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(SCAEF), NEPAL**
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Editorial

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to state on behalf of the Communication and Publication Sub-committee of the newly constituted SCAEF's Executive Committee that the first Newsletter (Issue #1, April-2024) is here for your service. In continuation to its commitment to the primary tenets of Communication, Capacity-Building and Promotion of Professional Ethics and Integrity in pertinence to the consulting industry, I am very pleased to announce the issuance of Newsletter Issue #1 which provides a comprehensive



description of the various events/milestones conducted/achieved by SCAEF's Executive Committee during the period. It is to be noted that the activities as completed during this particular time-frame are in strict consonance with SCAEF's overarching philosophy regarding the promotion of consulting industry in Nepal, and the various interlinked activities to facilitate the same. Therefore, it has covered a broad range of activities; from the planning of various workshops/trainings, inter-agency communication/coordination, timely discussion on the contemporary issues, righteous advocacy etc. As the valued members of our fraternity, your constructive feedback on the current progress as well as your suggestions will be dearly appreciated.

Thank you!

Happy New Year 2081 B.S. to you all !

Dr. Sudeep Adhikari, Chairman
Publication and Communication Sub-Committee

Message from the 18th EC President



Dear Readers,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with anticipation for the year ahead. On behalf of the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) Nepal, I extend a warm welcome to each of you.

In the coming months, we anticipate facing new challenges and embracing new opportunities. Together, we will navigate these waters, drawing on the collective

expertise and dedication of our member firms. Your participation in our events, sharing of insights, and engagement with fellow members are not only encouraged but essential to our growth and impact.

I invite you to contribute to our newsletters by sharing articles, achievements, and stories of excellence. Your contributions will enrich our community and inspire others.

A special thanks to the Publication and Communication Committee of SCAEF for their hard work in bringing this newsletter to life. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to working closely with each member firm.

Best wishes to all colleagues and member firms on the occasion of New Year 2081 B.S.

Er. Thakur P Sharma
President

Public Discourses

In alignment with its commitment to the professional security of its member firms, SCAEF undertook a comprehensive review of various bid documents issued by public entities during this period. Our objective was to enhance transparency, consistency, and adherence to Public Procurement guidelines. Issues were identified through regular Executive Meetings and feedback

shared by member firms. SCAEF actively encourages member firms to engage in this process as part of institutional advocacy and capacity-building efforts for consulting firms, professionals, and clients involved in the procurement process. The associated table provides detailed information on the reviewed bid documents and corresponding feedback provided by SCAEF.

Bid	Bid Type	Date	Client	Issues collated, and coordinated and conveyed by SCAEF	Response from the Public Entity
Detailed Engineering Survey, Soil Investigation, Hydrological Study and Detailed Design of total 13 bridges.	RFP	January 8, 2024	Madan Bhandari Highway Project Directorate (MBHPD)	Regarding Inconsistency in Specific experience requirement in EOI and RFP document	Timely responded by the public entity with the raised issues adequately addressed.
Consultancy Service for Integrated Periodic Plan Preparation for 13 Local levels of Sudurpaschim Province.	RFP	January 10, 2024	Sudurpashchim province Research and Training Academy.	Shortlisting against preset criteria and Requirements.	No official response from the client
“Rainfall Induced Landslide Study and Threshold Determination” RFP No.: DHM/CD/C/RFP/17-2080/81	RFP	March 05, 2024	Department of Hydrology and Meteorology	Attachment of Copy of Certificate along with CV.	No official response from the client
Detailed Engineering Design and Preparation of Tender Documents [Sunkoshi 3 Hydropower Project]	EOI	January 19, 2024	Nepal Electricity Authority	Threshold Criteria for Joint Venture Firms, Detailed Engineering Design Experience and Constructed and Commissioned Experience.	No official response from the client

