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Visit of Honourable Member of National Planning Commission Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal to Geneva

Hon'ble Member Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal of National Planning Commission (NPC) led the Nepali delegation to Geneva for the Technical Workshop on Care, Decent Work and Macroeconomic Policy from 27-28 March 2023 followed by high-level meeting on Social Protection and Employment Policy department on 29 March 2023 at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters. The Honourable Member was joined by NPC official along with representatives from Joint Trade Union Coordination Center (JTUCC), Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), ILO, and UN Women Nepal Country Offices both in person and virtually from Nepal.

The Technical Workshop, hosted by the UN-Women-ILO Joint Programme "Promoting Decent Employment for Women through Inclusive Growth Policies and Investments in the Care economy", provided a platform to showcase results of the UN Women and ILO collaboration at the country level. The Technical Workshop informed on key lessons learned, shared innovative approaches, and reflected on issues and strategic future perspectives/solutions on Care, Decent Work and Macroeconomic Policy. The Workshop brought together government officials, representatives of workers' and employers' organizations, and national implementing partners from Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Nepal and Morocco, as well as experts and country and global teams from UN Women and ILO. Delegates from each of these countries presented the progress they have achieved in the Joint Programme activities.

As part of the global JP, the three policy tools, namely: 1. Assessing fiscal stimulus packages from a gender equality perspective; 2. Assessing the gendered employment impacts of COVID-19 and supporting a gender-responsive recovery and 3. A guide to public investments in the care economy; guided the national implementation. The implementation of these tools influenced gender inclusive post-COVID recovery and growth in the country in line with the 15th national periodic plan and will inform the upcoming plan.

The National Steering Committee (NSC) members of Joint Programme are from National Planning Commission (NPC), Joint Trade Union Coordination Center and Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI) who joined as delegates from Nepal. The tripartite NSC was formed in July 2022 under the leadership of National Planning Commission (NPC) with representatives from the National Women's Commission (NWC), Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCSC); Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), Ministry of Finance (MoF), Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MoICS) and Erstwhile Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) along with JTUCC and FNCCI.

On the first day, Honorable Member Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal and representative Ms. Astha Bhatta from IIDS presented as a panelist on Macroeconomic Policy Responses to COVID-19 through a Gender Equality lens and shared the key findings and lessons from its application of Assessing fiscal stimulus packages from a gender equality perspective in Nepal, and discussion on innovative approaches among participants. It captured what fiscal and monetary fiscal stimulus measures were