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### Draft of the Program

**Conference of the Progressive Alliance: “Together for Progress and Justice – facing new developments, supporting democracy and fostering renewal in times of change“**

29-30 June 2018, Kathmandu, Nepal

### Friday, 29 June 2018

Venue: Hotel Himalaya

Sahid Sukra Marg

Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Nepal 44700

08.00 hrs **Registration**

09.00 hrs **Meeting of the Steering Committee**

*All parties and associated organizations of the Progressive Alliance are entitled to send delegates to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee prepares the convention, discusses resolutions and the upcoming activities of the Progressive Alliance.*

Chaired by **Konstantin Woinoff**, Coordinator,  
Progressive Alliance

#### Welcome

**Prakash Sharan Mahat**, Joint-General Secretary, Nepali  
Congress Party (NC), Nepal

#### Introduction into the program



**Machris Cabreros**, Co-ordinator of the Network for Social Democracy in Asia (SocDem Asia), President of Akbayan

Introduction into the input paper

Reports on current developments

10.00 hrs

**Coffee Break**

10.30 hrs

**Working Group on Gender**

Chaired by **Marja Bijl**, Vice-president of **PES Women** and **Bahia Amra**, Palestinian National Initiative

Welcome and Prospects of Gender Equality in Nepal

**Dina Upadhaya**, Member of the Central Working Committee, Nepali Congress Party (NC), Nepal

Prospects of Gender Equality in Indonesia

**S.S. Suryaningsih**, National Democratic Party, (Nasdem Women), Indonesia

Prospects of Gender Equality in Costa Rica

**Margarita Bolaños Arquín**, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, Citizens' Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica

11.15 hrs

**Working Group on Recent Developments in Asia**

Chaired by **Machris Cabreros**, Co-ordinator of the Network for Social Democracy in Asia (SocDem Asia), President of Akbayan

Report about the current situation in Nepal

**N. P. Saud**, Member of the Central Working Committee, Nepali Congress Party (NC), Nepal

Report on the elections in Malaysia



**Yap Kok Weng**, Democratic Action Party (DAP),  
Malaysia

Current situation in the Philippines

**Garry Lazaro**, Vice-President, Citizens' Action Party  
(Akbayan), Philippines

12.00 hrs

**Lunch**

14.00 hrs

**Plenary Session**

**Welcome and Keynote "Supporting democracy and  
fostering renewal in times of change"**

**Sher Bahadur Deuba**, President, Nepali Congress Party  
(NC), Nepal (tbc)

14.20 hrs

**Speech**

**Herta Däubler-Gmelin**, Former Minister of Justice,  
Chair of the Human Rights Commission of the Social  
Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Germany

14.35 hrs

**Speech**

**Tserenjamts Munkhtseteg**, Mongolian People's Party  
(MPP), Mongolia

14.50 hrs

**Video**

15.00 hrs

**Key Debate: "Supporting democracy and fostering  
renewal in times of change"**

**Åsa Eriksson**, Member of Parliament, Swedish Social  
Democratic Party (SAP), Sweden

**Norbert Neuser**, Member of the European Parliament,  
Group of Socialists & Democrats (S&D Group)



**Minendra Rijal**, Member of the Central Working Committee, Nepali Congress Party (NC), Nepal

**Uri Zaki**, Member of Executive Committee, Meretz Party, Israel

Moderator: **Giacomo Filibeck**, Deputy Secretary General, Party of European Socialists (PES)

16.10 hrs

**Video**

16.15 hrs

**Introduction into the topic: “Together for progress and social justice”**

**Kent Härstedt**, Member of Parliament, Swedish Social Democratic Party (SAP), Sweden

16.30 hrs

**Speech**

**José Teixeira**, Fretilin, Timor Leste

16.45 hrs

**Leaders’ Debate: “Together for progress and social justice”**

**Margarita Bolaños Arquín**, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, Citizens’ Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica

**Doru Frunzulica**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of Socialists & Democrats (S&D Group)

**Jeong Hyeyeon**, Deputy Party Leader, Justice Party, Republic of Korea

**Ram Sharan Mahat**, Former Finance Minister and senior member, Nepali Congress Party (NC), Nepal

Moderator: **Anna Sundström**, Secretary General, Olof Palme International Center (OPIC)



17.55 hrs **Video**

18.00 hrs **Family Photo and Closure**

19.00 hrs **Reception**

Venue: Hotel Himalaya

Kathmandu

**Saturday, 30 June 2018**

10.00 hrs **Field Visits: Opportunities of Nepalese hydropower - potential for social just and sustainable development**

The Nepali Congress invites participants of the Progressive Alliance conference to visit Nepal's first Hydropower Plant in Pharping which opened in 1911 and is now a living museum. The mayor of the municipality as well as other experts will share first-hand information on the plant as well as the role of water resources for the socio-economic development of Nepal nationally as well as locally. Pharping is a village situated 20 km south of Kathmandu in the rural part of Kathmandu valley.

14.00 hrs **End of the Conference**