b>Tea/Coffee and Networking (3:00pm–4:00pm)</b></p>	