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### **Summary of the qualifications and work experiences:**

Netra Prasad Timsina accomplished his undergraduate degree in Agriculture from the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribhuvan University Nepal in 1989 and postgraduate (Master and PhD) from the University of Reading, United Kingdom (1998-2002), Department of International Relations and Development on *Political Economy of Natural Resource Management*.

Netra started his career in government services as an Agriculture Economist in the Ministry of Water Resources in 1992 and a Planning Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture in 1993 in Nepal. Later he built his career in International Relations and Development and engaged in regional and global development mechanisms including international diplomacy. He is also associated with national and regional academic institutions and think tanks (particularly focusing on the development of South Asia). Netra also has extensive engagement at a regional and international level specific to development rights (rights to health, education, employment, and social security) such as the Development Agenda 2030 (SDGs) and Climate Change. Netra has also gained experience in the global dynamics of migration (decent work and economic growth). Netra has coordinated a triannual Poverty and Vulnerability Report of South Asia published by the South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE- a South Asia regional think tank). The latest report is on

“Social Security in South Asia”. He has also gained experience in public finance, particularly in the fiscal and tax justice for developing countries to raise public spending.

Moreover, Netra has coordinated and facilitated several regional and global multi-country platforms to discuss transboundary issues such as migration, climate actions, and regional and global economic development- such as dialogues on the relevance and effectiveness of SAARC, attended economic and climate cooperations conferences. He also engaged in the G20 process advocating for the rights of LDCs and developing countries by participating in G20 events in Bali Indonesia in 2022 and Delhi, India in 2023. He also participated as a delegate in several Party of Conferences (CoP) organized by the United Nations such as UNFCC.

Netra also served as a board member of the Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC, a government research institution) and a member of the Climate Change Council (CCC- the Chair of the Council is the Prime Minister) of Nepal. He also chaired a task force commissioned by the Government of Nepal- the High-Level Taskforce on the Investigation of Forest Degradation formed in 2020.

He also teaches public policy courses at the Universities of Nepal as an adjunct professor.

Netra also served as the Ambassador of Nepal to Malaysia from January to November 2025.

### **Academic Qualifications:**

- PhD-Political Economy of Natural Resource Management, The University of Reading, United Kingdom, 2003
- M. Sc.- Rural and International Development- Forestry Extension, The University of Reading, United Kingdom, 1998
- Bachelor- Agriculture Science, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science- Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1989

### **Summary of Key Expertise:**

- International relations- communication, and dialogue with regional and global mechanisms and platforms (Regional and Global Cooperation and Diplomacy-climate, LDCs, migrations etc)
- Promotion of bilateral dialogues and relations between organizations and individuals, networking
- Planning, designing, and implementation of development projects (Natural Resource- land, forest, water, agriculture, eco-tourism etc)
- Linking enterprise development and investment, the effectiveness of remittance for promoting the local economy
- Sustainable Development Goals, climate and environmental governance
- Capacity building of public institutions (governance and accountability)
- Economic and social development about poverty eradication (prosperity)

### **Summary of employment history- professional engagements:**

Jan-Nov 2025 – Ambassador of Nepal to Malaysia  
2017-2024- Regional Coordinator, South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication and LDC Watch  
2012- 2017 President- South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)  
2002-2016- Executive Director- Forest Resource Studies and Action Team, Nepal  
1998-2002- Research on International Relations and Natural Resource Management  
1995- 1997 – Executive Director- Environment, Culture, Agriculture, Research and Development Society, Nepal  
1993-1994- Assistant Planning Officer (Section Officer), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Nepal  
1990-1992- Agriculture Economist- Ministry of Waters Resources, Department of Irrigation, Government of Nepal  
1989-1990- Agriculture Technician- National Agriculture Research Council, Government of Nepal

### **Summary of engagement in teaching and research:**

- Faculty member, Development Studies - Purbanchal University, Nepal
  - Teaching “**Public Policy**” Course of Masters in Development Studies in the College of Development Studies from 2007-2022 (Part-time)
- Adjunct Professor- Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Rampur, Chitwan
  - Teaching Masters course in Development Studies, supervising PhD students under the Rural Development and Agriculture Extension Department of AFU.
- Researcher on knowledge system management in Natural Resources (2003-5), Women's Rights and Decentralization (2006-2008) funded by IDRC, a Canadian Research Organization and Migrant Workers (2018-2022) in South Asia, Middle East and Malaysia.

### **Delegations and Participation to International Conventions/Conferences:**

- Member of the delegation of the Government of Nepal to UN LDC IV Conference, 9-13 May 2011, Istanbul, Turkey
- Member of the delegation of the Government of Nepal to COP15 to UNFCCC in Copenhagen ( 7-18 December 2009)
- *Civil Society Delegate and speaker in UN General Assembly on “Promoting Universal Access to Essential Services in LDCs”*, 10 March 2011, United Nations, New York.

### **Board members of government organizations:**

- Former Member of Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC)
- Former Member of the Climate Change Council (CCC)
- Former Chairperson of Nepal Red Cross Society Central Ad hoc Committee

### **Detail professional accomplishments:**

- **2024- Convener, Global Gathering of farmers, workers, youth and other sections of society in Nepal-** representative of 102 countries and 1400 organizations from all 6 continents came to Nepal in Feb 2024, and international organizations such as UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, UN Combating Desertification etc have actively participated in this process and the Secretary General of United Nations extended solidarity message focusing on global peace and security, climate justice (reversing the melting mountain and sea level rise) to save the earth planet and protecting the human rights. I worked as convener of this global gathering, particularly the taking the responsibility communication and coordination functions. One of the interests of organizing this global gathering was to promote Nepal at the global level focusing on tourism and promoting Nepal’s economy.
- **2021-2024- Led a team of researchers** from South Asian Universities and academic institutions on *“Social Protection as an Important Framework for Reducing Inequality and Ending Poverty”*, A triannual report.
- **2020- Chair of the Forest Degradation Investigation Taskforce** formed by the Government of Nepal, to investigate the causes of deforestation in Nepal at a time

when the Sal Forest in some of the districts of Terai and Mid-Hills were cleared unlawfully. The investigation team submitted a set of recommendations for sustainable forest management in Nepal.

