



PROFILE 2024



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INTRODUCTION

- Nepal Institute for Urban and Regional Studies (NIURS), established in 2014, is a not-for-profit organization registered with the government of Nepal.
- It is a multidisciplinary institution represented by regional planners, urban planners, architects, engineers, climate change experts, sociologists, economists, health experts, legal experts and business entrepreneurs.
- It brings together experts from various fields to conduct research, share knowledge, provide training, and promote international cooperation in urban and regional planning.
- NIURS helps build public opinion on economic, social, and technical issues affecting urban development.
- Current research focuses on the New Urban Agenda by UN Habitat (2016) and Nepal's national agenda.

VISION

Valued by society as a credible, independent and professional institution in the field of urban and regional planning.



MISSION

To generate knowledge, promote planning discourses, provide policy support to contribute to the creation of beautiful cities, prosperous communities, capable municipalities and happy citizens.

OBJECTIVES

- To conduct research and training on urbanization, urban development, regional development, environmental issues and sustainability of cities and regions
 - To conduct research at the local, inter-city and inter-regional level on urbanization and urban development, to assist in the formation of policies and programs on urbanization, urban development
 - To assist in the formulation of policies and programs on urbanization, urban development and regional development
 - To carry out research on relevant sectors of urbanization, urban and regional development such as urban economics, law, health, social issues, governance and education
- 3 Organizational Profile of Nepal Institute for Urban and Regional Studies
- To formulate and evaluate policies, programs, legislation, plans and development frameworks
 - To raise awareness by networking with national and regional organizations working in research and training in relevant fields
 - To enquire on contemporary issues on policies and legislation and organize dissemination workshops on studies done by the institute
 - To mobilize resources by collaborating with government and non-government agencies.
 - To organize seminars and workshops on urbanization, urban development and the regional development.
 - To disseminate the knowledge developed through research and studies carried out by the institute at regional and international level by organizing workshops and seminars, through journals, bulletins and websites.

AREAS OF WORK

- Urban and Regional Planning
- Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Sustainability
- Capacity Development Initiatives
- Governance and Institutional Strengthening
- Policy Formulation and Review
- Research and Knowledge Development in the Urban and Regional Sector
- Organization of Discussion Forums on different Urban and contemporary Issues



LEGAL STATUS

Official Name (Eng) Nepal Institute for Urban and Regional Studies

**Company
Registration no:** 18329/070/071

Registered at: Office of The Company
Registrar
Tripureshwor, Kathmandu
Nepal

**Date of Company
registration** 06 January 2014
(22 Poush 2070)

VAT registration no: 602169536

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(09 Falgun 2073)

KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS



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December 16
2022

NIURS in Birat Expo
2022: Thematic
Session: Overall
Investment Policy
Environment of
Province 1

April 03 2023

Ar. Kishore Thapa's Book
"Bahattar Saal ko
Bhukampa" Review
webinar

August 09 2023

Talk Program: Four
Questions in American City
Planning

September 01
2023

NIURS chair in a
discussion on "Small
State Capabilities:
Navigating
Competition and
Foreign Policy
Priorities in Nepal

