



# MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

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## Synopsis of Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

**Nature: Regular Meeting**

**MCA-N/BOD-M-19/18-09-2020**

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Date:	18 September, 2020 (2077/06/02 BS)
Time:	9:00 AM
Place:	Conference Room of the Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
Notice Served	10 September, 2020 (2077/05/25 BS)

### **1. PRESENT**

#### **1.1. Members**

- **Sishir Kumar Dhungana**, Chairperson  
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
- **Gopal Sigdel**, Member  
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- **Madhu Prasad Bhetuwal**, Member  
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Kumar Pandey**, Member representing the Private Sector  
And, Chairman of the Board, National Hydro Power Company (NHPC)
- **Gopal Khanal**, Member representing the Civil Society  
And, Journalist, Gorakhpatra National Daily
- **Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary  
And, Executive Director, MCA-Nepal

#### **1.2. Invitees**

- **Shreekrishna Nepal**, Invitee  
And, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International

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Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division (IECCD)

- **Troy E. Kofroth**, Invitee  
Resident Country Director – Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation  
(Through Video-Conferencing)
- **Sanjay Poudyal**, Invitee  
Deputy Resident Country Director – Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation  
(Through Video-Conferencing)

#### 1.3. Others Attending

- **Pushpa Adhikary**  
Chief Financial Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
- **Rajib Dahal**  
Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
- **Satyam Pathak**  
Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

## 2. PRELIMINARY

- 2.1. The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 18 September 2020 (2077/06/02 BS) after the notice was served in writing on 04 September, 2020 (2077/05/19 BS) and communicated during the 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 10 September 2020.
- 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). The Chairperson apprised the board members on the latest situation at MCA – Nepal.
- 2.4. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal updated on current activities of MCA-Nepal, the MCA-Nepal Action Plan until EIF and Manpower deployment details, and presented the agendas to MCA-Nepal Board of Directors.

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#### **3. UPDATE ABOUT MCA-NEPAL ACTION PLAN UNTIL EIF AND OTHER DETAILS**

- As instructed by the Board of Directors during the 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 10 September 2020, Executive Director presented the list of important activities that MCA-Nepal need to complete before EIF, and presented the Manpower mobilization Plan to complete such activities.
- The Executive Director apprised the Board that MCA-Nepal has undertaken a thorough analysis of activities and manpower deployment as per the directions of the Board during its 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.
- The Executive Director apprised the board about the methodology of detailed analysis conducted by MCA-Nepal in identification of activities and necessary manpower required to perform such activities.
- The Executive Director assured the Board that MCA-Nepal would focus on the critical tasks and activities as identified for a timely EIF date.
- The Board of Directors took the submissions of the Executive Director on record, and resolved to direct MCA-Nepal to expedite critical activities so that a suitable EIF date can be proposed for consideration.

#### **4. DISCUSSION ON MCA-NEPAL COMMUNICATION PLAN UNTIL EIF**

- The Board of Directors reviewed the Communication Plan prepared by MCA-Nepal.
- After review and discussion, the Board approved the Plan and the required budget to implement the plan. The Board also requested each individual board member to contribute from their positions to provide accurate information about the Compact.

#### **5. AGENDA ITEMS & DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 5.1.1.** Agenda One: Approval of MCA-Nepal's 12-month budget in correlation with GoN budget cycle Mid-July 2020 to Mid-July 2021 (As per Redbook for FY 2077/78 BS)

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**5.1.2.** Agenda Two: Procurement Plan Amendment No. 1 to Procurement Plan Version 4.0

**5.1.3.** Agenda Three: Delegation of powers to Executive Director of MCA-Nepal.

**5.1.4.** Agenda Four: Approval to pay Compensation for Land Acquisition

**5.1.5.** Agenda Five: Approval of Terms of Reference for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) advisors

**5.1.6.** Any other Business (AoB) Agendas for Discussion and Information to the Board:

- OAG Audit Information
- MCA-Nepal's additional installment of increased budget and information on budget surrender for FY 2076/77 BS
- Submission of Annual report for FY 2075/76 BS for Board's overview

## **6. DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

**6.1. Agenda One: Approval of MCA-Nepal's 12-month budget in correlation with GoN budget cycle Mid-July 2020 to Mid-July 2021 (As per Redbook for FY 2077/78 BS)**

**6.1.1.** The Board of Directors approved the MCA-Nepal's budget allocated under the Redbook for FY 2077/78 BS.

**6.2. Agenda Two: Approval of Procurement Plan Amendment No. 1 to Procurement Plan Version 4.0**

**6.2.1.** The Board of Directors of MCA-Nepal reviewed the Amendment No. 1 to Procurement Plan Version 4.0 for the year 2020, and approved the Amended Procurement Plan.

**6.3. Agenda Three: Delegation of powers to Executive Director of MCA-Nepal**

**6.3.1.** MCA-Nepal has prepared MCA-Nepal HR Manual to govern the code of conducts of employees employed at MCA-Nepal.

**6.3.2.** The Board of Directors hereby approves the agenda and Executive Director of MCA-Nepal is vested of the rights and responsibilities including authority to approve Human

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Resource (HR) Manual of MCA-Nepal for the overall administration of Human Resource functions.

#### **6.4. Agenda Four: Approval to pay Compensation for Land Acquisition**

**6.4.1.** MCA-Nepal is in the process of Land Acquisition in Ratmate, Nuwakot for construction of Sub-station.

6.4.2.1. Compensation Determination Committee has fixed the rate of Compensation under Section 13 of Land Acquisition Act, 2034 BS on 2076/10/15 BS

6.4.2.2. The Board of Directors of MCA-Nepal has approved the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) Entitlement Matrix in its 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 2076/05/10 BS.

**6.4.2.** The Board Approves payment of Compensation of Land Acquisition as per Compact provisions and approved RPF.

#### **6.5. Agenda Five: Approval of Terms of Reference for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) advisors**

**6.5.1.** The Board reviewed the Terms of Reference for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) advisors and emphasized that there should not be overlap and duplication of assistances among different donors so that ERC could make the most beneficial use of resources and assistance received from different donor agencies including the grant assistance from MCC.

**6.5.2.** The Board decided to form a two-member committee to review the Terms of Reference for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) advisors and instructed to present the final Terms of Reference for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) advisors in the next board meeting for approval.

#### **6.6. Any other Business (AoB) Agendas for Discussion and Information**

##### **6.6.1. OAG Audit Information**

6.6.1.1. MCA-Nepal presented the Audit Report for FY 2075/76 BS from Office of Auditor General (OAG) to the Board. The Board instructed MCA-Nepal to make reply to OAG after discussion with MoF. The Board also instructed MCA-Nepal Executive Director

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to ensure complete compliance with OAG Guidelines.

### **6.6.2. MCA-Nepal's additional installment of increased budget and information on budget surrender for FY 2076/77 BS**

6.6.2.1. MCA-Nepal presented the details of additional budget received from MoF in the FY 2076/77 BS. MCA-Nepal also presented the details of budget surrender in the last fiscal year.

### **6.6.3. Submission of Annual report for FY 2075/76 BS for Board's overview**

6.6.3.1. MCA-Nepal submitted its Annual Report for FY 2075/76 BS for Board's information. The Report is prepared as per Section 13 of MCA-Nepal Formation Order, 2074.

## **7. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

**7.1. 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.

## **8. CLOSE**

There being no further business the meeting was then closed at 11:00 AM.

This minute is prepared and signed on 28 September 2020

Minutes Prepared by:

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Rajib Dahal, Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal