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Press Note

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**Workshop on South Asian NHRIs Workshop on “The Rights of Women and Girls – 2015
kicks off in Kathmandu**

**The Role of South Asian Countries urged for the Control and
Prevention of VAW**

KATHMANDU: The South Asian regional level workshop on ‘South Asian NHRIs Workshop on “The Rights of Women and Girls” kicked off in Kathmandu on 13th April, 2015. The workshop is organized jointly by the National Human Rights Commission and the Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs

Inaugurating the weeklong event, Chairperson Justice Anup Raj Sharma of NHRC-Nepal said that as the South Asian NHRIs share common problems and challenges, there is a need of network among the NHRIs of the region to work in uniformity for the protection of the rights of women and girls.

Delivering the welcome address at the program, Commissioner Mohna Ansari of NHRC-Nepal, portrayed the incidents of violence against women (VAW), human trafficking specially on women and children, inequality and discrimination against women as the major obstacles for realizing the rights of women and mentioned that legal and policy wise arrangement is inevitable to combat the situation.

At the program, Deputy Director of Asia Pacific Forum Pip Dargan, commending the role played by the NHRC as a member of the APF, threw light on the de-facto situation of reproductive rights, VAW and women’s rights in the South Asian countries. She mentioned that participants would embark upon formulating the action plan on the stipulated theme for the National Human Rights Institutions of the concerned countries.

The workshop is scheduled till 15th April, 2015. The representatives of six NHRIs including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Afghanistan are participating in the workshop. The trainers from the NHRC Australia, Asia Pacific Forum including the NHRC Commissioner Mohna Ansari will present working papers during the workshop.

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