



Brief Report of Nepali Dalit CSOs Engagement in
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Background

With the slogan "Another world is possible!", Asia Pacific Social Forum (APSF), held from November 1–5, 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand, bringing together grassroots movements, civil society groups, and activists from across the region. The forum was started with a welcoming ceremony featuring cultural performances and remarks from dignitaries, followed by the solidarity march and a cultural night. Over the five days, participants were engaged in thematic discussions, grassroots mobilization, network building, and cultural exchange, ending with an assembly focused on social movements, followed by a culturally rich closing ceremony rooted in Thai tradition.

Taking as the important platform, Nepali Dalit Community participated in APSF and shared their experience, learned and further overcome the challenges that the community has been facing as well as adopting the new avenue and strategies for effective collaboration and cooperation to eliminate the discrimination based on caste, class, gender, color, origin, sexuality, generation, geography, cultural traits and the like.

With the coordination of Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) had successfully organized an interaction program in title **The Roadmap to End Caste Discrimination in Asia Pacific Region.**

Objectives

The primary objective of the Dalit CSO Engagement in APSF was to strongly raise the Nepali Dalit issues of historical marginalization based on caste-discrimination, untouchability, atrocities, exclusion, suppression, subjugation, negation and share their experiences and learning while doing advocacy and campaign to bring about the more inclusive state machinery and just society. Review the agenda of the

previous World Social Forum, assess the implementation status and seek further cooperation and collaboration in future WSF. The specific objectives were to:

- i. Strongly raise the voices of Dalits issues of historical marginalization on the ground of historical caste-based atrocities – discrimination and untouchability; social exclusion and subjugation as well as suppression and negation and share the experiences and learning;
- ii. Review the agenda of previous WSF and assess the implementation status of those agenda set forth then on the part of government and create pressure for translating those issues into realities for Dalits and marginalized communities; and
- iii. Set and adopt further innovative ideas and strategies for ending discrimination and creating a just society and achieve the human dignity for all by coordinated and collaborative effort and also discuss about the potential issues and challenges for the upcoming WSF.

DNF representatives

Dalit NGO Federation had nominated JB Bishwakarma, chair of DNF and Padam Bahadur BK (Sushil BK) vice chair, as a representative of DNF to participate in the Asia Pacific Social Forum, Bangkok.

Performed Activities

In Nepal, DNF organized several meetings to identify the major stakeholders prepare and make the program collective. After this, the main theme, **The Roadmap to End Caste Discrimination in Asia Pacific Region** was finalized and speakers were selected. Based on this decision DNF register the APSF and booking the venue for November 2, 2025.

Interaction Program held in Thailand

The interaction program was successfully organized in Bangkok, Thailand during Asia Pacific Social Forum in title **The Roadmap to End Caste Discrimination in Asia Pacific Region**. Dalit NGO Federation and World Dignity Forum collaborate with different civil society organizations in Nepal and India that includes NACDAOR, ICDR, ADRF, MDNF, FEDO, NNDSWO, ADWAN, DWO, DWA, CDWN, NEPSCON, SYAF-Nepal, DHR-Nepal, Samata Foundation, Samabeshi Foundation, RDN, Dignity Initiatives, Jagaran Media Center, Jana Utthan Pratisthan, DANAR etc and jointly organized the program.



CSOs leader of Asia Pacific and Europe was participated in the program. Dr. Arjun Karki, Former ambassador and IC member of WSF, Ashok Bharati, IC member of WSF and Dalit leader of India, Pierre Grg, IC member of WSF and CSO leader of France, Arjun Bhatrai, president of NFN, Renu Sijapati, chair of IDSN and general secretary of FEDO, Pradeep Pariyar, chair of Dalit live matter, Dr. Saman Maksat, child rights activist of Thailand and TS Aujha, human rights defender of India, delivered the speech in the topic. They highlighted the issued to end the caste based discrimination in the region, such as; reduce inequality, develop strong social movement, implementation of constitutional and legal provision, inclusive society, economic justice, invest in education for marginalize community, conduct digital campaign etc.

The chair person of Dalit NGO Federation and coordinator of World Dignity Forum JB Bishwakarma chaired and vice chair of DNF Sushil BK moderate the program.







Attend Solidarity march

The representatives of DNF and other leaders of Dalit CSOs of Nepal were participated solidarity march, which was organized Asia Pacific Social Forum organized committee.



Attend different program and raised voice of Dalit

The organizing committee of APSF and other CSOs organized different side event in APSF. DNF team participated in different program related to Dalit issues and raised the voice of Dalit community.





Networking and Advocacy

DNF take APSF as an important platform to networking and advocacy and visited different organization and leader during the period of APSF. DNF team met Amitabh Behar, international director and Mustafa Talpur, Asia Regional Head of Advocacy and Campaigns of Oxfam International. Similarly, DNF team met the International Members of World Social Forum, Dr. Arjun Karki, Ashok Bharati, Pierre Grg and Ardo Sow and raised the issues of Dalit to address in coming World Social Forum. DNF team also discussed focusing about Dalit issues and World Dignity Forum with Ardo Sow, the convener of WSF 2026, Benin.





Preparation for World Dignity Forum 2026 in Benin

DNF team takes the opportunity to discuss about the preparation of World Dignity Forum, which will be held in Benin in 2026 as the part of World Social Forum. We discussed with Ashok Bharati, the founder of World Dignity Forum, Ardo Sow, the convener of WSF 2026, Benin and other Dalit CSOs leader and make plan to organize effectively WDF in Benin. As per the plan, we will organize virtual meetings, coordinate global CSOs and make strong voice for WSF in Benin.



