

Minutes of SPCBN PEB Meeting

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Centre for Constitutional Dialogue

Present:

Executive Anne-Isabelle Degryse-Blateau, UNDP Country Director

Sr. Beneficiary Manohar Bhattarai, CA Secretariat, Secretary-General  
Netra Timsina, NGO Federation Chair

Project Assurance Nick Leader, DFID, Governance Advisor  
Kalpana Sarkar, UNDP, Program Officer

Project Manager/OIC Keith D. Leslie Civil Society Representative, SPCBN Sr.  
Civil Society Advisor

Others Present Lars P. Christensen, Programme Coordinator, DANIDA  
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Dag Nagoda, Second Secretary, Royal Norwegian Embassy  
Ted Iham, USAID  
Janak Joshi, DFID

Rajju Malla Dhakal, ESP/DFID  
Christian Clark, SPCBN, Communication Advisor  
Man Bdr BK, SPCBN, CCD National Manager  
Alankar Khanal, SPCBN, Human Resource Associate

Agenda:

- Achievement and Impact (Jan – June 2010)
- Review, discussion, endorsement of SPCBN six months progress report
  - SPCBN plans to the end of 2010
  - Review, discussion and endorsement
    - ✓ Revised 2010 plan
    - ✓ Half yearly Work plan (July – December)
    - ✓ Human Resource Plan
    - ✓ Procurement Plan
  - Extension of the project (2011)
  - AOB

**Minutes:**

**Achievement and Impact (Jan – June 2010)**

The SPCBN project provided the Project Executive Board (PEB) with an overview of its priority achievements during the past six months (January-June 2010). These were reviewed and endorsed. In addition, the PEB requested further details on the impact of these activities.

**SPCBN Plans to the End of 2010**

- The Project Executive Board approved the SPCBN six month work plan for July to December 2010, including the human resource and procurement plan.
- One of the recommendations from CCD Review was for the Project to engage with senior political leaders on the constitution drafting process. The PEB requested the Project, however, to first consult other implementing agencies that are already engaged with the political parties rather than start a new process to ensure there will be no duplication or overlap.

- The PEB asked SPCBN to coordinate with UNDP initiatives on collaborative leadership to avoid any potential duplication on its leadership package of facilitation, negotiation and peace-building initiatives.

- The PEB requested the Project to highlight the most important, value-added and strategic activities for the next three to six months in order to maintain the Project's focus while encouraging the Project management to maintain the flexibility and relevance of its project activities by closely analyzing and responding to the changing political environment and changes in the CA calendar.

**Extension of the Project (2011)**

The PEB agreed to extend the Project in order to match the latest extension of the Constituent Assembly until May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and to close the Project after the promulgation of the new constitution at the end of June 2011.

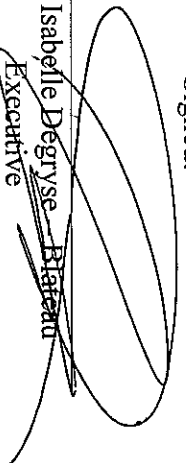
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- The PEB asked the Project coordinate more with the UTSTEIN group to consider how senior UN staff and ambassadors could effectively engage the senior leaders in Nepal to encourage the success of the constitution drafting process. The PEB asked the Project to explore possibilities of creating a more supportive environment from the UN agencies and these influential figures to assist the political parties reach a political consensus, as needed.

- The Board suggested the Project review future plans and structure of the CCD. Specifically, DANIDA advised the Project to hire a high-level individual (*ex-ambassador or senior secretary*) who could provide the next stage of leadership for the CCD even with the current uncertainty over the future of the CCD. The Project will identify a range of management options to discuss with a broader forum of committed partners, including the Project Board members in September.
- The Board asked the Project to identify potential CCD institutional profiles to support the next phase of transition and implementation after the promulgation of the new constitution. The Project has hired a national consultant to develop a CCD strategy offering various management options. The report is expected at the end of August after which it will be reviewed to decide on a future course of action for the CCD.
- The PEB recommends that the Project facilitate a broad based consultation with a large range of international community donors and agencies, civil society, government, etc., on transition and implementation of the constitution to identify potential needs, areas of support and a possible multi-donor broad based support strategy .
- The PEB asked the Project to assess existing implementation plans considering the potential budget shortfalls for 2010 and 2011.
- The Norwegian Embassy announced that they will contribute **NOK 6,000,000** Norwegian kroner (*approximately \$900,000*) for the SPCBN 2010/11 budget.
- DANIDA announced that they will end their role on the CCD Steering Committee and suggested either Norwegian or DFID take their role. They also stated that DANIDA funding will not be available to SPCBN for 2011 programming.

The Chair thanked the Board members for their inputs and participation

Signed:



~~Anne - Isabelle Degryse~~ ~~Blarcan~~  
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