

## Vice Chairman Dr. Shrestha participates in HLPF

### Press Statement

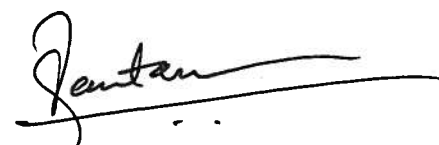
A team of Nepali delegation headed by hon'ble Vice Chairman of the National Planning Commission (NPC) Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha participated in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development organized by the United Nations in New York on Tuesday. Hon'ble Vice Chairman Dr. Shrestha presented Nepal's Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the event. Presenting the VNR, Dr. Shrestha stressed the need of real and meaningful partnership among all stakeholders to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "The need is to forge real and meaningful partnership among all stakeholders to achieve the SDGs. A partnership that not only deliberates, but also delivers," he said.

Stating that the country had set the country-specific SDG-related targets to be achieved by 2030, Vice Chairman said that Nepal had mainstreamed the 2030 Agenda into national plans and policies of the Government of Nepal. "The 17 SDGs have been mapped into the five strategies of the 14th development plan. They are infrastructure development, economic prosperity, social development, governance and crosscutting issues," he said.

Reiterating Nepal's commitment to achieve the targets of the SDGs, Dr. Shrestha said that Nepal had formed three high-level committees to facilitate the implementation of the SDGs. Vice Chairman Shrestha, however, said that the journey of Nepal towards achieving SDGs was full of challenges. "As a landlocked, mountainous and least developed country emerging from the decade-long conflict, and from the devastating earthquakes, Nepal understands that its journey towards achieving SDGs is full of challenges," he maintained.

A five-member delegation headed by NPC Vice Chairman had left for New York on July 14. The other members of the delegation include Member Secretary of the NPC Secretariat Mr. Bishnu Prasad Lamsal, Mr. Lal Shankar Ghimire, Joint Secretary, NPCCS, Mr. Laxman Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Bharat Raj Poudyal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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