

Madhesh Province Government - Industry Conclave, 2022

मधेश प्रदेश - औद्योगिक सम्मेलन

1-2 August 2022 with August 3, 2022 (Optional)
Hotel Ichchha, Simara

Monday, August 1, 2022

- 18:00 onwards** Check-in and Registration at Hotel Ichchha (Hotel Lobby)
- 19:00 onwards** **Networking Reception/ Refreshment followed by Eminent Business Awards Ceremony (Janaki Hall, 3rd Floor)**
Hosted by **H.E. Lalbabu Raut**, Hon. Chief Minister, Madhesh Province and Council of Ministers (Participating in awards ceremony- **Her Excellency Nicola Pollitt**, British Ambassador to Nepal and **Saroj Kumar Yadav**, Speaker Provincial Assembly, Madhesh Government)
Welcome Dinner Reception (Ground floor)

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

8:40 onwards Registration (Janaki Hall)

Opening Plenary (Janaki Hall)

The Conclave will be launched with the lighting of a panas (पानस)

- 9:10-9:20** Welcome and Opening: **Krishna Bahadur Raut**, Principal Secretary, Madhesh Province
- 9:20-9:35** Call for Joint Action Reviews with Industry on Reform Actions, **Shailendra Prasad Sah**, Hon. Finance Minister, Madhesh Province and **Shatrudhan Mahato**, Hon. Minister of Industry, Tourism and Forest, Madhesh Province
- 9:35-9:55** Private Sector Vision and Priorities for Expediting Investments in Madhesh Province, **Rajesh Agrawal**, Vice-President, CNI
Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2022, **Birendra Pandey**, Vice President
- 9:55-10:05** Industrial Environment and Prospects for Madhesh Province, **Satish More**, Immediate Past President, CNI
- 10:05-10:10** Launch of the Bara-Parsa Udyog Sangh – **Birendra Shanghai**, President, Bara-Parsa Udyog Sangh; **Naresh Das**, Cordinator, Madhesh Province, CNI (*khada*)
- 10:10-10:25** Special Remarks: British Government's Support for Investments and Infrastructure in Nepal
Her Excellency Nicola Pollitt, British Ambassador to Nepal
- 10:25-10:40** Keynote Address: Government Commitments to Expedite Inclusive Growth
H.E. Lalbabu Raut, Hon. Chief Minister, Madhesh Province
- 10:45-10:55** *Teal/Coffee Break*

Government-Industry Interactions and Insights

- 10:55-11:55** Progress Review: Madhesh Province's Business Enabling Environment Reform Actions: Industrial Management Act/Regulations, Project Bank and Yuwa Rojgar/Swarojgar Kosh
Chaired and Special Remarks by: **Dr. Uma Shankar Prasad**, Hon'ble Member, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal
Presentation by **Dipendra Jha**, Chief Attorney, **Bhogendra Jha**, Hon. Vice Chairperson of Provincial Policy & Planning Commission, **Gajendra Thakur**, Finance Secretary, Madhesh

Province and **Bishal Ghimire**, Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Forest, Secretary, Madhesh Province. To propose the way ahead and put together conclusions from the presentation, a Special Remarks will be delivered by Dr. Uma Shankar Prasad (Hon'ble Member, NPC)

11:55-12:55 Industry Q & A with the Government Leadership on Madhesh Government Reform Actions

Format: Interaction with a Panel of Key Provincial Leaders- **Lalbabu Raut**, Hon. Chief Minister; **Shailendra Pd. Sah**, Hon. Finance Minister; **Shatrudhan Mahato**, Hon. Minister of Industry, Tourism and Forest; **Vijay Kumar Yadav**, Hon. Minister of Land Management, Agriculture & Cooperative; **Ram Saroj Yadav**, Hon. Minister for Physical Infrastructure Development; **Usha Yadav**, State Minister, Ministry of Finance; **Rajan Poudel**, Mayor, Jitpur-Simara Sub-Metropolitan City; **Rajesh Man Singh**, Mayor, Birgunj Metropolitan city

Facilitated by: **Jagadish Agrawal**, Nimbus, Chair-Person; **Satya Narayan Kayal**, Economic Advisor, Madhesh Province; **Supported by** **Baljit Vohra**, UKaid सीप and **Krishna Adhikari**, Vice President, CNI

Representatives of the Private Sector will be offered the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification from the government representatives on their reform actions

Thematic Deliberations and Development of Recommendations

BREAKOUT SESSION FOR PRIVATE SECTOR

12:55-13:55 Industrial Management Act/Regulations, Project Bank and Labour Issues— Development of Concrete Inputs from the Industry

Representatives of the Private Sector will deliberate on the above and jointly put together a set of recommendations for sectoral development. CNI/UKaid सीप prepared critique on above reform actions will serve as the background for discussion.

