

INVITATION

Experts' Meeting

Strengthening an Enabling Environment for Peace and Human Rights Issues in Nepal – Context, Challenges and Options for External Actors

11 December 2018, 10.30 – 17.00

Representation of *Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit* (giz)
Reichpietschufer 20, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Nepal Dialogue Forum and the Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt) are glad to invite you to this experts' meeting on space for civil society in Nepal and the strengthening of constructive state-civil society relations on peace and human rights in Nepal.

In 2015, Nepal promulgated what some have called one of the most progressive constitutions in the world, which, despite some shortcomings, guarantees human rights of its citizens and reflects many development goals. This constitution has in turn created many expectations which need to be addressed in the upcoming years. There are tremendous endeavours needed to bring the new constitution to life and meet the expectations of the population. This task is only possible through joint efforts.

The Agenda 2030 calls for inclusive decision-making processes and effective partnerships between state, private actors and civil society. Especially in the field of peace and human rights, this is not an easy task and often requires that sensitive issues be addressed. In the Agenda 2030 development goals, goal 17.17 calls on all development actors to encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

At this Experts' Meeting, we would like to focus on questions concerning the current situation in Nepal and look at challenges and options to strengthen an enabling environment for constructive state-civil society relations for peace and human rights in Nepal. Which experiences have been made by civil society organisations and international actors in Nepal? And, last but not least, discuss what could be the best options for international actors to support inclusive processes on peace and human rights in Nepal?

The experts' meeting aims at understanding challenges related to an enabling space for civil society in Nepal, a better understanding of the current issues in the Nepalese context, and discussing ways forward. The meeting will be held under Chatham House Rule.

Please register your interest in attending by sending a short email to info@frient.de by 15 November 2018. Please also note our data protection notice below. We look forward to seeing you at our event!

With kind regards,

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Together with partner organisations and human rights defenders from Nepal, Nepal Dialogue Forum creates opportunities for dialogue and arranges joint advocacy activities in the areas of human rights, the rule of law and peace building.

Nepal Dialogue Forum in particular focusses on Transitional Justice, Peace and Human Rights; Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, especially the Right to Food; and Social Inclusion.

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FriEnt's members are united by their great commitment to peace and development. They vary, however, in their size, mandate, international partners, projects and approaches. They aim to utilize their diverse perspectives and experience as an asset for their shared productive work on peacebuilding in the context of development cooperation.

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