



# Y P F N E P A L NEWS LETTER

# 2023

## Agenda for YPF NEPAL'23

- > Sustainable Tourism - Economic, Social, and Environmental Dimensions.
- > Safe Planet and Gender Equality - Women's Role in sustainable development
- > How can youths maintain their identity and find their purpose in today's competitive world?

## Event Details

**Name:** Young Professional Fellowship VI Cohort 2023

**Date:** 27 – 30 July, 2023  
**Time:** 10 AM to 5 PM

**Age Group:** 16 – 35 years

**Venue:** Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur

Expected Number of Delegates: 70+

Delegates: Participants from 30+ countries and national delegates from different corners of Nepal.

## Brief Overview:

YPF is a flagship program of MAPS in collaboration with Global Peace Chain which has already been organized in Bangkok, Maldives, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

Young Professional Fellowship provides the delegates fully-funded, partially funded and self-funded seats through a competitive selection process. Global Peace Chain (GPC) is an international non-profitable organization dedicated to promoting peace, dialogue, and understanding among individuals and communities around the world. We believe that fostering the skills and talents of young professionals is crucial for creating a peaceful and sustainable future. The Young Professional Fellowship, now in its 6th edition, aims to provide a platform for young professionals to enhance their leadership skills, engage in peace building initiatives, and collaborate on projects that address global challenges

# 27TH JULY 2023 – DAY 1



Upon their arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, the esteemed delegates were warmly greeted and received by the diligent members of the organizing committee. From there, they were seamlessly transported to the luxurious Hotel Himalaya, ensuring a smooth transition into their stay.



Upon settling into the hotel, the delegates were encouraged to forge connections and foster camaraderie during a delightful Hi-Tea break, where they had the splendid opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with one another.

Subsequently, as the delegates congregated in the main hall, the formal proceedings for the forthcoming three days were inaugurated. During this ceremony, attendees were presented with thoughtful goodie bags and stylish T-shirts, serving as tokens of the event's warm welcome and appreciation for their participation.



## **The inauguration was marked by an enthralling Nepali cultural performance known as the Kumari Dance,**

which set a culturally rich and vibrant tone for the commencement of the event. The Welcome Ceremony, guided by Mr. Kamran Zafar, the esteemed CEO of Global Peace Chain, followed suit and provided an inspiring opening to the proceedings.





Continuing the program, the first session was facilitated by the dynamic duo of Miss Lorene Tonati and Beauty Khaton from the Life Project for Youth.

They led an engaging discussion on the topic of "How can today's youth best achieve their desired goals?" This session was characterized by a lively exchange of ideas and enthusiastic interaction with the delegates, fostering a dynamic learning environment.

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**Also to lighten up the atmosphere, an ice-breaking activity was conducted which successfully familiarized the audience with each other.**

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Following the enlightening discourse, a transformative Peace Session, skillfully orchestrated by Mrs. Radha Dhakal and her proficient team, took center stage. This session proved to be exceptionally enjoyable, as the delegates were introduced to rejuvenating yoga techniques and had the opportunity to bask in the sheer joy of relaxation.



In sum, the event's outset was marked by a harmonious blend of cultural richness, informative sessions, and ample opportunities for delegates to connect, network, and build lasting relationships with one another.



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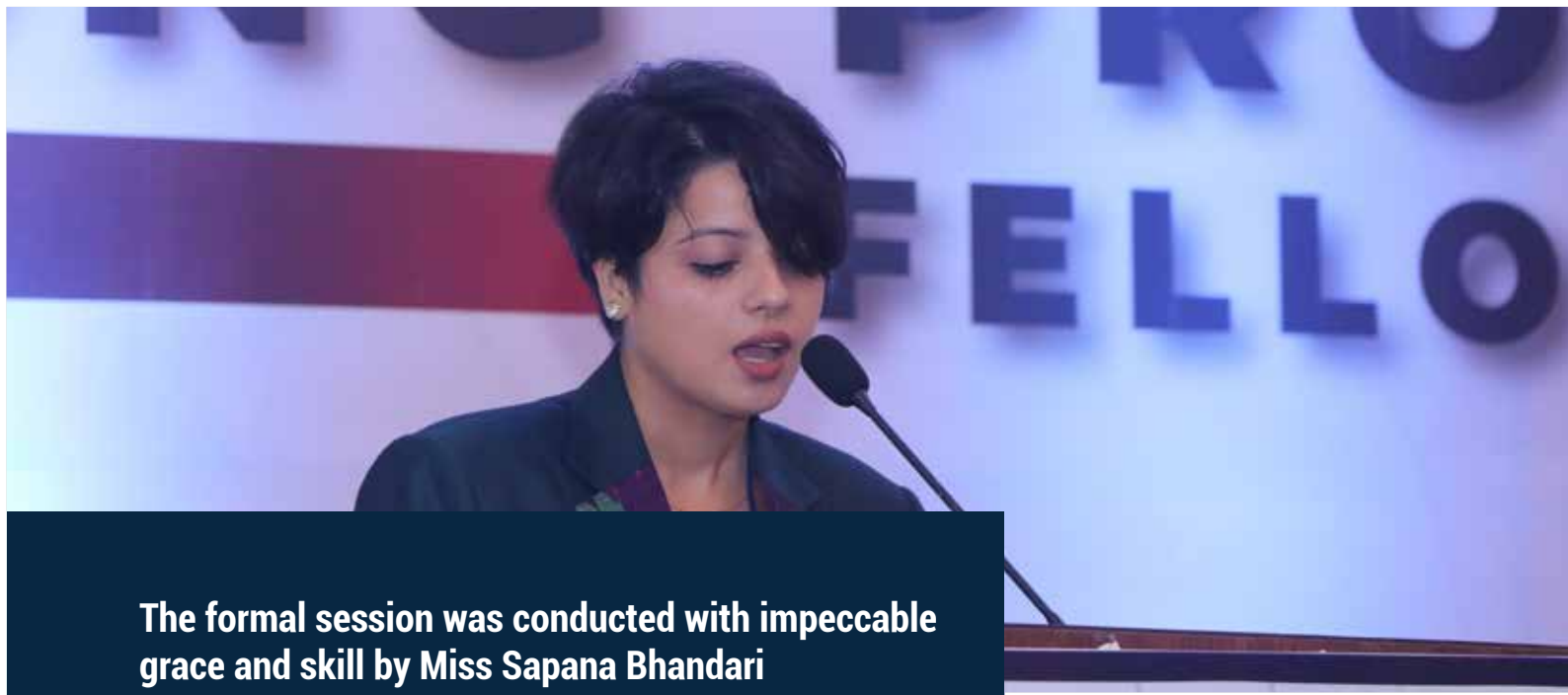
**Day 2 of the event commenced with a sumptuous breakfast hosted at the elegant Hotel Himalaya, setting the stage for a day of nourishment and rejuvenation**

