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Consultation and Interaction Program on the Draft Approach Paper of the 15th Plan (FY 2076/77- 2080/81) with Long Term Vision

National Planning Commission (NPC) organized a 'Consultation and Interaction Program on the Draft Approach Paper of the Fifteenth Plan with Long Term Vision' on March 12, 2019. Honorable Vice-Chairman of NPC, Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Kadel chaired the program. The program was attended by the heads and representatives of the major external Development Partners and diplomatic missions in Nepal.

The program officially commenced with welcome remarks of Dr. Narayan Raj Poudel, Program Director of NPC. Joint Secretary of NPC, Mr. Khomraj Koirala made a brief presentation on draft 15th Plan (FY 2019/20 - 2023/24) with Long Term Vision. Following the presentation, Honorable Vice Chairman of the National Planning Commission took the program forward by shedding light on NPC's work on formulating the 15th Plan with Long Term Vision. He highlighted and informed that the issues raised from the various level of consultation meetings have been included in the draft approach paper. He expressed his hope of receiving valuable suggestions through this discussion and interaction.

The key issues brought forth by the participants were about the role of provincial and local governments in the federal context, need of increasing investment in education sector, inclusion, alignment of development plan with SDGs and the global aim of "Leaving No One Behind", effective implementation of laws, assessing risks and challenges in achieving the developmental plans, and addressing the issue of migration, amongst others.

In the final segment of the program, Chair of the program, Prof. Dr. Kadel duly addressed the queries and concerns of the participants and reiterated the important role that the external development partners can play in the development process of Nepal. He also expressed thanks to the participating agencies for accepting invitation for the program despite their busy schedules. Assuring the development partners that their valuable input would be incorporated in the approach paper of the 15th Plan with Long Term Vision, the Chair officially concluded the program.

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