- **2018-2020- Coordinated** an academic report on migration entitled “*Migration in South Asia: Poverty and Vulnerability*” and the major highlight of the migrant workers and their vulnerability- highlighting the issues of low and unequal wages, work conditions, and social security. Migration is an international issue that has global, regional, and national dimensions that must be addressed with the framework of the human rights of all migrant workers.
- **2019- Team Member studying on the effectiveness of remittance sent by the migrant workers in Madesh Pradesh of Nepal-** International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) supported Government of Nepal to mobilise the remittance for the economic growth of the migrant workers’ families in Madesh Pradesh of Nepal. I worked as one of the team member for studying on the effectiveness of remittance on the investment for economic development and it was found that most of the amount goes for consumption and only small amount is invested for enterprise development.
- **2018 -Team Leader, Assessment of Quick Impact Projects of Nepal:** Assessed several Quick Impact Projects supported by the government of Japan from 2015- 2017 to build a resilient community in the Earthquake areas of Sindhupalchok and Gorkha districts of Nepal. The projects were implemented under the framework of “build back better” in coordination with the government of Nepal. Assessed the institutional capacity of government agencies such as the Ministry of Agriculture, Physical Development, Women, Children and Social Welfare and National Reconstruction Authority for streamlining and harmonizing the policies and programs of the government agencies to effectively implement the reconstruction programs which include Agriculture as one of the important components. Also facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogues among the government agencies, development partners, community organizations and private sector to streamline and harmonize the policies and programs on reconstruction and rehabilitation through effective coordination.
- **2014- 2016** Facilitated several research projects on agriculture, forestry, climate change, environment management, water protection and utilizations funded by

the government, development partners and private sectors. Coordinated with the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture Development, and Ministry of Local Development and Development, and Private sectors to pull the resources together and bring the experiences of the policies, laws and programs that could enhance the capacity of the excluded and poor farmers and workers of Nepal to mainstreaming them in development.

- **2016, Team Leader- Evaluation of Multi-Stakeholder Forestry Program:** Evaluated the relevancy, effectiveness, efficiency and impact of a government project on the forestry sector commissioned by National Planning Commission (NPC) of the government of Nepal. Organised multiple dialogues between government and private sectors at national level including with the Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Investment (FNCCI) and Ministry of Agriculture Development and Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation particularly focusing on the inconsistencies of policies, regulations and acts in forestry and agriculture sector. Also the policies and laws found to be the major hurdles for the development of the market for agro and NTFP enterprises in Nepal and that has to be leveraged through harmonizing and streamlining the policies, regulations & acts.
- **2015-Multi-Stakeholders' Dialogue Facilitator on Sustainable Development Goals:** Coordinated the multi-stakeholders dialogues process on UN-Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of stakeholder consultation that was initiated by UNDP-Nepal. As engaging private sector in SDGs was one of the focus of the UN, private sectors, government ministries and departments, National Planning Commission, development partners/donors, labor organizations, farmer organizations were brought together to discuss on how all stakeholders could contribute to achieve the goals in relation to Nepal (nature of policies, programs and implementation modalities).
- **2014 -Team Leader of an expert group for an Evaluation of Livelihood and Food Security Interventions:** Assessed the food security interventions and agriculture enterprise model made by local organizations of Nepal in eastern, central and far western regions and provided critical feedbacks to improve the

approaches of agriculture enterprises as the means of livelihood incomes particularly of the poor and marginalized section of the community.

- **2013- National Coordinator, Climate Change and Rural Institutions:** Engaged in a project entitled "Climate Change and Rural Institutions in Nepal" supported by Danish Institute of International Studies (DISS). Responsibility in this job was to maintain the academic rigour of the research bringing intellectual discourse in how the local institutions in Nepal be climate resilient in order to promote local adaptations. Also looked at the interface between the policy, acts, regulations and practice developing a number of case studies.
- **2012, Team member -Capacity Development Expert, Nepal Tropical Forestry and Biodiversity Assessment:** The focus of the assessment was Nepal's biodiversity management, conservation forest including protected area and community-based forest resource management. This assessment was commissioned by USAID headquarters and carried out by ECODIT- a consulting company based in Washington D. C., USA.
- **2012- Team member, Nepal Country Program Evaluation (CPE) of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD):** Completed the evaluation of IFAD's CPE as one of the team members among 6 members evaluation team. Major responsibility in the evaluation was to evaluate the natural resource management component with a focus on agriculture, livestock and forestry.

### **Publications:**

Timsina, N. P. et al 2020, Trend of Urban Growth, Tomorrow Cities, South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Timsina, N. P et al 2016, South Asia and the Future of Pro-people Development: Centrality of Social Justice and Equality, South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE), Kathmandu, Nepal.

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- Timsina, N. P. (2002) Linking Participatory Policy and Actions of Grassroots: Lessons Learned from the Community Forest Management in Nepal, Paper Presented on Participatory Development Forum Conference, Guelph, Canada, 2002.
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- Timsina, N. P. (2001) Harmonising Social Environment and Building Local Economies: A Paper Presented in International Community Development Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand, 2-6 October 2001.
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