



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

(MCA-Nepal)

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Synopsis of Minutes

13th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Development Board

Nature: Regular Meeting

MCA-N/BOD-M-13/02-09-2019

Date: 02 September, 2019 (2076/05/16 BS)
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Conference Room of the Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
Notice Served: 27 August, 2019 (2076/05/10 BS)

1. **PRESENT**

1.1. **Members**

- **Dr. Rajan Khanal**, Chairperson
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
- **Gopal Sigdel**
And, And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- **Mr. Kul Man Ghising**, Member
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
- **Mr. Sagar Raj Goutam**
And, Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Mr. Kumar Pandey**, Member (Member representing the Private Sector)
And, Vice President, Independent Power Producers' Association of Nepal
- **Mr. Gopal Khanal (Except for Agenda No. 1)**
Member representing Civil Society, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
And, Journalist, Gorakhapatra National Daily
- **Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary
And Executive Director, MCA-Nepal

*The Government of Nepal has established MCA-Nepal on 18th April 2018
under Development Board Act, 2013 as the accountable entity to implement the Compact with Millennium Challenge Corporation, USA.*

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1.2. Invitees

- **Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal**, Invitee
Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division (IEECD)
- **Mr. Sanjay Poudyal**, Invitee
Acting Resident Country Director for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

1.3. Others Attending

- **Mr. Udaya Raj Sapkota**
Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, Legal and Judgment Execution Division
- **Mr. Subash Kumar Sharma**,
Asst. Forest Officer, Ministry of Forests and Environment
- **Mr. Rajib Dahal**
Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

2. PRELIMINARY

- 2.1. The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 02 September, 2019 (2076/05/16 BS) after the notice was served in writing on 27 August, 2019 (2076/05/10 BS).
- 2.2. The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Board of Directors and other invitees attending the meeting.
- 2.3. The Chairperson reported that a quorum was present in accordance with Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board Formation Order, 2074 (2018).
- 2.4. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director, Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal updated on current activities of MCA-Nepal and presented the agendas to the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors.

3. UPDATE ABOUT CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

- 3.1. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director briefed the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors on status of the current activities of MCA-Nepal.
- 3.2. He presented to the Board of Directors update about the substation activity, transmission line route alignment and EIA Report.
- 3.3. The Board took note of developments in various sectors and acknowledged that issues if any will be



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coordinated by the concerned line Ministry, and the Board member from the concerned line Ministry.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. The Chairperson requested the members to consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution on the following matter:

- (A) Agenda One: Approval of selection of Civil Society Member in the Board of MCA-Nepal,
- (B) Agenda Two: Approval of Annual Budget of MCA-Nepal
- (C) Agenda Three: Approval of amended procurement plan
- (D) Agenda Four: Approval of Resettlement Policy Framework Entitlement Matrix
- (E) Agenda Five: Approval of revised salary pay structure

5. DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS

5.1. Agenda One: Approval of Selection of Civil Society Member in Board of MCA-Nepal

5.1.1. The Board approved *Mr. Gopal Khanal* as Civil Society Member in Board of MCA-Nepal after reviewing the selection memorandum as per the Selection Guidelines approved by the Board on its 10th Meeting held on 31 March, 2019.

5.1.2. The Board also approved the participation of *Mr. Gopal Khanal*, Board member representing Civil Society, in the remaining agendas No. 2-5.

5.2. Agenda Two: Approval of Annual Budget of MCA-Nepal

5.2.1. The Board reviewed the Budget Report presented by the Executive Director.

5.2.2. Thereafter, the Board approved the Annual Budget of MCA-Nepal for the period July'19-September'20.

5.3. Agenda Three: Approval of amendment in Procurement Plan

5.3.1. The Board approved the amendment in Annual Procurement Plan 3.0 and the amended procurement plan shall be named as "PP 3.3"

5.4. Agenda Four: Approval of Resettlement Policy Framework Entitlement Matrix

5.4.1. The Board reviewed the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) Entitlement Matrix presented by MCA-Nepal and approved the Matrix taking into consideration of existing Right of Ways (RoWs) compensation mechanism.



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5.4.2. The Board approved the Resettlement Policy Framework Entitlement Matrix, and requested MCA-Nepal Executive Director to present the update in the next Board meeting after consultation with Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).

5.5. Agenda Five: Approval of revised salary pay structure

5.5.1. The Board reviewed the proposed salary structure, and the indicators selected to reach the proposed pay scale of staff whose salary fell below approved scale.

5.5.2. After taking into consideration the changed salary scale based on independent market research, the Board approved the proposed salary scale of staff whose salary fell below approved scale. .

6. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to record these minutes with the minute book of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal and to submit the synopsis of such minutes for publication on the website of Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal within two (2) weeks from the date of these Minutes.

7. CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting was then closed at 11:30 AM.

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