

## Concept Note



# 9<sup>th</sup> Human Rights National Magna Meet 2017 9-11 December Kathmandu, Nepal

## 1. Background

Human Rights National Magna Meet, is celebrated every year by Nepalese human rights community since 2009 in coordination and collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and National Women Commission (NWC). It is an opportunity for bringing human rights discourses on single platform in solidarity amongst CSOs. The Magna Meet has proved to be an instrumental forum to pressurize state actors, including government bodies and political parties to meet their national and international human rights obligations; deepening democracy and strengthening human rights in the country. The Magna Meet has become a symbol of unity, dedication, and solidarity. The overall goal of the Magna Meet is to create a critical consciousness and concern about human rights among general people, political parties, and various stakeholders. Thereby, building a conducive environment; for the protection and promotion of human rights in holistic and integrated manner.

‘Sankalpa’ – Women’s Alliance for Peace, Justice, and Democracy, is a lead association of its kind in Nepal. It is an alliance of diverse women rights organizations in Nepal. Sankalpa is dedicated to ensuring women’s equal opportunity in the state making process irrespective of caste, ethnicity, religion, language, occupation, or degree of physical ability. Its objective is that diverse groups of women are visibly engaged at all levels of the Constituent Assembly and peace-building processes. It has defined itself as “Mission 50/50”, meaning proportionate and representative participation of women at all levels of the peace process and all state structures.

Sankalpa simultaneously works on the issues of both advocacy and development; it has completed projects on democratic and political rights building such as “Rights-Based Advocacy to Empower Women for Political and Social Justice”, and has a project “ Equal Power for Equal Rights (EPER)” ongoing supported by Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE). Similarly, Sankalpa has been actively working on human rights issues and is engaged with different networks and movements such as UNSCR 1325 action group, TRC, OBR, 16 days activism on VAW, Human Rights Magna Meet and others.

This year’s Magna meet also acknowledges youths as key partners in human rights and seeks wider participation from different age groups including youths and senior citizens. .**Sankalpa** has been selected as a National Coordinator from open Civil Society selection process and **Youth Advocacy Nepal** is selected as Co-coordinator for 9<sup>th</sup> Magna Meet. Sankalpa will be coordinating the Magna Meet in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), NWC, Youth Advocacy Nepal and

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other CSOs. Magna Meet is an act of solidarity, the organizer of Human Rights Magna Meet will be everyone who registers for Magna Meet celebration.

## **2. Rationale**

The Magna Meet provides direction for expansion and consolidation of human rights in future helping to create public awareness and consolidates human rights movement in Nepal. It paves the way to create a common platform for political parties, governmental bodies, human rights organizations and other like-minded organizations for protection and promotion human rights. Furthermore, the Magna Meet will be developed as a joint action of all concerned, right holders and stakeholders to come together and share experiences, resources and work we do in issues of human rights nationally and internationally. The Magna Meets, so far, have turned out to be a historical milestone in the human rights sector of Nepal, it has established a trend and will continue for the upcoming years; contributing to strengthening social coherence and tolerance by addressing diverse aspirations of Nepali citizens.

*In the light of newly promulgated constitution and ongoing elections, this year's Magna Meet will be very crucial in advocating for protection and promotion of human rights in Nepal. In addition to it, Magna Meet gives a stronger message of solidarity as hundreds of human rights organizations organize various events under the umbrella of Magna Meet, both at local and national events in collaboration with NHRC. Events such as mass rally, workshops, panel discussion, interaction program, side events on human rights issues of women, youth ,LGBTI, PWDs, migrant worker, children, climate change, indigenous peoples, disaster risk reduction, SDGs, local election, and democracy. The event will have inauguration and closing session involving head of state.*

25<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 is set for organizing various events and programs that mark other important international day of activism such as 16 days of Activism for Violence against Women, Migrants Rights, World AIDS Day, and International Day of Persons with Disabilities. These programs will be integrated as a part of Human Rights Magna Meet Program whereas main Magna Meet events will be organized from 9-11 December in Kathmandu.

## **3. Objectives**

- To promote an inclusive human rights movement.
- To advocate for overall protection and promotion of human rights and social justice in Nepal.
- To advocate to ensure human rights in relation to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
- To advocate “50:50 participation by the year 2030” - ensuring women’s representations in every sector with particular focus on Nepal’s new Constitution
- To advocate for Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) of all

## **4. Events and Activities**

The first day of the event, (09 December) Top level government representative will be invited as chief guest for the opening session. On the same day, Human Rights Award will be granted to human rights defender in recognition of work done for protecting and promoting human rights. The opening ceremony

will be followed by parallel thematic side events. Side events will be organized both at the venue of opening and in a different location by various other organizers on various issues.

On the second day (10 December), there will be human rights march in the morning, in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission and NGO Federation Nepal. Followed by a program to celebrate 69<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day (December 10), this program will be organized by National Human Rights Commission. This march will bring a large mass of people in the street to from various organizations and sectors.

On the third day (11 December), The announcement of the declaration of the human rights Magna Meet, 2017 will be the key highlight of the closing ceremony. In addition, there will be an exhibition, booths, street dramas, information sharing stall, media corner for information sharing, networking and building solidarity.