NIURS in the First
Conference of Sub-
Metropolitan Cities in
Butwal

February 04 2023

Meeting with
Hon'ble Sita
Gurung Minister,
Ministry of Urban
Development

August 03
2023

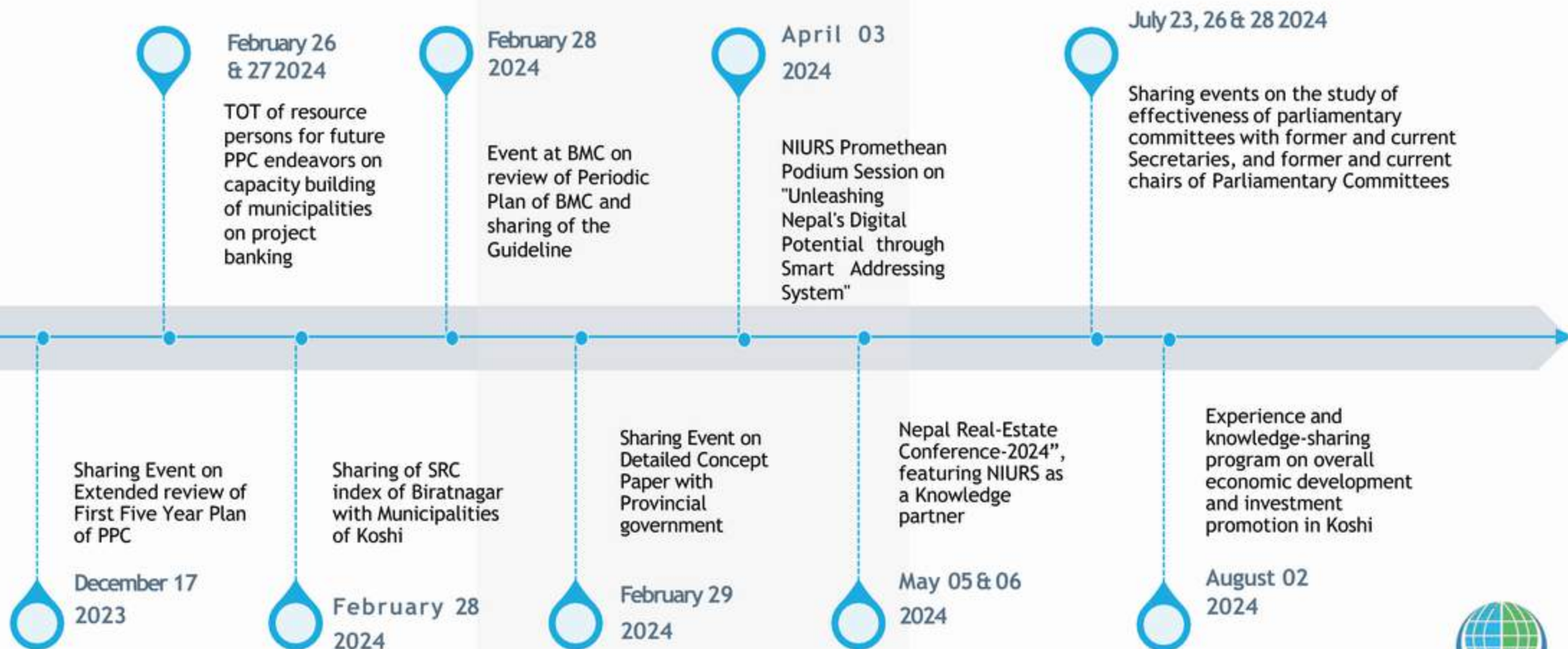
Meeting with
Duhabi
Mayor, Udhyog
Sangathan
Chair and CAO Mr.
KC

August 29 2023

Workshop seminar on
capacity development
and institutional
strengthening of FNCCI-
Koshi Province

October 05 & 06
2023

KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS



PROJECTS

S/N	Completed Projects/ Reports	Client	Year
1	A report on Strengthening Parliamentary Committees' Effectiveness in Nepal	The Asia Foundation	2024
2	A report on Development Planning in the context of Political Uncertainty: Study of Provincial Development Planning Efforts	The Asia Foundation	2024
3	Guidelines for Review of Municipal Periodic Plan and Improvement of TOR	The Asia Foundation	2023
4	A report on Sustainable and Resilient Development Indicators and Interventions in Biratnagar	The Asia Foundation	2023
5	Detailed Concept Paper for Second Periodic Plan of PPC Koshi	The Asia Foundation	2023
6	Report on Extended Review of First Periodic Plan of PPC	The Asia Foundation	2023
7	Nepal Real Estate Conference 2024 5th and 6th May 2024 at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur	Nepal Land and Housing Developers' Federation	
8	A report on Capacity Development of FNCCI-Koshi	The Asia Foundation	2023
9	A report on Capacity Development of PIA Koshi	The Asia Foundation	2023
10	Guidelines for Project Selection and Prioritization of Local Governments	The Asia Foundation	2023
11	Report on Urban Resilience Road Map- Duhabi Resilience	UNDP	2023
12	Report on Urban Resilience Road Map- Dhankuta Resilience	UNDP	2024
13	Nepal Art Village Development Project	Nepal Art Village P. Ltd	2022
14	A report on Year 4 Political Economy Analysis of DRR Governance In Nepal	TAYAR Nepal/ DAI(Funded by USAid)	2022
15	Facilitating Economic Revitalization post Covid 19 through Investment Promotion in Province 1	The Asia Foundation	2022
16	A report on Policy Recommendations for investment Promotion of Koshi Province	The Asia Foundation	2022
17	SOP for professional input from expat Nepalis Final	The Asia Foundation	2022
18	Investment Management for Modern Town Development Regulations	The Asia Foundation	2022

