



Constituent Assembly Committees



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S.N.	Name of the Committees	TOR (summary)	Contact information
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1			
1.	Constitutional Committee संवैधानिक समिति Chair Nara Hari Acharya (NC) Secretary Tek Prasad Dhungana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preamble Subject matters to be mentioned in the first part of the constitution Constitution amendment process Constitutional provision relating to political parties Declaration of state of emergency Provision relating to remove difficulties in the constitution Provisions in different parts Transitional provisions Definitions Short titles and commencement 	Secretariat of the Constitutional Committee Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Phone: 01-42 00 128, 42 00 231 Fax: 01-42 22 923 Email: conscom@can.gov.np PB No. 20099 Kathmandu
THEMATIC COMMITTEES – 10			
2.	Committee on Preservation of the National Interest राष्ट्रिय हितको संरक्षण समिति Chair Amik Serchan (JMN) Secretary Krishna Hari Khadka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification and definition of national interest of Nepal Ways to preserve national unity, sovereignty and integrity Management of international borders Preservation of national natural heritage International relations International treaties and agreements National security Duties of the Nepal Army and its functioning Other important issues related to the scope of the committee 	Secretariat of the Committee on Preservation of the National Interest Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 229 Fax: 01-42 00 094, 01-42 00 261 PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: pnic@can.gov.np

3.	<p>Committee to Decide the Form of the Legislative Body व्यवस्थापकीय अङ्गको स्वरूप निर्धारण समिति</p> <p>Chair Ramesh Rijal (NC)</p> <p>Secretary Baldev Khadka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure and formation of the legislature in the various federal units • Inter-relationships between the legislatures of the federal units of various levels • Managerial procedure • Methods of financial management • Related issues on the scope of the committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee to Decide the Form of the Legislative Body Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 124, 42 00 178 Fax: 01-4200 121, PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: legislativebody@can.gov.np</p>
4.	<p>Committee to Decide on the Basis for Cultural and Social Solidarity सांस्कृतिक र सामाजिक ऐक्यबद्धताका आधार निर्धारण समिति</p> <p>Chair Nabodita Chaudhari (RPP)</p> <p>Secretary Binod Kumar Adhikari</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working language/s used in the Governments at various levels of federal units • Preservation of national languages and cultures • Other issues related to language • Decision on the basis of social commitments • Other issues related to the scope of the committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee to Decide on the Basis for Cultural and Social Solidarity Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 210, 42 00 110 Fax: 01-4200 110, PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: socio_cultural_solidarity@can.gov.np</p>

5.	<p>Committee on the Division of Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Public Revenue प्राकृतिक स्रोत, आर्थिक अधिकार तथा राजस्व बाँडफाँड</p> <p>Chair Amrita Thapa Magar (CPN/M)</p> <p>Secretary Ram Sharan Ghimire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division of the contents of financial resources • Standards for the division of income sources • Financial relationships between the Governments of various levels • Other issues related to the scope of the Committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on the Division of Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Public Revenue Singh Durbar, Kathmandu</p> <p>Ph: 01-42 00 062, Fax: 01-42 22 923</p> <p>Toll Free No. 1660-01-22344</p> <p>PB No. 20099 Kathmandu</p> <p>Email: natural.resource@can.gov.np</p>
6.	<p>Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies संवैधानिक निकायको संरचना निर्धारण समिति</p> <p>Chair Govinda Chaudhary (TMDP)</p> <p>Secretary Lava Prasad Gautam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of constitutional bodies required for governance and determination of their features • Formation, powers, duties and functions of the constitutional bodies • Relation of the constitutional bodies with the different level of governments • Other issues related to the scope of the committee. 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies Singh Durbar, Kathmandu</p> <p>Ph: 01-42 11 812, 41 04 014</p> <p>Toll Free No. 1660-01-22344</p> <p>Fax: 01-42 00 141</p> <p>PB No. 20099 Kathmandu</p> <p>Email: cbody_committee@can.gov.np</p>

