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Conference of the Election Management Bodies of SAARC Member States

September 08 - 10, 2011, Islamabad

Thursday 8 September (Day I)

08.30 Registration in Shamadan Hall –III (Serena Hotel)

08.45 Convene in the Conference Room “Shamadan Hall –III”

09.00 **Session I (Inaugural)**

National anthem - Recitation from Holy Quran

Opening remarks by Mrs. Farkhunda Aurangzeb, Facilitator of ECP

Keynote and welcome address to the participants by Mr. Justice (Retired) Hamid Ali Mirza, Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan.

Address by Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator of UN in Pakistan
(Participants are cordially reminded that the sessions of the Conference are confidential.)

10:00- 10:45 *Coffee/Tea Break.*

10:45- 11:35 The Delegation from Election Commission of Bangladesh will present the paper on **“Challenges in delimitation of constituencies”**

Chair: Election Commission of India
Discussant: Election Commission of Sri Lanka
Open Discussion: All Participants

11:35-12:25 The Delegation from Election Commission of India will present Paper on **“Filling the Gaps in the Electoral Roll - The National Voters' Day Experience”**.

Chair: Election Commission of Bangladesh
Discussant: Election Commission of Nepal
Open Discussion: All Participants

12:25-13:25 *Lunch and Prayer Break*

13:25-14:15 The Delegation from Election Commission of Nepal will present the paper on **“Electoral justice system”**

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Sessions -II

14:15-15:05 The Delegation from Election Commission of Sri Lanka will present the paper on ***"Role of domestic and international observers in elections"***.

Chair: Election Commission of Nepal
Discussant: Election Commission of Bangladesh
Open Discussion: All Participants

15:05-15:20 Tea/Coffee Break

15:20-16:10 The Delegation from Election Commission of Republic of Maldives will present the paper on ***"Voter Education and public information for effective voter participation"***

Chair: Election Commission of Pakistan
Discussant: Election Commission of Bhutan
Open Discussion: All Participants

END OF DAY ONE

21:00 Dinner hosted by Election Commission of Pakistan for delegates at Kehkashan Hall, Serena Hotel Islamabad.



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Friday 9 September (Day 2)

Sessions -III

09:00- 09:50

Delegation of Election Commission of Pakistan will present the paper on ***"Strategic planning of EMBs- Case study of Election Commission of Pakistan"***

Chair: Election Commission of Republic of Maldives
Discussant: Election Commission of Afghanistan
Open Discussion: All Participants

09:50-10:40

The Delegation from Election Commission of Bhutan will present Paper on ***"Promoting a wider representation in National Legislature and Role of Election Management B-odies"***

Chair: Election Commission of Afghanistan
Discussant: Dr. Anil Seal, Director, MCSC UK
Open Discussion: All Participants

10:40-10:55

Coffee/Tea Break

10:55-11:45

The Delegation from Election Commission of Afghanistan will present the paper on ***"Role of Donors vis-à-vis EMBs"***

Chair: Election Commission of Bhutan
Discussant: Shri James Lyngdoh
Ex-Election Commission of India
Open Discussion: All Participants

11:45-12:35

Dr. Anil Seal , Director Malaysian Commonwealth Studies Centre UK will present the paper on ***"Choices of electoral systems for the developing democracies"***

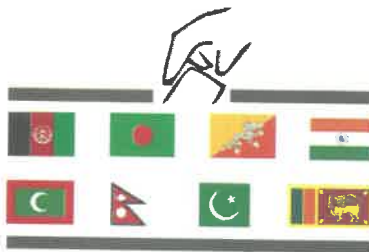
Chair: Election Commission of India
Discussant: Election Commission of Afghanistan
Open Discussion: All Participants

12:35-13:35

Lunch and Prayer Break



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Sessions –IV

13:35-14:25 Maulvi Anwaar-ul-Haq Attorney General for Pakistan will present the paper on "***Election Disputes***".

Chair: Election Commission of India
Discussant: Election Commission of Sri Lanka
Open Discussion: All Participants

14:25 - 15:15 Mr. J M Lyngdoh, Ex-Chief Election Commissioner of India, will present the paper on "***Relationship Between Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) and stakeholders***".

Chair: Election Commission of Pakistan
Discussant: Election Commission of Bhutan
Open Discussion: All Participants
Tea/Coffee Break

15:15-15:30

15:30 - 16:30 Discussion on Establishment of SAARC Forum and its Charter by the Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh & Adoption of resolution by the Conference.
Closing of Conference and Vote of thanks by Mr. Justice (Retired) Riaz Kayani, Hon'ble Member Election Commission of Pakistan.

Group photo of the participants

21:00 *Dinner hosted for delegates by Election Commission of Pakistan at Monal Restaurant*

Note:

- Time allocation for each presenter- Paper to be read -25 Minutes –Discussant 10-minutes – Answers & Questions-15 Minutes
- Discussants will analyse by proper summing up the main points and then invite questions from the participants.