Bid	Bid Type	Date	Client	Issues collated, and coordinated and conveyed by SCAEF	Response from the Public Entity
Consulting Services for Design Review, Project Management and Construction Supervision Consultant (PMSCS) of Lumbini Provincial Hospital (LPH)	EOI	February 01, 2024	Provincial Infrastructure Development Authority Lumbini Province	Regarding PMC, General Experience of Consulting Firm, Breakdown of Score, Specific Experience, Principle of Geographic Experience, Turnover etc.	Timely responded by the public entity with the raised issues adequately addressed.
Consulting Services for Engineering Design and Construction Supervision of Multipurpose Hall Building and other New Constructions, Renovation works and Allied works for Tribhuvan University, Mahendra Ratna Campus, Tahachal	EOI	February 11, 2024	Mahendra Ratna Campus	The issues regarding years of establishment, breakdown of Score, Minimum and Maximum requirements, Specific experience, Geographic experiences, JV partners, Time Schedule.	No official response from the client
Request for the proposal for Consultancy Service (Tender Notice) announced by Citizens Bank.	Tender Notice	March 05, 2024	Nepal Bankers Association	Bid document fee and Bid bond (5%) for consultancy service should not be applicable and consultancy service selection Should be done on the basis of standard norms of Nepal government.	No official response from the client
Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Design and Construction Supervision Consultant (DSC) in Pokhara Metropolitan City Urban Resilience and Livability Improvement Project (URLIP); Package No: URLIP/PKR/CS/02	EOI	March 12, 2024	Pokhara Metropolitan City	The provision of Similar experience of at least 5 years for each JV partner should not be adopted because it breaches the theme of formation of JV and Management Certification (ISO) should not be a mandatory criteria for selection.	Timely responded by the public entity with Clarification on the issues adequately addressed.

Major Discussions during the EC Meetings

Meeting Identification	Date	Key Issues under Discussion
EC Meeting #757	16 January 2024	Action plan of 2024, FIDIC ASPAC Conference.
EC Meeting #758	23 January 2024	Advisory Committee, Theme of FIDIC ASPAC Conference
EC Meeting #759	29 January 2024	Budget for 2024.
EC Meeting #760	5 February 2024	Chairperson and Members of Sub Committee
EC Meeting #761	20 February 2024	Preparation of FIDIC ASPAC Conference, Change of Office time Schedule.
EC Meeting #762	4 March 2024	SCAEF Alumni, Progress on implementation of past decisions.
EC Meeting #763	18 March 2024	Work progress of Sub Committee, Meet-Up Schedule.

Events, Participation and Activities of SCAEF from January 2024 to March 2024:

Handover of 18th EC

The 17th Executive Committee (EC) handed over the responsibilities to newly elected 18th EC on January 12, 2024 at BEV lounge, Baneshwor.

Election for formation of 18th EC was held at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur on 29th December, 2023. The gathering of representative of member firm elected the following committee members:

S.N.	Name	Designation	Associated Firm
1.	Er. Thakur P Sharma	President	Full Bright Consultancy (P) Ltd.
2.	Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh	Vice President	Technical Interface (TI)
3.	Er. Kamal Karki	General Secretary	SLATE Consultants (P) Ltd.
4.	Er. Mandakini Karki	Deputy General Secretary	Soil Test (P) Ltd.
5.	Er. Shrawan Kumar Thapa	Treasurer	North Star Engineering Consultant (P) Ltd.
6.	Er. Amod Kumar Thapa	Member	Project Engineering Consultancy And Research (P) Ltd.
7.	Er. Dipendra Kumar Jha	Member	Pertinent Engineering Consultancy (P) Ltd.
8.	Er. Krishna Singh Basnet	Member	Fuji International Design Associates (FIDA)
9.	Ar. Nabin Ghising	Member	Green Design Solution P. Ltd.
10.	Er. Ranjit Lalchan	Member	Engineering & Planning Solution Consultancy (P) Ltd.
11.	Er. Tarun Ranjan Dutta	Member	Universal Engineering & Management Consult (P) Ltd.
12.	Er. Tuk Lal Adhikari	Immediate Past President	ITECO Nepal (P) Ltd.



Formation of Sub Committee

The Coordinators of Subcommittees for the 18th Executive Committee were appointed during the 758th Executive Committee meeting of the Society of Consulting Architectural and

Engineering Firms Nepal (SCAEF-Nepal) held on 23rd January, 2024. Below is the list of subcommittees along with their coordinators.

