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Dr. Dil Bahadur Gurung has been a member of the National Planning Commission (NPC), the Government of Nepal (GoN), since 24th April 2018 AD. He is an agricultural scientist and policy expert with experience of almost four decades in agricultural research, development, planning, and management. At the NPC, he oversees Agriculture and Livestock Development, Land Management, Cooperative and Poverty Alleviation, Water Supply and Sanitation, Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 6 and 10, and Coordination of Gandaki Province Development Activities.

Dr. Gurung entered public service in 1983 AD as a Plant Protection Officer of the GoN. Then, he joined the Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC) in 1990 AD. He served in the NARC for 31 years in multiple capacities like a senior scientist, station chief, coordinator of the National Maize Research Council, and eventually the Executive Director of the NARC in 2011 AD. During his tenure at the NARC, he provided scientific leadership in the research and development of Nepal's agricultural sector and reformed the NARC research system.

Under his leadership, the NARC enhanced Nepal's productivity and overall production of major cereal crops and also expanded its services significantly. The NARC developed and distributed several high-yielding improved crop varieties in different agro-ecological zones. Similarly, the hybrid maize program became a national priority in that period. Moreover, the NARC upgraded some of its offices to Disciplinary Divisions and a regional level office in the Far-western region.

He has lent his expertise not only to the Government of Nepal but to various international development partners in Nepal and abroad as well. Some of his engagements include his work as an External Evaluation Team Member for Heat Stress Tolerant Maize for South Asia/ Bureau of Food Security (BFS) of the USAID, and his work as an Agriculture Expert in the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Nepal's Earthquake Emergency Program etc.

Furthermore, he is a member of many professional societies and has published a number of research articles in workshop proceedings and national and peer reviewed index journals.

Dr. Gurung completed BSc in Agriculture from the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Tribhuvan University, Nepal; Masters in Genetics and Plant Breeding from Chandra Sekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology from UP, India; and Ph.D. in Plant Breeding from Central Luzon State University, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.