

1st National Cooperative Congress

Kathmandu Declaration 2014

The Kathmandu Declaration-2014 issued at the programme organized in Kathmandu from 25-27 March, 2014 in a joint initiation of the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Cooperative and Poverty Alleviation, the National Cooperative Federation of Nepal, the National Cooperative Development Board and the Department of Cooperatives.

The cooperative movement which was at first, introduced in Chitwan district of Nepal with the establishment of a cooperative known as Bakhanpur Credit Cooperative Society and created an environment of trust among the people of Nepal. Today, to further strengthen the cooperative movement, the cooperative sector has been recognized as one of the three pillars of the national economic development through generating self-employment, making contribution to poverty reduction through the remarkable cooperative enterprises.

This movement reckons the public trust upon cooperatives and hereby announces this Kathmandu Declaration-2014 by recognizing the people's enthusiasm, trust and involvement towards cooperatives.

1. Take an initiation in setting constitutional privileges about sustainable development and social justice through cooperatives.
2. Take necessary initiation to amend the existing Cooperative Act, Rules and Regulations to make them cooperative friendly.
3. Incorporate the best practices of cooperatives from across the globe to run cooperatives in line with the cooperative principles, values and philosophies.
4. Develop the trained human resources and promote education, training and information system with a view to ensuring production and qualitative financial services.
5. Increase the participation of women, youth and people from marginalized class and regions for social and economic empowerment to create equitable society through cooperatives.
6. Increase the access of cooperative sector for the agricultural production, processing and marketing for the product diversification, commercialization and to ensure food sovereignty and food security.
7. Act for establishing the cooperative sector as best business model as envisioned by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
8. Take initiative for creating conducive environment for the enterprises which may render services in different sectors according to needs of the nation and society through cooperatives.
9. Remain effortful for the autonomy and freedom of cooperatives/unions and their solidarity affiliating all primary cooperatives/unions to their respective unions; a separate mechanism for the effective regulation and monitoring of cooperatives to be formed in involvement of cooperative movement
10. Enhance the relation and coordination among all the related sectors working for strengthening cooperative sector especially with the state, cooperative sectors and stakeholders to enhance access and quality service to those areas where cooperatives are not introduced and established yet.
11. To make double contribution of cooperative sector in GDP of Nepal within the coming five years by mobilizing the resources and means for the growth in production; sustainable economic development, employment generation, poverty reduction and building equitable society.