

# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL US - NEPAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

# CAN - USA

[Oakland Convention Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607](#)

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS** (Read notes below for interactive video conferencing via web)

## **DAY -1(July 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)**

**ANA General Assembly** (Live Meeting ID: [532-703-6661](#))  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Five Minute CAN-USA Presentation

## **DAY -2(July 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**

**Opening Ceremony:** Addresses by CAN and CAN-USA Presidents – 11:30 AM

### **SESSION #1:**

**State of and Taking Technology to Nepal** (Live Meeting ID: [781-317-2638](#))  
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM (Meeting Room# 210): Co-Chairs Kiran Joshi and Ananta Risal

Hear from distinguished panelists about the state of technology (Internet backbone, E-governance, E-commerce etc.) in Nepal and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in transferring technology to Nepal.

**Lochan Lal Amatya** is a Manager of IT Directorate of Nepal.  
*State of ICT in Nepal: Information on current and upcoming ICT based services in Nepal.*

**Patrick Di Staso** is a VP of Applications IT at Redwood Shore based Oracle, Inc.  
*Technology for Nepal: Explores a new technology and economic opportunity available to Nepal, given the adoption of the mobile computing platform.*

**Atulya Risal** is an executive Vice President and CTO at Pilgrim Software in Orlando, Florida.  
*Business Case study: Opportunities and challenges of running ICT joint ventures in Nepal.*

**Mahabir Pun** is a community and social worker, and **Gaurab Upadhyay** works as an Internet Analyst for Packet Clearing House of Berkeley, CA.  
*Nepal Rural Infrastructure: Building Wireless Infrastructure to fill in the communication gap in rural area for education, health, and delivery of public services.*

**Kiran Joshi** is a 17 year veteran of Disney Animation and CEO of Incessant Rain.  
*Creating Animation & Technology in Nepal: Product Show Cases-Watch how the Nepal animation studio makes Donald Duck, Mickey, and Minnie make jalebis.*

## **SESSION #2:**

**Green Entrepreneurship** (Live Meeting ID: [648-365-8394](#))

3:00 PM: - 4:30 PM (Meeting Room# 210): Chair Bijay Niraula

Learn about environmental issues and how such risks can be transformed into ideas for opportunities that can make a difference. This session will be after the **Green Forum ((Live Meeting ID: [728-831-2287](#))** where panelists will discuss how green-living can be achieved in the changing global landscape and what this means in Nepal's development context.

**Bijay Niraula** is an entrepreneur and green promoter; he specializes in internet marketing.  
*Green Economy: scope and opportunities in Nepal*

**Andres Wydler** is the CEO of RGP, Co-Founder of BPL Global, and Instructor at Stanford.  
*Green Entrepreneurship and RGP: an example of business opportunity for Nepal.*

**Amod Pokhrel** is a doctoral candidate at UC Berkeley School of Public Health.  
*Carbon trading: Health and environment through improved cooking stoves and bio-gas program in Nepal.*

**Netra Chetri** teaches at Arizona State University.  
*"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody ever does anything about it." Mark Twain - The way forward: what is there for me?*

## **DAY -3(July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)**

## **SESSION #3:**

**Business Forum (with Nepali Business Network)** (Live Meeting ID: [399-544-7065](#))

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Meeting Room# 208): Moderator Sanjay Khatri

The Forum presents experiences of members of the Nepali Diaspora engaged in business and entrepreneurial ventures. In particular, the [credentials of the speakers](#) span the fields of software and IT products, mobile telecommunications, and commercial and residential real-estate. Come listen/participate in interactive discussions focused around the 'Nepali Experience' in areas of business, commerce, and high technology as well as sharing of thoughts and ideas on some questions around entrepreneurship.

**Ram Sah** is the founder of the Sah Corporation.

**Bhawani Sapkota** is a founding engineer and Director of Engineering at Agito Networks.

**Sandeep Giri** is the CEO of OpenI.

Q & A: 20 Minutes

#### **SESSION #4:**

**Professional Networking Luncheon (with NBN)** (Live Meeting ID: [557-255-0321](#))

12:30 PM: - 1:30 PM (Meeting Room# 208): Co-Chairs Niley Shreshta & Kumar Pandey

Designed to draw and network professionals across a multitude of functional, specializations, management and free-lancing roles. Luminary speakers and distinguished guests are expected to be present. This is an encore event subsequent to the successful inaugural of the Professional Networking session on April 24, 2009 when Mr. Kanwal Rekhi (an accomplished bay-area venture capitalist) was the keynote speaker. Come mingle and enjoy the event anticipated to be filled with lots of enthusiasm.

Free for CAN-USA life members, individual sponsors and professional members; otherwise \$15.00

#### **SESSION #5:**

**Career Management: (with Nepal Ko Yuwa)** (Live Meeting ID: [403-375-9453](#))

1:30 PM: - 3:00 PM (Meeting Room# 208): Co-Chairs Sujit Thapa and Nabin Khanal

Whether you are a fresh graduate entering the workforce or an experienced professional looking to further your career, find out what is important and what matters to employers. Also, learn about how to approach graduate education. Engage with and listen to experts, mentors, and professionals (with managerial experience in small-to-large companies) who can critique resumes, provide insight, and answer questions during the workshop.

Presentations: 30 Minutes

**Kiran Joshi** is a 17 year veteran of Disney Animation and CEO of Incessant Rain.  
*Career Planning.*

**Amod Pokhrel** is a doctoral candidate at UC Berkeley and **Dr. Pradyumna Amatya** teaches environmental economics at Department of Defense Institute in Monterey.  
*Planning for graduate school.*

**Nabin Khanal** is a Sr.program manager at Microsoft.  
*Effective resume writing and interview preparation.*

Workshops: (Career Planning, Graduate Admission, Resume Writing, Interview Skills) - 60 Minutes

**Binod Bhattarai** is a Sr. Software Engineer at D2Hawkeye.

**Prab Dahal** is a Decision Support Analyst at a Fortune 300 Company.

**Ananta Risal** is the CEO of Knowledge Interface, Inc. based in New Jersey.

**Biswo Poudel** is a doctoral candidate at UC Berkeley.

## **SESSION #6:**

**The Nepal Brand** (Live Meeting ID: [611-110-4366](#))

3:00 PM: - 4:30 PM (Meeting Room# 208): Chairs Dr. Pukar Malla and Suresh P. Ojha

Listen and/or participate in a brainstorming session to develop and plan out the Nepali brand. Distinguished speakers from different professional tracks will lead the session. The discussion between the speakers and the audience will be moderated. The focus will be on the importance and methods to create and sustain the Nepali brand.

**Bal Joshi** is founder of Thamel.com

*What it takes to create a brand*

**Sandeep Giri** is the founder and the CEO of OpenI

*Small startup to a joint venture in Nepal: branding experience*

**Pramod Dhakal** is the executive director of Canada Forum for Nepal

*Nepal Brand: The art of creating it*

**Robert M. Wright:** Founder and partner of Marketing Arts, Inc.

*Branding Nepal: A Guideline - learn the latest brand positioning techniques and practices*

### **Note: Watch and participate live on the web**

Participate Live Via Internet--Technology Provided by Vivu.tv—Click on the each meeting ID link. You need to provide a Name and your email. If you want to ask questions and participate interactively, then you need to have a broadband connection, a webcam, and a headphone or a good conference room with noise cancelling speakers.