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Press Release

A consultative meeting regarding the theme selection of Nepal Human Development Report (NHDR) was organized on 7th August 2018 in National Planning Commission (NPC). The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Pushpa Raj Kandel, Hon. Vice Chairman of the Commission. Ex- Vice Chairmen and members of National Planning Commission, Secretaries from different Ministries, UN Resident Coordinator and representatives from UNDP, private sector, cooperatives, civil society and academia were invited in the meeting.

In the beginning Mr. Laxman Aryal, Secretary, National Planning Commission delivered the welcome speech. Mr. Khomraj Koirala, Joint Secretary, NPC made a presentation on NHDR preparation process, themes of the past NHDR reports and potential themes for the next NHDR.

The potential theme for discussion included: Inclusive Economic Growth in the Federal Context; LDC Graduation and Economic Transformation; Productive Human Capital in Federal Context; Building Resilient Infrastructure and Economy; Industrial Growth and self-reliant Economy; Remittance and Productive Economy; Poverty to Prosperity: Nepal's Journey to Freedom of Choice; Prisoners of Geography: Human Development in Nepal; Productive Human Capital and Inclusive Economic Growth in the Federal Context; Inclusive Economic Growth: Just Development; Efficiency and Equity in the Federal Context; Productive Employment: Way to Prosperity and Governance, Development and Prosperity. After the presentation, Hon. Vice Chairman led the meeting and opened the floor for discussion.

In the meeting most of the dignitaries suggested to select a theme from the suggested potential themes. They highlighted the importance of productive human capital, good governance, effective service delivery and infrastructure and industrial development in the federal context. They also expressed the importance of data for the preparation of NHDR.

Hon. Vice Chairman delivered his closing remarks thanking to all the dignitaries for their valuable comments and suggestions.

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