Schedule

The Roadmap to End Caste Discrimination in Asia Pacific Region

Date: November 2, 2025, Bangkok, Thailand

Moderator: Sushil BK,

Vice president of DNF

S.N.	Time	Program	Remark
1	9.00-9.30	Registration	
2	9.30-9.45	<p><u>Chair of the program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JB Bishwakarma, Chair of DNF, Coordinator of World Dignity Forum <p><u>Call on Dias</u></p> <p><u>Chief Guest :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ashok Bharati, Chair NACDAOR, Founder, World Dignity fourm <p><u>Special Guest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Arjun Karki, Former Ambassador <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arjun Bhattraï, Chair, NGO Federation of Nepal.• Renu Sijapati, Chair, International Dait Solidarity Network (IDSN) and General Secretary, FEDO• Pradip Pariyar, Chair, Dalit Live matter• Dr, Saman Maksuk, Director, Pakpingjai Home Foundation, Thailand• India,• Bangladesh,	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan, 	
3	9.45-10.30	<p><u>Remarks,</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradip Pariyar, Chair Dalit Live Matter • Arjun Bhatrai, Chair, NFN • India, • Pakistan, • Bangladesh, • Dr, Saman Maksuk, Director, Pakpingjai Home Foundation, Thailand • Renu Sijapati, Chair, IDSN • Dr. Arjun Karki, Former Ambassador • Key Note Speech, Ashok Bharati 	5 minute each
4	10.30-11.00	<u>Discussion and response</u>	
5	11.00-11.10	<p><u>Closing the program.</u></p> <p><u>Jb Bishwokarma</u></p>	

जातीय विभेद अन्त्यका लागि थाइल्याण्डमा छलफल

थाइल्याण्डको राजधानी बैंककमा जारी एशिया प्यासिफिक सोसल फोरममा एशिया प्यासिफिक क्षेत्रमा विद्यमान जातीय विभेद अन्त्यको रोडम्याप सम्बन्धी छलफल भएको छ । दलित गैर सरकारी संस्था महासंघ (डिएनएफ), वलड डिग्रिटि फोरम र नेपाल र भारतका संघ संस्थाको संयुक्त आयोजनामा सो छलफल भएको हो ।

छलफल कार्यक्रममा वोल्दै पूर्व राजदुत तथा वलड सोसल फोरमका अन्तराष्ट्रिय सदस्य डा. अर्जुन कार्कीले जातीय विभेद असमानताको मुख्य कारण भएको वनाउँदै सूचना प्रविधिको क्रान्तिको समयमा पनि यस्ता विभेद हुनु दुखद भएको वताउनुभयो । दक्षिण एशियामा विद्यमान जातीय विभेद विश्वव्यापी फैलिएको वताउँदै डा. कार्कीले यसको अन्त्यका लागि सामाजिक आन्दोलनले मुख्य मुद्दा वनाउनुपर्ने वताउनुभयो ।

यसैगरी कार्यक्रममा वोल्दै वलड डिग्रिटि फोरमका संस्थापक तथा भारतीय दलित नेता अशोक भारतीले जातीय विभेदको मुद्दा विश्वव्यापी भएको वताउँदै यसको अन्त्यका लागि विश्वव्यापी रुपमा संघर्ष गर्नुपर्ने वताउनुभयो । सबै सामाजिक समस्याहरूको एकमुष्ट रुप जातीय विभेद भएको वताउँदै भारतीले विश्वव्यापी रुपमा प्रभावपार्ने गरी नयाँ सामाजिक आन्दोलन गर्नुपर्ने वताउनुभयो ।

यसैगरी गैर सरकारी संस्था महासंघका अध्यक्ष अर्जुन भट्टाइले जातीय विभेद राजनीतिक मुद्दा भएको वताउँदै यसको अन्त्यका लागि संवैधानिक र कानुनी प्रावधान कार्यान्वयन गरिनुपर्ने वताउनुभयो । विभेद अन्त्यका लागि मानसीक परिवर्तन गर्नुपर्ने वताउँदै उहाँले समावेशी समाज र आर्थिक न्यायमा जोडदिनुपर्ने वताउनुभयो ।

यसैगरी अन्तराष्ट्रिय दलित ऐक्यवद्दता सञ्जाल (आइडिएसएन) अध्यक्ष रेणु सिजापतिले जातीय विभेदले दलित महिलालाई झन ठूलो असर परेको वताउँदै यसको अन्त्यका लागि कानुनी सुधार गर्दै शिक्षामा लगानी गर्नुपर्ने वताउनुभयो ।

यसैगरी दलित लाइभ म्याटरका अध्यक्ष प्रदिप परियारले जातीय विभेद अन्त्य गर्ने दायित्व सबैको भएको वताउँदै संविधानको कार्यान्वयन, धार्मिक सुधार, आर्थिक न्याय र डिजिटल क्याम्पेनमा काम गर्नुपर्ने वताउनुभयो । विश्व सामाजिक मञ्चका अगुवा पेरे जर्जले कम्युनिष्ट पार्टीले सत्ता चलाउँदा पनि नेपालमा जातीय विभेद कायम रहनु दुखद भएको वताउनुभयो ।

कार्यक्रममा थाइल्याण्डका बाल अधिकारकर्मी सामन मक्सत, भारतका अधिकारकर्मी टिएस आउजा लगायतका व्यक्तिहरूले वोलनुभएको थियो । छलफलमा एशिया प्यासिफिक क्षेत्रका संघ संस्थाको प्रतिनिधिहरू र अगुवाहरूको सहभागीता रहेको थियो । दलित गैसस महासंघका अध्यक्ष जेवी विश्वकर्माको अध्यक्षतामा भएको कार्यक्रम सुशील विकेले सञ्चालन गर्नुभएको थियो ।

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