

Seminar:
Community Radios for Disaster Risk Reduction –
The Nepal Initiative

“In Commemoration of the Tragic Earthquake of April 25, 2015
And in Recognition of the Role of Community Radios”

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Date: April 21, 2016, Thursday

Venue: Kumari Hall, Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu

Agenda:

09:00 – 09:30 AM Arrival of participants and registration

09:30 – 10:30 AM Opening session: Enhancing Effectiveness of Community Radios for Disaster Risk Reduction

1. Welcome remarks and introduction of objectives of the seminar by Mr. Suman Basnet, Regional Coordinator, AMARC Asia-Pacific (5 min.)
2. Remarks by Mr. Toyoaki KOMATSU, Country Representative, Shapla Neer (5 min.)
3. Remarks by Mr. Kishor Jung Thapa, Senior Vice-President, Association of Community Radio Broadcasters of Nepal (ACORAB) (5 min.)
4. “What should be the strategy for increasing the effectiveness of community radios for disaster risk reduction?” By Mr. Ram Nath Bhat, Acting President, AMARC Asia Pacific (15 min.)
5. Remarks by H.E. Mr. Masashi Ogawa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in Nepal (10 min.)
6. Presentation of token of appreciation by the Chief Guest to partner organizations that supported rebuilding of community radios affected by the April 2015 Earthquake (10 min.)
7. Inaugural remarks by Chief Guest Mr. Sher Dhan Rai, Honorable Minister of Information and Communications, Government of Nepal (7 min.)
8. Closing remarks by session chair Mr. Min B. Shahi, Dy. President, AMARC International (5 min.)

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10:30 – 11:00 Refreshments break

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11:00 – 12:30

Session 2: Introduction to Community Centers managed by community radios

1. A unique experiment in Nepal: An overview of community centers run by community radios (15 min.)
2. “Community radio and Disaster Risk Reduction – Good practices in other parts of the Asia-Pacific region,” By Mr. Junichi Hibino, Director of Community Radio FMYY, Kobe, Japan and Treasurer of AMARC AP Board (15 min.)
3. Remarks by Ms. Nimmi Chauhan, Women International Network (WIN) Representative for Asia-Pacific – 10 min.
4. Questions and answers (15 min.)
5. Concluding remarks by session chair Mr. Toyoaki KOMATSU, Country Representative, Shapla Neer (7 min.)

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12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 – 3:30

Session 3: Recommendations for Community Radio Policy in Nepal

1. Presentation by Chairman of the High-Level Communications Committee Mr. Kashiraj Dahal (TBC) - 10 min.
2. Policy recommendations of the community radio sector by Mr. Subas Khatiwada, Treasurer, Association of Community Radio Broadcasters, Nepal – 10 min.
3. What kind of CR policy is desirable? Recommendations by AMARC Asia Pacific – By Mr. Ramnath Bhat (15 min.)
4. Questions and answers (20 min.)
5. Concluding remarks by session chair Mr. Raghu Mainali, Director, Community Radio Resource Center/NEFEJ and ex-board member of AMARC-AP – 10 min.

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3:00 – 3:30

Refreshments break

3:30 – 4:00

Concluding session

1. Remarks by Ramnath Bhat, Acting President, AMARC Asia-Pacific (5 min.)
2. Remarks by Guest of Honor Mr. Dinesh Kumar Thapaliya, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications, Government of Nepal (10 min.)
3. Closing remarks by session chair Ms. Nimmi Chauhan, WIN Representative for Asia-Pacific (10 min.)

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