

Conference on

**"Towards a More Cooperative South Asia"**

Organized by Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

Nov. 6-8, 2011, Hotel Soaltee, Kathmandu

**Nov. 6, 2011 (Sun.)**

18:30 hrs. Welcome dinner hosted jointly by CSAS-KAS at Hotel Soaltee, Tahachal.

**Nov. 7, 2011 (Mon.)**

10:30 hrs. Welcome Statements by Mr. Nishchal N. Pandey, Director of the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS)

10:40 hrs. Inauguration of the conference by Hon'ble Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister of Nepal

10:45 hrs. Statement by Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Nepal, Her Excellency Verena Gräfin von Roedern.

10:55 hrs. Keynote Statement by Chief Guest Hon'ble Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister

11:10 hrs. "Europe's long way towards the Union - Experiences from the EU on Regional Integration", Statement by Prof. Dr. Friedbert Pflüger, Former Deputy Minister of Defence of Germany

11:25 hrs. Vote of Thanks by Mr. Tomislav Delinic, Director of the Regional Program SAARC, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

**First Session:**

- 11:50 hrs. “Chances and Challenges for More Cooperation in South Asia” by Maj. Gen. (retd.) Dipankar Banerjee, Mentor, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi
- 12:05 noon “Indo-Pak Relations: Thaw or further Turmoil ”, by Prof. Pervez Iqbal Cheema, Dean, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University, Islamabad.
- 12:20 hrs. Discussion
- 12:45 hrs. Lunch

**Second Session**

- 13:30 hrs. "Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation in Afghanistan" by Hon'ble Farkhunda Zahra Naderi, Member of Parliament, Kabul. (TBC)
- 14:00 hrs. "Democracy Building in Bangladesh and Lessons for the Region", presentation by Shahedul Anam Khan, Strategic Affairs Editor, The Daily Star, Dhaka.
- 14:30 hrs. “China in South Asia and India's Apprehensions” by Prof. Swaran Singh, President, Association of Asia Scholars, New Delhi.
- 15:00 hrs. “Prospects and Hurdles Towards Energizing SAARC”, presentation by Mr. Ahmed Saleem, former Director (SAARC), The Maldives.
- 15:30 hrs. Discussion
- 16:15 hrs. End of First Day of Conference

**Nov. 8, 2011 (Tue.)****Third Session**

- 9:30 hrs. “Nepal Peace Process – Successes and Failures” by Mr. Rajan Bhattarai, CPN(UML) party.

10:00 hrs.	"Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka" by Mr. Thusitha Tanakoon, Secretary General, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Colombo.
10:20 hrs.	"Democratization in Bhutan under the New King," Tshering Phuntsho, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimpu
10:45 hrs.	Discussion
<b>11:30 hrs.</b>	<b>End of the Conference and Lunch</b>