

**National Conference on the Rights of the Persons with Disability**  
**10-11 April, 2018**  
**Kathmandu Declaration**

To ensure protection, promotion and effectiveness of individuals' human rights and for sustaining life like other people, the rights provided to the persons with disability by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -2006, the Constitution of Nepal - (2015), Act relating to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -2017, and other acts and laws, visioning the Sustain Development Goals, 1.94% disable persons within the total population in accordance with the National Census 2068, are left behind despite mainstreaming, deprived from enjoying the social, economic, cultural, political rights and physical and environmental barriers, and negative thinking, discriminatory practice and ending the tendency to view with pity and discard, recalling dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all, realizing the universal and effective principles of human rights and fundamental freedom, for establishing the human rights friendly system,

This Kathmandu Declaration has been proclaimed in the presence of the Chief guest Hon. Chairperson of NHRCN Anup Raj Sharma, and Hon. Members of the Commission by the conference including following points organized by the National Human Rights Commission and coordinated by National Federation of Disabled Nepal, brought together around 200 participants from seven provinces, who discussed wide-ranging issues and problems facing by the persons with disabilities and suggested ways to address them on protection, promotion and effective implementation of the rights of persons with disability.

This conference proclaims the following declaration scrutinizing the declarations proclaimed by the National and provincial level conferences concluded in the seven provinces:

1. The conference urges for the effective implementation of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Constitution of Nepal (2015), Act relating to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -2017, Accessible Physical Structure and Communication Service Directive for People with Disabilities 2013, Disability Friendly Media Code 2015 and other acts, laws, policies and directives. Similarly, the local, provincial and federal governments are requested to specify their obligation to protect the rights of persons with disabilities clearly in the forthcoming laws as per the aforementioned laws.
2. The government should ensure such an environment where persons with disabilities will be able to live a self-help and dignified life through their participation in policy-making and development activities without any discrimination. The conference also calls on the government to respect their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

3. The conference also stresses the need to provide for promotion of compulsory rehabilitation program, and the self-help life style to the intellectual disability, Autism, cerebral palsy and psychosocial disability, multi disability, Spinal cord injury, assistive devices to the complete and sever disability, inclusive education, household education, the daily medicines that has to be consumed because of disability and personal assistance service.
4. There should be enhancement of awareness raising programs related to human rights of the persons with disability for the protection and promotion of rights of persons with disability advancing dialogue and coordination with the concerned governmental agencies, civil society, human rights organizations, and media involving the other stakeholders.
5. The government should ensure that PWDs have access to all information and knowledge oriented materials disseminated by the federal, provincial and local governments in unanimous universal design. For this, they are supposed to be benefited from Braille sign, audio, large printing and sign language.
6. The conference expresses serious concern about the protracted delay on the part of the concerned authorities in issuing disability identity cards, and unclear provisions in the new acts and rule so that draws the government's attention to make them entitled to this facility. It also highlights the need to launch investigation into the alleged misuse of the identity cards which is exclusively meant for persons with disabilities.
7. The conference urges the concerned authorities to transform the existing public vehicles into disabled-friendly design and strongly implement the provision of 50 per cent concession and reserved seats in such transportation. It also demands that the Government issue driving license to persons with disabilities, make all kinds of insurance and financial institutions in accordance with the universal design without discrimination.
8. The conference calls to promulgate the disability friendly laws, policy, rule and directives by the province and local level addressing the issues ensured for the PWDs by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Constitution of Nepal (2015), involving them on the basis of principle of inclusion and meaningful participation as an expert.
9. The conference realizing the fact of violence against women like the women and girls with disabilities have been subjected to sexual violence, rape and domestic violence, divorce and social ostracisation, calls on to take special initiatives to end the violence against them developing justice dispense mechanism to reduce violence and fast-track system for delivery of justice.

10. The conference also urges the government to ensure free, compulsory and quality education to disable children especially to intellectual disability, autism, psychosocial and complete disability who are still out of school. It is also equally necessary to provide the disabled persons with means of daily subsistence, employment and to initiate stability process on their job who are working in temporary and contract basis.
11. The conference urges to form the mechanism full of powers for effective implementation of the recommendations provided by UNCRPD Committee.
12. The conference calls on to construct all public physical infrastructures, technology and communication services on the basis of Universal design.
13. The conference urges to accept the assistive devices used by the disable persons, technology, regular medicines, factor and plasma used by the persons suffering from hemophilia, catheter used by the persons with spinal injury, pad and other fundamental services as PWDs rights and to manage free and easy distribution of the aforementioned materials and manage health treatment.
14. The conference urges the local level to update regularly the disaggregated data of the persons with disability.
15. The conference calls on to identify and prioritize to develop the capacity of the women, children, indigenous people, dalits, Madhesi, muslim, autism, intellectual disability, psychosocial disability, disadvantaged geographical region among the disabled persons.
16. The conference calls on to manage protection houses and services for the protection of violence affected women, conflict victims, abandoned and orphan persons with disability.
17. The conference urges to manage the economic, social and therapeutic rehabilitation, youth friendly programs, programs related to sexual and reproductive health and recreational activities and to establish sport centers to promote sports in the provincial and local level.
18. The conference calls on to establish the distinct Constitutional disability Commission as well as to represent the disable persons in existing Constitutional Commissions compulsorily.
19. The conference calls on to manage adequate and certain percent budget with clear policy and programs to develop and elevate the persons with disability forming the National Direction Committee and Disability Coordination Committee in all the province and local level as per the provision of the Act relating to the Rights of Persons With Disability - 2017, for mobilization of the resources, there should be 50% federal level contribution, 25% provincial level contribution and 25% local level contribution.

20. The conference urges to manage family support program, care, personal assistance and provision of life sustainment with policy to the Persons with intellectual disability, autism, psychosocial disability and complete disability.
21. The conference calls on to implement the disability friendly disaster management system and to manage habitation and other programs in the earthquake affected areas as per the necessity ensuring inclusion and representation.
22. The conference calls on to manage sign language interpreter, note taker, captioning, and tactile symbol, and promote local mother tongue.
23. The conference calls on to manage the production of all types of assistive devices and vehicles in cheaper rate within the country used by the persons with disability, and also manage discount to the custom, tax and excise duty either receiving in grants or procuring from abroad and the provision of sports materials, assistive devices and artificial organs should be addressed by the health insurance policy.
24. The conference calls for disability friendly well managed habitation, people's habitation program on the basis of proportion of disable population, scatters habitation management and construction of disability friendly apartments targeting to the disable people.
25. The conference calls for reducing the tax to the institutions and offices providing employment to the persons with disability, and discount to self-employed persons with disability and in the operation of media house, as well as reduction of tax while procuring equipment, management of grants and loan in cheaper rate, allotment of certain percent share to the person with disability while distributing public company share and inspire, assist and promote for self-employment.
26. The conference calls to ensure the reproductive rights of the women with disability calls on to manage the facilities of disabled-friendly maternity room in hospitals.