S. N.	Sub-Committee	Chairperson	Coordinator	Members
1	Ethics and Integrity	Er. Badan Lal Nyachhyon	Er. Krishna Singh Basnet	Er. Nishesh Shakya Er. Anup Keshar Singh Thapa Ar. Damodar Acharya
2	PDCB	Er. Ram Udar Yadav	Ar. Nabin Ghising	Ar. Mukti Ratna Bajracharya Er. Sushil Dawadi Er. Parbat Bhandari Er. Prajwol Karki
3	NIRD	Ar. Rajesh Thapa	Er. Mandakini Karki	Er. Rajan Raj Pande Er. Hitesh Raj Pant Ms. Shova Kumari Poudel
4	IDM	Dr. Hare Ram Shrestha	Mr. Dipendra Kumar Jha	Er. Bibek Singh Er. Nabin Thakur Er. Yagya Raj Bhatta
5	Publication and Communication	Dr. Er. Sudeep Adhikari	Er. Tarun Ranjan Dutta	Er. Umesh Dhital Er. Bikash Dhonju
6	Award and CSR	Er. Subhash Acharya	Er. Amod Kumar Thapa	Er. Jagadiswar Nath Shrestha Er. Lokesh Sapkota Er. Sunil Ghaju
7	Fellowship	Er. Kichah Chitrakar	Er. Ranjit Lalchan	Ar. Aruna Tandukar Er. Bharat Chalise Er. Utsav Subedi
8	Financial Management	Er. Nidar Shrestha	Er. Shrawan Kumar Thapa	Ms. Jeena Kharel Er. Ashaya Ojha

*PDCB- Professional Development and Capacity Building

NIRD - National and International Relationship Development

IDM - Institutional Development and Membership

Formation of Advisor Committee

On January 23, 2024 the 758th EC meeting concluded with formation of

Advisor committee. The following list is of Advisor committee:

S.N.	Name	Associated Firm
1.	Er. Prakash Rudra Shrestha	Nepalconsult (P) Ltd.
2.	Er. Bal Sundar Malla	CEMAT Consultants (P) Ltd.
3.	Er. Badan Lal Nyachhon	MULTI Disciplinary Consultants (P) Ltd.
4.	Er. Ram Bahadur Shrestha	BDAnepal (P) Ltd.
5.	Er. Keshav Kunwar	Sub Structural Consult (P) Ltd.
6.	Dr. Er. Hare Ram Shrestha	SIDEF Consultants (P) Ltd.
7.	Ar. Rajesh Thapa	Architects Collaborate (Nepal) (P) Ltd.
8.	Er. Tuk Lal Adhikari	ITECO Nepal (P) Ltd.

Participation in Interaction program organized by National Statistics office

On 14th February, 2023, the National Statistics Office hosted an interaction program titled "Architectural and Engineering Activities and Related

were representing the organization. During this event, the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) declared its commitment to cooperate and support the survey of Architectural and Engineering Activities and Related Technical Consultancy.

Technical Consultancy" aimed for rebasing. Among the attendees President Er. Thakur Prasad Sharma and EC member Er. Amod Kumar Thapa



Participation in an Interaction program organized by Public procurement and monitoring office

President Er. Thakur Prasad Sharma and Coordinator of the Ethics and Integrity Subcommittee Er. Krishna Singh Basnet took part in an interaction program on 24th February at the Public Procurement and Monitoring Office (PPMO) to discuss the initial draft for

the amendment of the Public Procurement Act, 2006. They offered suggestions to improve consultancy services and recommended these to the relevant authorities for inclusion in the amendment.

Participation in National Seminar organized by SOTEN

On February 24, 2024, Er. Kamal Karki, the General Secretary of SCAEF Nepal, participated as the representative of the collaborating partner at the National Seminar on

Transforming Transport for Shared Prosperity, organized by the Society of Transport Engineers Nepal (SOTEN). The seminar was held at the Himalayan Hotel in Lalitpur.



Meeting With President of FIDIC Asia Pacific

On March 10, 2024, a meeting was convened in Kathmandu, Nepal, with Mr. Sudhir Dhawan, President of FIDIC Asia Pacific. The Executive Committee, headed by President Mr. Thakur P Sharma, and comprising IPP Mr. Tuk Lal

Adhikari, General Secretary Mr. Kamal Karki, Deputy General Secretary Ms. Mandakini Karki, and EC member Mr. Dipendra Kumar Jha, attended the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting included:

1. Providing updates on the FIDIC ASPAC Conference scheduled for November 18th to 20th, 2024, and its ongoing preparations.
2. Sharing insights into SCAEF's operational procedures, membership, and activities, such as SCAEF day celebrations and SCAEF awards.
3. Discussing pertinent issues within the consulting sectors, market trends, and job opportunities.