Yuwa Rojgar and Swarojgar Kosh: Co-investing with the Government and Development Partners to Expand Skilling, Livelihoods, and MSME growth: Development of Concrete Inputs from the Industry

Discussion Facilitators: **Facilitated by CNI and SEEP**

BREAKOUT SESSION FOR GOVERNMENT

12:55-13:55 Madhesh Government and Federal Government Discussion

Representatives from GoN will deliberate with **Madhesh Government** on How Industries can be Supported through Federal Coordination, Regulatory Harmony and Industrial Planning. To propose the way ahead and put together conclusions from the discussion, a Special Remarks will be delivered by OPMCM Secretary Dinesh Bhattarai

Chaired and Special Remarks by: **Dinesh Bhattarai**, Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal; **Supported by** **Krishna Bahadur Raut**, Principal Secretary, Madhesh Province

To lay down the agendas for discussions, Anup Upreti (Managing Partner, Pioneer Law Associate) will make a presentation

Discussion Facilitated by: **Narayan PS Duwadee**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal

Key Outcomes

- Reconcile federal and provincial legislation for smoother industrial regulations
- Better collaboration between federal and provincial NPC for industrial development in Madhesh Province

13:55-14:55 Lunch

Government-Industry Interactions and Insights

14:55 – 15:40 Doing Business with the Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA): The Case of the Simara SEZ Followed by Q & A

Format: Presentation by **Dr. Chandika Prasad Bhatta**, Executive Director, SEZA

Thematic Deliberation and Development of Recommendations

SESSION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE SECTOR

15:40-16:40 Development of Concrete Inputs from the Industry: **Moderated Discussion on Progress and Plans to Expedite Growth of Productive Workers and Industries in Simra SEZ**

Chaired and Special Remarks by: **Arjun Prasad Pokhrel**, Secretary, Ministry of Industry, and Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal

Representatives of Madhesh Government, MoICS, SEZA and Private Sector will deliberate on the above and jointly put together a set of recommendations. CNI/SEP prepared critique on the SEZ Simara/Bhairawa will serve as the background for discussion. To propose the way ahead and put together conclusions from the discussion, a Special Remarks will be delivered by MoIST Secretary Arjun Prasad Pokhrel

Discussion Facilitators: **Bishal Ghimire**, Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Tourism & Forest; **Amit More**, National Council Member, CNI; **Supported by Ratnesh Shashi**, Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Madhesh Province & **Baljit Vohra**, UKaid सीप

Key Outcomes

- Representatives from Madhesh Government, MoICS, SEZA and Private Sector, will identify key hurdles for productivity enhancement of worker;
- Common Linkages between Provincial Government and SEZA will be identified

16:40 – 16:55 **Role of Nepal Infrastructure Bank (NIFRA)**

Format: Presentation by **Ghan Shyam Ojha**, Lead Infrastructure, NIFRA

16:55-17:25 *TealCoffee*

Closing Plenary

17:25-17:55 **Industry Presentations: Summary of Deliberations and Recommendations**

Format: Designated presenter to share top 5-10 points from thematic deliberations within 10 minutes

Dr. Bhogendra Jha (Govt. Sector Breakout Session), **Amit More** (on Private Sector Breakout Session and SEZA Session)

17:55-18:40 **Reflections from the Government via Moderated Panel Discussion: Discussion of Next Steps and Engagement with Industry Participants**

Participants: Hon. Chief Minister, Hon. Finance Minister, Hon. Minister of Physical Infrastructure Development; Acting Director of Directorate of Industry, Commerce & Consumers Protection, Chief Attorney, Vice Chairperson of Provincial Planning Commission, Madhesh Province

Federal Government: **Uma Shankar Prasad**, Hon'ble Member, NPC; **Dinesh Bhattarai**, Secretary, OPMCM; **Arjun Pokharel**, Secretary, MoICS; **Narayan Duwadi**, Joint Secretary, MoICS

Moderated by: **Krishna Bahadur Raut**, Chief Secretary, Madhesh Province **Krishna Adhikari**, Vice-President; **Naresh Das**, President, Madhesh Province, CNI

18:40-18:55 Closing and Thanks
Prasanna KC, Deputy Team Leader, UKaid **सीप**
Gajendra Thakur, Secretary, Ministry of Finance

19:00 Reception and Dinner
 Hosted by **CNI**

Wednesday, August 03, 2022

8:00-10:00 Trip to Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Simara Organized by SEZA



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies
Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA)

Visit to Simara SEZ

Date: 3rd August 2022, Wednesday

| Time | Particular |
|-----------------|---|
| 8:00am | Departure from Hotel for Simara SEZ. |
| 8:10am- 8:20am | Presentation on Infrastructure in SEZ. Presenter: Representative of SEZA Location: Administrative Building of SEZ |
| 8:20am- 8:30am | Tour of SEZ Block A |
| 8:30am – 8:40am | Tour of SEZ Block B and C |
| 8:40am – 8:50am | Tour of SEZ Block D and E |
| 8:50am- 9:15am | Visit Piluwa Substation (132KV) |
| 9:15am | Return to Hotel |