



**Speech delivered by Justice Anup Raj Sharma, Hon. Chairperson,
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Migrant Workers.**



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Hon. Chairperson of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions Dr. Carlos Alfonso Negret Mosquera,

Chairpersons, Commissioners and Representatives of National Human Rights Institutions from different countries,

Hon. Commissioners, NHRC Nepal

Former Commissioners, NHRC Nepal

Representatives of diplomatic corps, development partners and UN Agencies,

Civil Society and media personnel

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am very happy to stand up in front of you to deliver my concluding remarks all after very productive Conference. The Conference was attended by 28 countries including Nepal, 61 International participants attended the conference. Global wise Africa, Asia, America, Europe and Asia Pacific.

May I start by thanking my fellow Commissioners who always kept their energy high to do something remarkable. The NHRC, Nepal after considering the issue of rights of the migrant workers in its priority envisioned to do something which could be useful for the NHRIs, governments, international communities and civil societies towards protecting migrant workers. In that regards, I am enormously happy today to see we were able leaving a footprint by concluding a fruitful International Conference which has opened up avenues of collaboration between stakeholders including NHRIs, government, civil society and private business. There were significant contributions of my fellow commissioners Prakash Osti, Sudip Pathak, Mohana Ansari and Govinda Sharma Poudyal. Of course kudos to Commissioner Sudip Pathak who with the team of staff of NHRC with relentless pursuit made the conference successful. I would like extend my sincere thanks to Secretary of NHRC, Nepal; Conference Secretariat; and all Staff team of NHRC, Nepal for their tireless efforts.

This event, of course, would not have succeeded without constructive engagement of Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and its Hon. Chairperson Dr. Carlos Alfonso Negret Mosquera, I am especially thankful to Hon. Chairperson of GANHRI for not only taking time to come between us but providing guidance.

I am equally thankful to the participants and highly appreciate their dedications. The opinions and the inputs of participants remained huge assets for this conference and also in shaping our future journey.

We are equally thankful to the Government of Nepal for providing necessary support to organize this conference; and the UN agencies including United Nations Development Program (UNDP), International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) for their necessary support to the Conference.

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal highly values the cooperation extended by the representatives of international communities, development partners, Nepali media, civil society, experts to make this event successful. I hope you all will be away taking sweet memories of an interesting dialogues and commitments. However, this is not the end of our endeavor but rather it is a beginning of our collaborative actions in protection and promotion of rights of the migrant workers.

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