Mr. Dhawan expressed his sincere willingness to extend support to SCAEF

in every possible manner, demonstrating a spirit of goodwill and collaboration



Online meeting with FIDIC International Team

SCAEF's team had cordial online meeting with FIDIC international team on March 11, 2024. The following were the attendees of the meeting:

SCAEF, Nepal

1. Er. Thakur P Sharma, President
2. Er. Kamal Karki, General Secretary
3. Er. Mandakini Karki, Deputy General Secretary

FIDIC

1. Mr. Nelson Ogunshakin OBE, Chief Executive Officer
2. Anil Iyer, Membership and Stakeholder Committee
3. Oro Cohen, Senior Membership and Stakeholder Executive

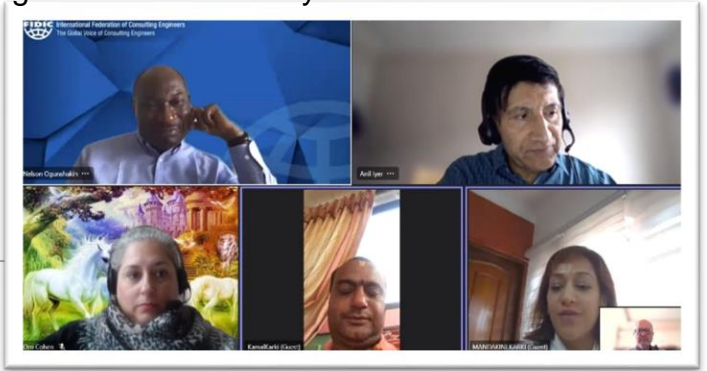
FIDIC team congratulated the new executive of SCAEF Nepal and assured of working and supporting SCAEF Nepal. Few points that are in discussions were;

- i. Restructuring of Membership Subscription Fee for Member Associations (MA). It is learnt that this issue had been brought to the notice of FIDIC from various member association and the they are in the process of reviewing and come-up with new model that will come into force possibly from next year. SCAEF also shared its views and also provided them the database of our revenue model based on turnover of the member firms.
- ii. SCAEF shared its views on the provisions of multilateral development bank (MDB) of not accounting the works done by national firms as sub-consultant in the experience in general, which has hindered its growth in the national as well international market. FIDIC has requested SCAEF to share this view in written so that they can take it up with the MDB's when they meet. SCAEF's suggestion was to

either account for this experience or a preference for the consortium if the national firms are in Joint Venture with the international firms.

- iii. We also put across to have cost effective FIDIC accredited trainers in the region from the affordability of MAs to conduct different modules, cost effectively as MDBs are using FIDIC Contracts/Suites widely in their projects in Nepal.

The online meeting was concluded with remarks of working closely together in the future for the growth of the industry.



Meeting with WWF/ALIGN

On March 12, 2024, A meeting was convened between Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF), Nepal and WWF/ALIGN (Asia's Linear Infrastructure SafeGuarding Nature) project team at SCAEF's secretariat office.

The discussion was productive, centering on the accomplishments outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and exploring opportunities for future collaboration.

Mr. Sandesh Singh Hamal and Mr. Padam Bahadur Chand, represented the WWF/ALIGN project and the Executive Committee led by President Mr. Thakur

P Sharma along with IPP Mr. Tuk Lal Adhikari, General Secretary Mr. Kamal Karki, Deputy General Secretary Ms. Mandakini Karki, and EC member Mr. Amod Kumar Thapa and Mr. Tarun Ranjan Dutta were present in the meeting.



Preliminary Sub Committee Meeting

On March 13, 2024, Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms Nepal (SCAEF) held its "Preliminary Sub Committee Meeting" at Coriander Garden, Shantinagar. It was an insightful session

where chairman and members from various sub-committees, formed by the 18th Executive Committee of SCAEF, came together.

The meeting commenced with introductions, team building among the members of Sub-Committees. Discussions focused upon the activities and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of each sub-committee, laying the groundwork for future endeavors.

It was a productive session filled with strategic planning and collaboration, setting the stage for impactful initiatives in the field of architecture and engineering.



Meeting with UNOPS

On March 22, 2024, a productive discussion took place, between representatives from UNOPS (Nepal) and the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) at the SCAEF office. The focus of the discussion centered on Infrastructure Asset Management (IAM) and the identification of Enabling Environment (EE) Gap Assessment in Nepal.

The key highlight of the conversation was the exploration of significant gaps in infrastructure asset management from the government side. Representatives from UNOPS-Nepal were Mr. Suman Mehar Shrestha and Ms. Pooja Rijal, while SCAEF was represented by President Er. Thakur Prasad Sharma, Vice President Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh, General Secretary Er.