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19	SOP for transition management in PPC	The Asia Foundation	2022
20	Mainstreaming risk and inclusion sensitive landuse planning in to higher education of built environment professionals	ICF Consulting Services Limited/ Nepal Urban Resilience Project, Lalitpur, Nepal (Funded by UK Aid)	2021
21	A Study on Mainstreaming Real Estate Transaction through Agency	Nepal Revenue Advisory Board (NRAB), Kathmandu, Nepal	2021
22	Evaluating Economic Impact and Infection Control Measures of COVID-19 in the Public Transport Sector in Nepal	IMC Worldwide Limited, UK. (Funded by UK Aid)	2021
23	Study of Implementation of Food Green City in selected municipality of Nepal	Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)	2021
24	Study of Food Green City in Nepal	Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)	2020
25	Formulation of "National Urban Policy", 2020	Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Nepal, Kathmandu,	2020
26	Study of Road Maintenance Practices in Nepal	Roads Board Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal	2019
27	Facilitation of project prioritization workshop/ interaction programme in Nilkantha Municipality and Duhabi Municipality	GIZ- CD Mun, Kathmandu, Nepal	2019
28	Capacity Development of Selected Municipalities in Urban Planning and its Implementation.	GIZ CD-Mun, Kathmandu, Nepal	2019
29	Preparation of Comprehensive Town Development Plan of Nilkantha and Duhabi Municipality.	GIZ CD-Mun, Kathmandu, Nepal	2018
30	Review of the policies concerning on supply of construction materials in earthquake affected districts (Rasuwa, Nuwakot)	Practical Action Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal	2017

PARTNERS



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Urban Development



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प्रदेश लगानी प्राधिकरण



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प्रदेश योजना आयोग
कोशी



The Asia Foundation



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Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



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Practical
ACTION



BOARD MEMBERS



Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel
Chairperson

Dr. Pokharel is the former Vice-chairman of the National Planning Commission of Nepal. He has nearly 40 years of experience in the field of Urban and Regional Planning.



Ar. Kishore Thapa
Board Member

Ar. Thapa is the former secretary of GoN. He has Master's degree in Urban Planning from SPA. He has served as architect, urban planner and secretary of various ministries.



Om, Rajbhandary
Board Member

Mr. Rajbhandary is real estate entrepreneur and the Executive Chairman of Brihat Group, a leading real estate business group in Nepal. He is an Executive Committee Member of Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI).



Dr. Sagar Prasai
Board Member

Dr. Prasai holds a PhD in Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. He has more than 20 years experience in Architecture, urban planning and development issues in Nepal and the Region.



Dr. Subarna Mani
Board Member

Dr. Dhital, M.D. is a medical doctor with ten years' experience in Nepal and abroad. He has an MBBS degree from KU, received his endocrinology fellowship training at the university of Wisconsin, USA and is involved in public provision of urban healthcare services.



Dr. Ajay Chandra Lal
Board Member

Dr. Lal is an asst. Professor at IOE, Pulchowk. He has Masters Degree in Urban Planning from SPA, India. His field of expertise is civil engineering, urban planning and urban sociology.



Er. Unam Man Pradhan
Board Member

Er. Pradhan holds MSc. in Urban Planning from AIT, Bangkok. He has served in Department of Urban development for over a decade and he is leading IDI Pvt. Ltd, Sarjak, CBD and Development Insight Media.



Samikshya Baskota
Board Member

Ms. Baskota is a lawyer and social entrepreneur with Masters degree in Law from St. John's University, USA. She is member of Nepal Bar Association. Her field of expertise is corporate law and development.



Er. Om Dharananda Rajopadhyaya
Board Member

Er. Rajopadhyaya is the former Joint secretary of the government of Nepal with 25 years of experience. His field of expertise is building construction, housing, project management and urban development.



Ms. Nirmala Gurung
Board Member

Ms. Nirmala Gurung is a sociologist with more than two decades of experience in different non-governmental development agencies in Nepal. Her area of expertise is Protection of women and children's rights, development and project evaluation.



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