

# IMF, South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC)

## Seminar on Fiscal Federalism in Nepal

February 26 - 28, 2020

### PROGRAM

#### Day -1 (Wednesday, February 26, 2020)

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| 9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.     | <i>Welcome to the Workshop and Logistics (Registration)</i>  |
| 10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.    | <i>Welcome Address<br/>Mr. Sreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance<br/>Government of Nepal, Kathmandu.</i>   |
| 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. L1 | <i>Fiscal Federalism in Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges<br/>Mr. Balananda Paudel, Chairman,<br/>National Natural Resources and Fiscal Commission, Kathmandu.</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    | <i>Group Photo and Coffee Break</i>  |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.    | <i>Nepal: An Overview of Macro and Fiscal context<br/>Mr. Raju Sharan, IMF SARTTAC, New Delhi.<br/>Mr. Eivind Tandberg, IMF, Norway.</i>                             |
| 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.     | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. L2   | <i>PFM Architecture for Effective Fiscal Federalism<br/>Mr. Eivind Tandberg, IMF, Norway.</i>  |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.      | <i>Coffee Break</i>  |
| 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. L3   | <i>Revenue Mobilization by Sub National Governments<br/>Ms. Juliana H. Pigey, Urban Institute, Washington DC.</i>  |

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#### Day – 2 (Thursday, February 27, 2020)

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| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | L4 | Strengthening Institutional Mechanism for Intergovernmental Transfers<br><i>Prof. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Georgia State University, USA.</i>    |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |    | Coffee Break  |
| 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | L5 | Sub National Government Finances and a Framework for Local Government Borrowing<br><i>Ms. Juliana H. Pigey, Urban Institute, Washington DC.</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.   |    | Lunch   |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.   | L6 | Budget Management, Treasury Management and Fiscal Reporting by Local Governments<br><i>Mr. Raju Sharan, IMF SARTTAC, New Delhi.</i>             |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   |    | Coffee Break  |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | L7 | Developing an Accountability Framework<br><i>Prof. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Georgia State University, USA.</i>                                   |

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#### Day – 3 (Friday, February 28, 2020)

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.    L8    Fiscal Decentralization and Public Investment Management  
*Mr. Eivind Tandberg, IMF, Norway.*

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    Coffee Break

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.    Panel Discussion on *The Way Forward*  
*Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, IMF SARTTAC, New Delhi.*  
*Representatives from Government of Nepal.*  
*Mr. Raju Sharan, IMF SARTTAC, New Delhi.*

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Lunch