



# SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

## FACT SHEET

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This fact sheet outlines the Nepal government's progress on the commitments made at Summit for Democracy (S4D) between September 1, 2023, and November 30, 2023.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

**September 21:** The Nepal government has published the Nepal Citizenship (Third Amendment) Guidelines, 2080, which allows non-resident Nepalis to acquire citizenship with limited political rights.

**October 12:** The Election Commission drafted a procedure to create a voter list of eligible Nepali citizens living overseas. It allows non-registered Nepali individuals to join the voter registry from abroad using an online system.



## EQUAL RIGHTS TO WOMEN, GENDER AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES AND DISADVANTAGED GROUPS

**October 10:** A dedicated family bench within the Kathmandu District Court has been added to fast-track legal proceedings for justice related to women, such as cases of domestic violence, marital rape, and family disputes.

**November 29:** Dordi Rural Municipality in Lumjung has formally registered the first same-sex marriage in Nepal. With this, Nepal became the first South Asian country and the second Asian country to register same-sex marriage.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**October 3:** The Council of Ministers gave approval for Nepal Government to sign a bilateral labor agreement with the German Government, and Romania Government, which would facilitate labor migration and employment opportunities for Nepali workers in Malaysia.

**October 3:** Nepal Government and Malaysian Government to establish a Bilateral Consultation Mechanism.



## TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

The Bill for the Amendment of the Investigation of Enforced Disappeared Persons, Truth, and Reconciliation Commission Act (2014) is pending in the parliament. National Human Rights Commission and other [civil society](#) have been pushing the government to table the bill.



## ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

Some bills relating to anti-corruption (amending the Corruption Control Act, Procurement Act, the CIAA Act) have been awaiting amendment in the parliament for a long time.



## CLIMATE CHANGE

**November 30:** A team led by Prime Minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal is representing Nepal at the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP-28) in Dubai, UAE. The team will host a high-level side event “Call of the Mountain: Who Saves Us from the Climate Crisis?” to bring to light the impacts of climate change on mountains.



## FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION AND HATE SPEECH AND PROTECTION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

**November 27:** The Nepal government has published Directives on the Operation of Social Networking 2023, which calls for setting up liaison offices of social media sites such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Tiktok, etc in Nepal.

**October 13:** The Nepal government banned Tiktok on the pretext that it violated social harmony. However, it has been receiving widespread criticism as violating the citizens' freedom of expression and impacting the livelihoods of individuals sustained through Tiktok.