

**Dimensions of Internet Connectivity: Policy and Practice in Nepal
(Workshop)**

**20-21 September 2016 (4-5 Asoj 2073)
Yalamaya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur**

First Day (20 September, Tuesday)

10:00-10:30

Registration and Tea

10:30-10:45

About the Program

Devraj Humagain, Martin Chautari

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Session 1

Moderator: Bhawana Oli, Researcher, Martin Chautari

10:45-11:30

A district level analysis of household ICT penetration from the 2011 national census

Shailesh Bahadur Pandey, Researcher, Martin Chautari

10:45-11:30

The necessity of exploring sustainable ICT in Nepal

Nischal Regmi, Researcher, Martin Chautari

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12:15-1:15 Lunch

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Session 2

Moderator: Rukh Bahadur Gurung, Researcher, Martin Chautari

1:15-2:00

Access and use of the Internet: Screening of a documentary followed by discussion

Bikram Neupane, Journalist, Yeti Media Pvt. Ltd.

2:00-2:45

Development of Internet in Nepal: From dial-up connection to optical fiber

Suman Lal Pradhan, Chair, ISP Association of Nepal

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2:45-3:00 Tea break

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Panel Discussion

Moderator: Rajan Lamsal, Editor, *Living with ICT*

3:00-4:30

Utilization of Rural Telecommunication Development Fund to Expand Internet Access in Nepal

Purushottam Khanal, Director, Nepal Telecommunication Authority; Narendra Singh Maharjan, Senior Engineer, Nepal Telecom; Suman Lal Pradhan, Chair, ISP Association of Nepal.

Second Day (21 September, Wednesday)
"Online Media, Social Network and Freedom of Expression"

10:00-10:30

Registration and Tea

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Panel Discussion

Moderator: Durga Karki, Editor, *Mahilakhabar*

10:30-12:00

Practice of journalism and freedom of expression in the digital age

Rama Parajuli, Journalist, *BBC Nepali Service*; Shova Sharma, Journalist, *Setopati*; Jivan Kshetry, Writer and Commentator; and Lenin Banjade, Art and Literature Editor, *Bahrakhari*

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12:00-1:00 Lunch

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Panel Discussion

Moderator: Devraj Humagain, Researcher, Martin Chautari

1:00-2:30

Policy and Legal provisions related to the online media and their implementation aspects

Ujjwal Acharya, Executive Director, Centre for Media Research; Babita Basnet, Editor, Ghatana ra Bichar and Prabesh Subedi, Chair, Online Journalists Association

2:30-3:15

Internet in the rural and urban society in Nepal: photo presentation

Usha Titukshu, Freelance Photo Journalists

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3:15 Concluding Remarks and Tea

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