7.	<p>Committee on the Judicial System न्याय प्रणालीसम्बन्धी समिति</p> <hr/> <p>Chair Prabhu Sah Teli (CPN/M)</p> <p>Secretary Himlal Subedi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the judiciary • Levels, forms and scope of the courts • Appointment, disposition, terms and conditions of services, rights, duties and responsibilities of judges as well as additional issues related to the judges • The constitutional situation, work, duties and responsibilities of the Attorney-General • Other issues related to the scope of the committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on the Judicial System Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 419 Fax: 01-42 22 923, 42 00 053 PB No. 20099, Kathmandu Email: jsc@can.gov.np</p>
8.	<p>Committee on Determination of Forms of the Governance of the State राज्यको शासकीय स्वरूप निर्धारण समिति</p> <hr/> <p>Chair Shambhu Hajara Dusadh (NC)</p> <p>Secretary Mukunda Sharma</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms and Nature of Government: <i>Parliamentary System/Presidential System/ Mixed System or others</i> • Electoral Systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Electoral systems at different levels: First Past the Post (FPTP)/ Proportional Representative /Mixed or others</i> ◦ <i>Election of Head of the State/Head of the Government</i> ◦ <i>Minimum age for the voters and its justification, provisions of voters' identity card and criteria for the delimitation of election constituencies.</i> • Structures of executive body at different levels • Allocation and distribution of the executive power at different levels • Inter relationship between the governments of different levels • Formation and operation of public services, and • Criteria for good governance • Any other matters related to the TOR of the Committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on Determination of Forms of the Governance of the State Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 134, 42 00 344 Toll Free No. 1660-01-22344 Fax: 01-42 00 053 PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: rdsn_samiti@can.gov.np</p>

9.	<p>Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power राज्यको पुनःसंरचना तथा राज्यशक्तिको बाँडफाँड समिति</p> <p>Chair Lokendra Bista Magar (CPN/M)</p> <p>Secretary Thakur Prasad Baral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures in the federal democratic republic model of the state Basis and principles to determine the scope of the federal units Basis for naming of the federal units Division of legislature, executive and judiciary powers between the governments in the federal units of different levels Interrelationship between federal units Mechanism to resolve the possible disputes in between the federal units Additional issues related to the scope of the committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on Restructuring the State and Distribution of the State Power Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 094, 42 00 194 Fax: 01-42 22 923 PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: restrict.state@can.gov.np</p>
10.	<p>Committee on Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities अल्पसङ्ख्यक तथा सीमान्तीकृत समुदायको हक, अधिकार संरक्षण समिति</p> <p>Chair Lal Babu Pandit (CPN/UML)</p> <p>Secretary Som Bahadur Thapa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of minorities and marginalized communities Identification of marginalized, backward, isolated or excluded groups and communities Arrangements for the protection of minorities and marginalized communities Ways for inclusion in the state system Additional issues related to the scope of the committee 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on Protection of the Rights of the Minorities and Marginalized Communities Singh Durbar, Kathmandu, Ph: 01-42 11 986, Fax: 01- 42 11 986, 42 00 141 , 42 22 923, 42 00 053 PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: committee.minorityright@can.gov.np</p>

11.	Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles मौलिक अधिकार तथा निर्देशक सिद्धान्त समिति	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of fundamental rights • Circumstances of restriction of fundamental rights • Provisions relating to implementation of fundamental rights • Directive principles and rules of the state • Provision for the special protection of the rights and the welfare of women, children, youths, workers, farmers, indigenous nationalities/Janajatis, Madhesis, Dalits, people from backward regions, persons with disabilities, Muslims and all minority communities • Provisions for citizenship • Additional issues related to the scope of the committee 	Secretariat of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 233 Fax: 01-42 00 277 PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: moulik.hak@can.gov.np
	Chair Maha Nepali (NC) Secretary Toyanath Bhattarai		