During the entire period of Magna Meet, various forms of media including print, radio, television and social media will be mobilized for wider reach and dissemination of information. Prior to the event press meet will be held to inform NGOs, CSOs, international agencies, governmental bodies, institutions to share news and events of Magna Meet. The printing, publication, and distribution of post-event reports and declaration will further enhance the outreach and communication to larger groups in the future.

*Brief information about the planned events and activities*

Day 1 – Opening Session	Introductory Session and Cultural Programs Human Rights Award Thematic Side Events on issues relating to human rights and environment, SDGs, women, and Constitution of Nepal and various other issues.
Day 2- Human Rights Day	Mass Rally in coordination with NGO Federation of Nepal Celebration of 68 <sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day by National Human Rights Commission
Day 3- Closing Session	Side events by organizers, Exhibitions, information booths Adoption of Declaration of Human Rights Magna Meet 2017 Closing ceremony Various events will be organized at the provincial and district levels during the week.

In collaboration with National Human Rights Commission, human rights organization, government body and relevant institution at the regional level will organize events and programs. The organized event and programs will be documented and will be reported to Sankalpa. Sankalpa will incorporate all the reports from the different organization; regional and national and will develop an official report. Sankalpa will hand over the roles and responsibilities to the new national coordinator for 10<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Magna Meet in 2018 selected by the committee.

Social audit will also be conducted after the completion of magna meet and will be shared with all stakeholders.

## **5. Participants**

Human rights organizations, government bodies, civil society organization, women rights organization, international organization, academics, activists, stakeholders, youths, students, and people from different walks of life from a national and regional level will, directly and indirectly, participate in the event. More than 1000 people will be invited and are more likely to attend in this event.

## **6. Methodology**

Series of the meeting will be organized with various organizations and NHRC to decide on management, coordination, and structure of the program. Following thematic committee will be formed for effective and efficient of achieving goals of Magna Meet 2017.

1. Major Working Committee
2. Fund Raise and Management Committee
3. Reporting and Documentation Committee
4. Magna Meet Declaration Committee
5. Event and Exhibition Committee
6. Volunteer Mobilization Committee
7. Media Committee

Members of the working committee will be selected to make working committee gender balanced and inclusive. Advisors and committee members has been contributing greatly to organize each Magna Meet successfully, their representation and participation is very critical to organize event both at national and local level.

## **7. Resources/Fund**

A basket fund will be sought from various national and international agencies for this initiative. The registration fee collected from the organizers for Human Rights Magna Meet, 2017 will be used to add up the basket fund. In an average required a resource for the national program will be Rs. Forty Lakh and Fifty Thousand. .An estimated budget summary is as follows.

**7.1 TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NATIONAL MAGNA MEET 2017**

S.No	Item	Description	NPR	Contributed Amount	Seeking Funding Agency Contribution	Remark
1	Printing and Publications	registration forms, flyers, briefers invitation cards, banners, placards	300,000			
2	Program Kit	Stickers	200,000			
3	Communications	Top up card, telephones	150,000			
4	Refreshments and Food	Including preparatory meetings, subcommittee meetings and 3-day event for participants/organizers and volunteers	1,000,000			
5	Media & Press Meet	Video and Photo	500,000			
6	Rent and Charges	Hall and equipment	400,000			
7	Coordination Cost	MCs, Moderator , Rapporteurs	200,000			
8	Miscellaneous	Hall Decorations and Felicitations	150,000			
9	Documentary Cost	Pre and post production	500,000			
10	Event Report ( Nepali and English)	Printing, writing, designing, and distribution	400,000			
11	Transport	For organizers, subcommittee members, volunteers	200,000			
12.	South Asian Delegation visits Panelits/Observers	Food & Accommodation	2,10,000			
12	Social Audit	After the completion of magna meet	50000			
		<b>Total</b>	<b>42,60,000</b>	<b>15,00,000 (RNE)</b>	<b>27,60,000</b>	

Royal Norwegian Embassy has committed to support the event with the sum of NPR 15, 00,000 and we still need NPR 27, 60,000 to successfully conduct this national event. Individuals/organizations are heartily requested to contribute for the event. For your support please feel free to contact us at

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**Account Number: 00401010260503**  
**Address of Bank: Pulchowk, Lalitpur**  
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## **7.2 For organizations to be listed as Organizers and/or to conduct any side events/workshops**

Should any organization be willing to be listed as one of the organizers of the event need to be register in advance. The organizers logo will be displayed in the banners and name also published in all the reports/publications. For registration and/or to conduct any side events/workshops during the 9<sup>th</sup> Magna Meet can send an email expressing their interest to [bijaya.kc@sankalpa.org.np](mailto:bijaya.kc@sankalpa.org.np) (Bijaya KC, Programme Manager) or can directly contact our office for more info. The registration will be done on first-come basis.

### **Registration Fees:**

NGO and Individuals: NRs. 2000/-  
Federations and Network Organizations: NRs. 5000 /-  
INGOs: NRs. 15000/-