

## CSO Strategy Workshop on Implementation of UPR Recommendations, 7-9 December 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal

# Outcome Charter

The human rights record of Nepal was reviewed for the second time on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the United Nations in Geneva, during the Universal Periodic Review. The State of Nepal received 211 recommendations and will have until the next UPR to implement them.

Within the UPR framework, it is encouraged to include civil society in the implementation of UPR recommendations. The success of CSOs' engagement in the UPR ultimately depends on their ability to follow up on UPR obligations and to form partnerships with their government.

In order to explore possibilities of cooperation among the different stakeholders involved in the UPR process, the Nepalese civil society organisations (see annex 1) met during 3 days to constructively discuss how to collaborate with the Government and other stakeholders to implement UPR recommendations.

As a result of this 3 day workshop, and based on the analysis of all the recommendations received by Nepal, the Civil Society Organisations have agreed to advocate for and to prioritise the following objectives:

- **Adopt a comprehensive national strategy to ensure food and nutrition security for all in line with international standards**
- **Ratify the Optional Protocol to ICESCR**
- **Harmonize Children's Act, Human Trafficking and Control Act and Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act of Nepal in line with international standards and provisions followed by its effective implementation with required resources by 2017.**
- **Make domestic legal provisions on children with disability in line with international standards and provisions along with its effective Implementation in all settings by 2018**
- **Ratify the 3rd optional protocol on CRC on a Communications Procedure by 2017.**
- **Legalize same sex marriage taking into consideration the report submitted by the same sex marriage committee in 2014**
- **Introduce LGBTI friendly and inclusive laws and policies to protect and promote rights of LGBTI as enshrined in the constitution, and its effective implementation**
- **Adopt national legislation criminalizing torture in line with the Convention against torture by 2016.**
- **Implement the Supreme Court verdict to ensure that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Commission on Enforced Disappearance function in accordance with international standards**

- **Amend the NHRC Act in line with the Paris Principle in order to ensure its independence and financial autonomy by 2016**
- **Bring broader media law and policy by encompassing internet rights by 2017.**
- **Ratify the International Covenant on Enforced Disappearance**
- **Ratify the ICC in order to bring the perpetrator of serious crimes to justice.**
- **Ensure primary education in mother tongue for ethnic children by 2017**
- **Ensure inclusion of all communities in new constitution building process so as they can have ownership**
- **Ratify International Convention of Rights of Migrant Worker (ICRMW) by 2017**
- **No limitation in the duration of registration of rape cases (currently 6 months)**
- **Compulsory provision of FIR and Audio/ video recording of victims of sexual violence to be done in compulsory presence of the Female police officer**
- **Safe Houses will be provisioned for protection of women and children survivor in all districts**
- **Advocate for creating an enabling environment for engaging all stakeholders for the implementation of NHRP by 2016**
- **Assist for the implementation of constitutional provisions related to Dalit and Person with Disability**
- **Develop and implement appropriate policies for just and proper rehabilitation of ex-bonded labourers (19059 Freed Haliyas, 5000 ex-Kamaiyas and 14000 Kamhlaris)**
- **Ensure meaningful participation of ex-bonded labourers in the service delivery agencies (i- e Government, Parliament, Political Parties)**
- **Equal rights to women to transfer citizenship**

With this outcome charter, the signatories commit to continue working on the implementation of UPR recommendations, together with all relevant stakeholders, and to meet regularly in order to facilitate the discussion and provide updates on the statute of their activities.

Kathmandu, 9 December 2015