PROCEDURAL COMMITTEES - 3

12.	Committee on Citizens Relations नागरिक सम्बन्ध समिति	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a channel for citizens' easy access to the Constituent Assembly, including its functioning • Provision for an information system tasked with informing citizens about the Constituent Assembly • Constitution-building process and its general activities, and coordination with concerned agencies • Monitoring and evaluation of all activities conducted by government agencies, NGOs and INGOs, civil society, media, etc. regarding the Constituent Assembly, Constitution-building procedures and their general activities • Informing citizens on the process of participation in the formation of the Constitution • Monitoring of the media centre 	Secretariat of the Committee on Citizens Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01-42 00 296, 42 00 115 Toll Free No. 1660-01-22344 Fax: 01-42 22 923, 42 00 241 PB No. 20099 Email: crc@can.gov.np
	Chair Mina Pandey (NC) Secretary Dhan Bahadur Shrestha		

13.	<p>Committee on Public Opinion Collection and Coordination जनमत सङ्कलन तथा समन्वय समिति</p> <p>Chair Pramod Prasad Gupta (MJF)</p> <p>Secretary Jay Narayan Nepal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate the draft Constitution through various media in order to collect public opinion and suggestions on the draft Organize public hearings on the draft constitution Organize seminars, interactions and workshops Document and manage suggestions obtained through various means, either from individuals or institutions from within the country and abroad Prepare a report on these suggestions, to be forwarded to the Constituent Assembly 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on Public Opinion Collection and Coordination Singh Durbar, Kathmandu Ph: 01- (NA) Fax: 01- (NA) PB No. 20099 Kathmandu Email: poccc@can.gov.np</p>
14.	<p>Committee on Capacity Building and Resource Management क्षमता अभिवृद्धि तथा स्रोत व्यवस्थापन समिति</p> <p>Chair Mrigendra Kumar Singh Yadav (MJF)</p> <p>Secretary Birendra Bahadur Karki</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize interaction programmes among Constituent Assembly members on the Constitution and the Constitution making process Study and research on constitutional issues Create and distribute resource materials to the members Develop and manage a resource centre 	<p>Secretariat of the Committee on Capacity Building and Source Management Singh Durbar, Kathmandu, PB No. 20099 Ph: 01-42 00 097, Fax: 01-42 00 072 Email: cbsm@can.gov.np</p>

Announcement (Sample)

Constituent Assembly

Appeal from Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies

It is well known that the Constituent Assembly has been working towards fulfilling the aspiration of the Nepali people to make a constitution for them by them. The meeting of the Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies formed according to Rule 66, Constituent Assembly Regulation 2065 (2008) held on 2065-9-24 (Jan.8, 2009) decided to prepare the concept paper on the following topics. In this context, the Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies heartily appeals to all Nepali citizens living in the country and in the foreign land, political parties, civil society and various organizations to provide your suggestion on those topics to this committee and be a part of constitution making. Additionally, it is also kindly requested to provide any related material, conclusions drawn from the interaction or workshop or any publication to the committee. The topics of the concept paper to be prepared by the Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies are:

- Identification of constitutional bodies required for governance and determination of their feature
- Formation, duties and functions of the constitutional bodies
- Relation of the constitutional bodies with the different level of governments
- Other necessary matters related to mandate of the committee.

Address for submission of suggestions:

Secretariat of the Committee to Decide on the Structure of the Constitutional Bodies,

Parliament House, Singh Durbar, Kathmandu

Phone: 01-4211812, 01-4104014, Toll free no. : 1660-01-22344, Fax: 4200141

Email: cbody_committee@yahoo.com , cbody_committee@can.gov.np

Note: Since the concept paper should be prepared by 2065-11-15 as per working schedule of the Constituent Assembly therefore, keeping the deadline in the mind, it is requested to send the suggestion directly to the secretariat of the committee by any mean or through the concerned district administration office or VDC or municipality office.