



## MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(MCA-Nepal)

### Synopsis of the Minutes Tenth Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Development Board

**Nature: Regular Meeting**

**MCA-N/BOD-M-10/31-03-2019**

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Date: 31 March 2019 (2075/12/17 BS)  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Place: Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Office of Millennium Challenge Account  
Nepal Development Board (MCA-Nepal), Yak & Yeti Complex,  
Kathmandu  
Notice Served: 25 March 2019 (2075/12/11 BS)

#### **1. PRESENT**

##### **1.1. Members**

- **Dr. Rajan Khanal**, Chairperson  
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
- **Mr. Nabin Raj Singh**, Member  
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Mr. Gopal Prasad Sigdel**, Member  
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- **Mr. Kul Man Ghising**, Member  
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
- **Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary  
And Executive Director, MCA-Nepal

##### **1.2. Invitees**

- **Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal**, Invitee  
And, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International  
Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division



- **Mr. Steve Marma**, Invitee  
And, Acting Resident Country Coordinator for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation

### **1.3. Others Attending**

- **Mr. Udaya Raj Sapkota**  
And, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance,  
Legal and Judgment Execution Division
- **Mr. Sanjay Poudyal**  
Deputy Resident Country Director for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- **Mr. Semanta Dahal**  
Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account Development Board
- **Mr. Rajib Dahal**  
Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Development Board

## **2. PRELIMINARY**

- 2.1.** The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 31 March 2019 (2075/12/17 BS) at 9.30 AM after the notice was served in writing on 25 March 2019 (2075/12/11 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 Development Board updated on current activities of MCA-Nepal and presented the agendas to the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors.

## **3. UPDATE ABOUT CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF MILLENIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director briefed the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors regarding status of the current activities of MCA-Nepal.



#### **4. MATTERS FOR DECISIONS**

##### **4.1. Agenda One: Cancellation of appointment of Mr. Hitendra Dev Shakya, and appointment of Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya as Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery.**

- 4.1.1. Board of Directors has decided to cancel the appointment decision of Mr. Hitendra Dev Shakya as the negotiations on the employment conditions were not successful. The Board of Directors has decided to appoint Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya as Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery of MCA-Nepal for a period of two (2) years effective from the signing of the Employment Agreement.
- 4.1.2. The Board of Directors has asked the candidate for Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya to start the employment immediately after MCA-Nepal receives positive reference check and No Objection from Millennium Challenge Corporation.

##### **4.2. Agenda Two: Approval of Contract Extension of Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya, Senior Advisor Project Delivery.**

- 4.2.1. Owing to the Resolution passed under Agenda One to appoint Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya as Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery of MCA-Nepal and further requiring the candidate Mr. Mahesh Acharya to start the employment immediately after MCA-Nepal receives positive reference check and No Objection from Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Board of Directors has decided not to extend the consulting contract with Mr. Mahesh Prasad Acharya.

##### **4.3. Agenda Three: Approval of assignment of material agreements (Procurement Agent Agreement, Fiscal Agent Agreement, and Bank & Financial Services Agreement) signed by Office of the Millennium Challenge Nepal (OMCN) to MCA-Nepal.**

- 4.3.1. The Board of Directors has approved the joining of MCA-Nepal to the Procurement Agent Agreement, Fiscal Agent Agreement, and Bank & Financial Services Agreement and proceed to fulfill the legal formalities to enable MCA-Nepal to join the said agreements.

##### **4.4. Agenda Four: Approval of new salary scale for MCA-Nepal to accommodate future growths and incentives**

- 4.4.1. The Board of Directors has formed a Committee to look into the matter of salary revision to accommodate future growths and incentives. The Committee shall



consist of the following members:

- Kumar Pandey, member of MCA-Nepal Board – Convener
- Udaya Raj Sapkota, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance – Member
- Khadga B. Bisht, Executive Director of MCA-Nepal - Member

**4.5. Agenda Five: Approval of resignation tendered by board member representing Civil Society Mr. Prateek Pradhan**

- 4.5.1. The Board of Directors has decided to accept the resignation tendered by board member Mr. Prateek Pradhan.

**4.6. Agenda Six: Approval of Selection Process for the selection of Board Member representing the Civil Society and Private Sector**

- 4.6.1. The Board of Directors has approved the “Guidelines for Selecting Civil Society Board Members for MCA-Nepal, 2075 (2019)” and “Guidelines for Selecting Private Sector Board Members for MCA-Nepal, 2075 (2019)”.

**4.7. Agenda Seven: Approval of authority to sign and certify MCA-Nepal Board minutes by the Chairperson and Executive Director**

- 4.7.1. The Board of Directors has approved and authorized the Executive Director to sign and certify the decision and minutes of the meetings of Board of Directors of the MCA-Nepal upon receiving confirmation from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

**4.8. Agenda Eight: Request for the Participation of MCA-Nepal Representative in the meetings of Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and Joint Working Group (JWG) formed by Government of Nepal and Government of India**

- 4.8.1. The Board of Director has adopted a resolution to request Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation to invite representative of the MCA-Nepal during internal preparatory discussions concerning Butwal-Gorakhpur Cross-Border Transmission Line before the meetings of Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and Joint Working Group (JWG).

**4.9. Agenda Nine: Approval of Qualification Criteria for Additional Number of Positions at MCA-Nepal**

- 4.9.1. The Board of Directors has approved the qualification criteria for the additional 16 staff positions to be recruited at MCA-Nepal and permits the amendment to be made to Schedule 1 of मिलेनियम च्यालेन्ज एकाउन्ट नेपाल विकास समिति कर्मचारी प्रशासन विनियमावली, २०७५ (MCA-Nepal Employees Administration Bylaws, 2075



(2018)) accordingly.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **5.1. Letter received from The Office of the Auditor General (OAG)**

- 5.1.1. The Executive Director apprised the Board of Directors of the letter received from the Office of the Auditor General and audit's observations contained therein.
- 5.1.2. The Board of Directors directed the Executive Director to reply to the letter received from the Auditor General clarifying the different nature of expenses pertaining to "Fees for Technical Services" and "administrative expenses".
- 5.1.3. The Board of Directors enjoined the need to minimize administrative expenses by adopting possible measures to the extent possible.

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

The Board of Directors has decided to direct 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 Development Board 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.

Synopsis of the minutes prepared by:

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