



## MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

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#### Synopsis of Minutes of 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)

**Nature: Regular Meeting**

**MCA-N/BOD-M-44/07-10-2024**

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Date: Monday, 07 October, 2024 (2081/06/21 BS)  
Time: 3.00 PM  
Place: Meeting at Conference Room of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance  
Notice Served: Monday, 30 September, 2024 (2081/06/14 BS)

#### 1. Board Meeting Attended By Members

- **Dr. Ram Prasad Ghimire**, Chairperson  
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance  
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
- **Kul Man Ghising**, Member  
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
- **Bhimarjun Adhikari**, Member  
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport  
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
- **Kumar Pandey**, Member, Representing the Private Sector  
And, Chairman of the Board, National Hydro Power Company (NHPC)
- **Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary  
And, Executive Director, MCA-Nepal

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### **2. Invitees**

- **Dhani Ram Sharma**, Invitee

And, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division (IECCD)

- **Sanjay Poudyal**, Invitee

And, Deputy Resident Country Director MCC in Nepal Millennium Challenge Corporation, US Embassy, Kathmandu

### **3. PRELIMINARY**

**3.1.** The meeting of the Board of Directors was constituted by conduct of Meeting by Circulation of Agendas on Monday, 07 October 2024 (2081/06/21 BS) after the notice was served in writing on Friday, 30 September 2024 (2081/06/14 BS).

**3.2.** This Notice was issued pursuant to Section 5(3) of the Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board Formation Order, 2074 (2018).

**3.3.** The Board Members declared that there is no Conflict of Interest (CoI) on any of the Agendas presented by MCA-Nepal, and all the members of the board provided their consent to initiate the discussion on the agenda.

**3.4.** Executive Director provided a progress updates on Electricity Transmission Line (TL) Activities, Substation (SS) Activities, Road Maintenance Project (RMP), ESP and Forest Clearance, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Activities.

### **4. AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD'S DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

#### **4.1. Agenda One: Approval of Procurement & Grants Plan Package 8.5 (PGPP 8.5)**

**4.1.1.** Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines, MCC-DCO-2008.37.8, Effective January 1, 2024 (herein after "AE PPG or PPG") required to be followed by MCA-Nepal as a condition of the Compact states that MCA-Nepal shall periodically prepare a Procurement Plan for acquiring goods, works, and consultant and non-consultant services needed to implement the Compact. It also provides the matrix of approval authorities and threshold in monetary value of the contracts

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for which board approval is required. Section 3.6 (a) of the MCC-Nepal Compact signed on 2017 requires that MCA-Nepal make procurement compliance, satisfactory to MCC, with the board approval shall be a condition precedent to MCC disbursements or payments and Attachment A, PPG Approval Matrix requires this Procurement to be taken to the MCA-Nepal Board.

**4.1.2.** The approved PGPP requires revision and amendments due to ongoing procurement for various projects. The PGPP 8.4 was approved by the Board in its 42nd Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 08 July, 2024 (2081/03/24 BS). The annexed document provides background and justification to items where amendments are being caused in the PGPP.

**4.1.3. RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors approves the Procurement and Grants Plan Package (PGPP) 8.5.

### **4.2. Agenda Two: Consent for Signing of Project Cooperation Agreement (“PCA”) with Forest Product Development Board (FPDB)**

**4.2.1.** Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board (Formation) Order 2074 (2018) prescribes execution of Project Cooperation Agreement with Project Partners as one of the functions, duties and rights of the Board of Director of MCA-Nepal. Pursuant to paragraph C.2 of Annex I of the Compact, the achievement of project objectives requires assistance for which the Government may engage one or more of its Project Partners having relation to the Projects.

**4.2.2.** The required assistance and cooperation between MCA-Nepal and the Project Partner for implementing various aspects of the Projects is set out in the PCA which defines the appointment of the designated official responsible for communication and certification upon request of all comments, approvals, authorizations, and other notices of the Project Partner to MCA-Nepal or MCC.

**4.2.3. RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors, as per the proposal submitted by MCA-Nepal, hereby authorize Executive Director of MCA-Nepal to sign the Project Cooperation Agreement with Forest Product Development Board (FPDB).

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### 5. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

**5.1. RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors directs 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 within two (2) weeks from the date of signing of these Minutes.

### 6. CLOSE

There being no further business, the members of Board of Directors did not have to consider any other agendas. The meeting closed at 5.00 PM.

This minute is signed on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024