



Thailand-Nepal Economic Forum Webinar Series 2022

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Objectives

- To introduce, and raise awareness of, new economic trends in Thailand, Nepal and beyond.
- To share experiences of Thailand and Nepal in addressing recent economic issues and developing approaches applicable for other countries.
- To explore collaboration opportunities in the areas of mutual interest.

Panel 1 BCG Economy: A Guiding Concept under Thailand's BIMSTEC Chairmanship in 2022-2023

DATE 5 May 2022 (Thursday) **TIME** 9:45 to 10:45 Hrs. (KTM Time, GMT+5.45)
11:00 to 12:00 Hrs. (BKK Time, GMT+7)

The discussion seeks to initiate and foster discourse on the concept of bio-circular-green (BCG) Economy through the perspectives of Thailand and Nepal. The session will explore the existing BCG economy practices in the two countries for knowledge dissemination, replication and exploration of investment opportunities. Taking into account Thailand's BIMSTEC chairmanship since March 2022, the discussion will also help identify areas of possible collaboration to promote a BCG model in Nepal and the region.

TIME	AGENDA
9:45 – 9:55 Hrs.	Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Vosita Vorasaph, Ambassador of Thailand to Nepal• Mr. Ghanashyam Bhandari, Joint Secretary, Regional Organization Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal
9:55 – 10:45 Hrs.	Discussions: <p>'Thailand's bio-circular-green (BCG) model' – Dr. Lily Eurwilaichitr, Vice President, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand</p> <p>'Thailand's BIMSTEC Chairmanship 2022-2023 and its visions' – Mr. Racha Aribarg, Director, Division of International Economic Relations and Cooperation, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand</p> <p>'The current status and future prospects of green energy in Nepal' – Mr. Sujit Acharya, Chairperson, Energy Development Council, Nepal</p> <p>'Opportunities and challenges of circular economy in Nepal' – Mr. Raghavendra Mahto, Co-founder, Doko Recyclers, Nepal</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mark Perrin, Technical Lead, Himalayan Circular Economy Forum (HiCEF), Nepal Economic Forum</p>



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Panel 2 Startup Ecosystem and Innovation in Thailand and Nepal

DATE 5 May 2022 (Thursday) **TIME** 11:45 to 12:45 Hrs. (KTM Time, GMT+5.45)
13:00-14:00 Hrs. (BKK Time, GMT+7)

This session will discuss the startup ecosystems and innovation of Thailand and Nepal. The session will cover the topics such as the startup culture, the future of startups, as well as entrepreneurship and innovation in both countries. Both sides can share knowledge and lessons learned in building an efficient and effective startup ecosystem and promoting innovation in a sustainable manner.

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11:45 - 11:55 Hrs.	Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Vosita Vorasaph, Ambassador of Thailand to Nepal• Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha, Vice Chancellor, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, Nepal
11:55 - 12:45 Hrs.	Discussions: <p>'Introduction of Startup Thailand Ecosystem' – Mr. Jittrapon Jirakulsomchok, Innovation Developer, Innovation for the Economy Department, National Innovation Agency (NIA), Thailand</p> <p>'Innovation landscape in Nepal' – Assistant Prof. Rupesh Shrestha, Kathmandu University School of Management & Co-founder, Idea Studio, Nepal</p> <p>'Launch pad of Nepali startup ecosystem' – Mr. Achyut Koirala, Founder, Tree Ventures, Nepal</p> <p>'Opportunities and challenges for startups in Nepal' – Mr. Suman Shakya, Co- founder, Nepal Entrepreneurs' Hub, Nepal</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Prativa Pandey, CEO, Catalyst Technology and Herveda & Advisory Board Member, Nepal Economic Forum</p>



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Panel 3 Business and SDGs

DATE 5 May 2022 (Thursday)

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13:45 to 14:45 Hrs. (KTM Time, GMT+5.45)
15:00-16:00 Hrs. (BKK Time, GMT+7)

This session will demonstrate how businesses in Thailand and Nepal are applying the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to their business conduct. It will also serve as a platform to share best practices and lessons learned in achieving sustainable business practices, as well as to explore ways to promote the global sustainability agenda together.

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13:55 – 14:45 Hrs.	Discussions: <p>'Understanding SDGs in the context of Nepali businesses' – Ms. Ayshanie Medagangoda-Labé, Resident Representative, UNDP Nepal</p> <p>'Best practices of SDGs implementation in Thai businesses' – Mr. Netithorn Praditsarn, Ph.D., Executive Assistant to Group CEO; Senior Vice President, Global Partnership for Sustainability and Communications, Charoen Pokphand Group Co., Ltd.; Deputy Secretary-General, Global Compact Network Thailand</p> <p>'Sustainable business practices in Nepal' – Ms. Anouk Tamrakar Versteeg, Co-founder & CEO, Timro Concept Store; Manufacturing Consultant, Nepal</p> <p>'Incorporating SDGs in business corporations in Nepal' – Ms. Prabina KC, Sales Director, Yeti Airlines</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sneh Rajbhandari, Global Shapers, World Economic Forum & Advisory Board Member, Nepal Economic Forum</p>