

12th Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBOSA)

PROGRAMME

(4 – 5 September, 2024, Kathmandu, Nepal)

Day 1: 4th September, 2024

Inaugural Session

- 7:30 Breakfast
9:00 Arrival of all delegates
9:15 Arrival of the Chief Guest
9:20 Program commences: Chairing the Inaugural Session by the Honorable Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan
9:25 National Anthem of Nepal
9:28 Welcome speech by Honorable Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal 9:40
Remarks follow
1. Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh
2. Chief Election Commissioner of India
3. Chief Election Commissioner of Maldives
4. Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan
5. Chief Election Commissioner of Sri Lanka
10:40 Speech by the Chief Guest
10:50 Closing of the Inaugural Session and Chairpersonship handover by the Honorable Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan
10:55 Agenda Endorsement

Technical Session

- 11:00 **Global trends in the field of Election Management**
Presentation by: Alan Wall, Election Expert
11:30 **Thematic Paper 1: Election and Climate Change**
Chaired by: Ram Prasad Bhandari, Honorable Election Commissioner of Nepal
Presentation by: Vasu Mohan, IFES Nepal Country Director
Discussants: Maldives and Nepal
Closing of the session by the Chair

12:30 Lunch Break

- 13:30 **Thematic Paper 2: Election and Migration**
Chair: Dr. Janaki Kumari Tuladhar, Honourable Election Commissioner of Nepal
Presentation by: IOM Expert
Discussants: India and Bangladesh
Closing of the session by the Chair
14:30 Tea/Coffee Break
14:45 **Thematic Paper 3: Election, Social Media and Artificial Intelligence**
Chair: Mr. Sagun Shamsher JBR, Honourable Election Commissioner of Nepal
Presentation by: Antonio Spinelli, Senior Adviser, Election and Political Participation, International IDEA
Discussants: Sri Lanka and Bhutan
Closing of the session by the Chair
15:45 **Wrap-up of four sessions in the context of the FEMBOSA charter**
Presentation by: Election Commission of Nepal
16:45 Closing of Day 1
18:00 Welcome Dinner with Cultural Show

Day 2: 5th September, 2024

7:30	Breakfast
9:00	Preparation and Discussion on Kathmandu Declaration
10:30	Coffee Break
10:50	Commencement of closing ceremony chaired by Honorable Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal – with remarks
11:00	Adoption of the Kathmandu Declaration <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh2. Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan3. Chief Election Commissioner of India4. Chief Election Commissioner of Maldives5. Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal6. Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan7. Chief Election Commissioner of Sri Lanka
11:30	Vote of Thanks by Mr. Rabi Lal Pantha, Secretary, Election Commission Nepal
11:40	Closing statement by the chair of closing session
12:00	Farewell Lunch
