**VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM ON MCC RATIFICATION**

**2:00 – 4:30 PM Nepal Time, April 29th – 2021**

**Convenor: Nepal USA Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**Modality: Interactive Zoom based virtual public forum for 100 participants**

**Live streamed on YouTube and broadcast live on television for general public**

**Pre and post event promotion through social media, direct marketing and news media**

**Attendees: Invitations to business leaders, parliamentarians, government officials, diplomatic community, donor institutions, INGOs and media**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**2:00 PM**

**Welcome Remarks by Kiran P. Saakha, President, NUSACCI – 3 minutes**

**Session I: Economic Costs and Benefits of MCC Compact Investment**

***21 minutes panel presentations / Q&A for 20 minutes***

**Moderator: Suman Basnet, Independent Renewable Energy & Management Consultant**

* **7 min - Dr. Shanker P. Sharma, Past Nepalese Ambassador to US, Past Vice Chairman of NPC**
* **7 min - Radhesh Pant, Chairman of VRock Company, Former CEO of Nepal Investment Board**
* **7 min – Ashish Garg, Vice President, Independent Power Producers Association of Nepal**

**2:55 PM**

**Session II: Legitimacy of Legal Liability under MCC Compact Agreement**

***21 minutes panel presentations / Q&A for 20 minutes***

**Moderator: Suman Basnet, Independent Renewable Energy & Management Consultant**

* **7 min - Honorable Bala Ram KC, Former Supreme Court Justice**
* **7 min - Rabi Singh, President, Federation of Contractors Association of Nepal**
* **7 min - Prof. Dr. Gandhi Pandit, Attorney at Law and Partner, Gandhi & Associates**

**3: 45 PM**

**Session III: Does MCC Agreement Compromise Nepal’s Sovereignty?**

***22 minutes panel presentations / Q&A for 20 minutes***

**Moderator: Semanta Dahal, Advocate and Partner, Abhinawa Law Chamber**

* **7 min – Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Former Minister for Finance and Former Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
* **5 min – Dr. Dinesh Bhattarai, Professor at Institute of Crisis Management – TU, Former Nepalese Ambassador to UN and several countries, Former Foreign Affairs Advisor to Prime Minister of Nepal**
* **5 min – Prof. Dr. Surya P Subedi, Professor of International Law - University of Leeds, member - Institut de Droit International, Chairman - Board of Editors of Asian Journal of International Law**
* **5 min – Ms. Munkhnasan Naramandakh, Vice Chairperson of AmCham Mongolia and Chairperson of Monpolymet Group, Mongolia**

**Vote of Thanks: Birendra Rajkarnicar, General Secretary, NUSACCI – 2 minutes**