Kamal Karki, and EC members Er. Krishna Singh Basnet, Ar. Nabin Ghising, Er. Dipendra Kumar Jha, and Er. Tarun Ranjan Dutta.

The meeting served as a platform for insightful exchanges aimed at addressing critical infrastructure challenges and fostering collaboration for sustainable development in Nepal.



SCAEF Award Alumni Meet-up

Within an ambiance of solidarity and inspiration, the SCAEF Award Alumni meet-up unfolded on March 29, 2024, at Maitri Hall of the Indreni Suites Hotel, New Baneshwor.

Gathering together the recipients of both the KMA Award and the SCAEF Award, the event sparkled with shared memories and impactful discussions surrounding their potential contributions to the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF).

Gracing the occasion with presence of Mrs. Tara Amatya, Trustee of the KMA Award, added a touch of prestige to the proceedings. The Fellowship Subcommittee arranged the event with

careful attention to detail, ensuring a seamless and engaging experience for all attendees.

Reflecting on the success of the meet-up, the 18th Executive Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to all alumni who graced the event with their presence, enriching it with their wisdom and camaraderie. As new connections were forged and memories were shared, the spirit of excellence and collaboration that defines SCAEF was truly celebrated.

Indeed, the SCAEF Award Alumni meet-up stands as an evidence to the continuing legacy of excellence and bond within the consulting community.



Member Firms Meet Up Program

On March 29, 2024, the incredible Meet-up Program organized by SCAEF brought member firms together for a discussion on the current landscape of the consulting industry and the role of SCAEF. The event, led by the Ethics and Integrity Subcommittee, was held at the Maitri Hall of Indreni Suites Hotel, New Baneshwor.

During the engaging discussion, participants discussed on six key themes shaping the future of consulting:

1. Priority Activities for SCAEF
2. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of SCAEF and Member Firms
3. Strengthening Relationships between Member Firms
4. Ensuring sustainability in consulting firms
5. Enhancing the image building of the consulting profession
6. Addressing job opportunities and competitive challenges in the industry

The Voice of Member Firm Meet-up concluded with a series of resolutions addressing these crucial themes, setting a solid foundation for future collaboration and growth.

Er. Badan Lal Nyachhyon, Advisor of the Ethics and Integrity Sub-committee, showcased the program outline. President Er. Thakur Prasad Sharma delivered a remarkable speech, highlighting the

significant efforts and initiatives undertaken by SCAEF. General Secretary Er. Kamal Karki extended a warm welcome to all participants, setting the tone for a productive and inclusive discussion. Vice President Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh expressed gratitude and appreciation in his vote of thanks, acknowledging the valuable contributions of every participant towards the success of the event.



Upcoming Trainings under Professional Development and Capacity Building

S.No.	Training	Proposed Date
1.	Bridge Design Training for Beginners	7-11 April 2024
2.	Bridge Design Training (Intermediate level)	21-25 April 2024
3.	PRIMAVERA Training (Intermediate level)	22-25 April 2024

New Member Firms Joining SCAEF:

Member No.	Firm's Name	Official Address	Authorized Representative
M 266	Eco Smart Engineering (P) Ltd.	Jwagal-10, Kupondole, Lalitpur	Er. Prakash Adhikaree
M 267	Scholars Consult (P) Ltd.	Tokha-7, Kathmandu, Nepal	Er. Netra Lal Sapkota
M 268	Maharudra Group (P) Ltd.	Bakhundole, Lalitpur-3	Er. Saroj Dhital
M 269	Pokhara Building Designers Group (P) Ltd.	Pokhara-9, Kaski	Er. Suresh Prasad Shrestha
M 270	Engineering and Educational Services (P) Ltd.	UN park, Lalitpur	Er. Sandip Adhikari

NOTICE:

Call for Articles

Publication and Communication Sub- Committee of SCAEF-Nepal cordially invites prospective authors to contribute articles for publication in the upcoming edition of SCAEF Mirror. This is an excellent opportunity to share your insights, expertise, and innovative ideas with our admired audience.

Whether you have research findings, case studies, industry analyses or inspiring perspectives to offer, we welcome your submissions. Articles covering a wide range of topics related to consulting architectural and engineering practices, technological advancements, project management, sustainability, and more are highly encouraged.

Grab this opportunity to highlight your expertise and enrich the knowledge-sharing platform of SCAEF Mirror. We eagerly await your valuable contributions.

Please email your articles to pc@scaef.org.np with the subject line "SCAEF Mirror Submission"