As the delegates gathered at their respective venues, they were greeted with a warm and culturally rich welcome orchestrated by the organizing committee, which included the traditional offering of "Tika" and "Khada" at the entrance. This heartfelt gesture symbolized the committee's appreciation and respect for the attendees.



**To add to the excitement of the morning**

the event featured a captivating cultural extravaganza, skillfully presented by Triton International College and Rising Star School. This mesmerizing performance served as an exhilarating spectacle, infusing attendees with energy and enthusiasm, setting an invigorating tone for the day's proceedings.



**The formal session was conducted with impeccable grace and skill by Miss Sapana Bhandari**

the esteemed Chief Planning Officer of the Global Peace Chain in Nepal. It was officially inaugurated with the esteemed presence of Mr. Ganesh Timilsina, the Honorable Chairperson of the National Assembly of Nepal, who graciously shared his profound insights on the pivotal role of events like YPF Nepal 2023 in ushering positive global transformation.



Following Mr. Timilsina's eloquent address, CEO of Global Peace Chain Mr. Kamran Zafar and YPF Nepal Program Manager, Mr. Shivang Dutta, extended a heartfelt welcome to the enthusiastic audience on this second day of the event.



**Distinguished luminaries then graced the stage one by one, bestowing the delegates with their invaluable wisdom and experiential knowledge.**



This esteemed lineup of guests included Dr. Vijay Kumar (Chairperson of the Madhesi Commission)



Ms. Pramila Kumari (State Minister of Education, Science, and Student Affairs)



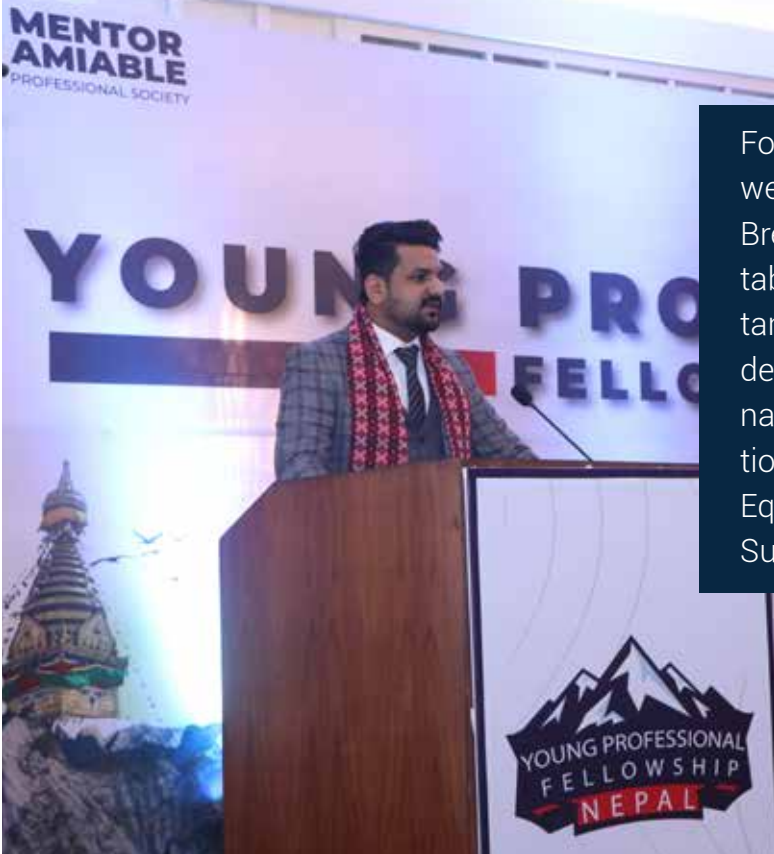
and Mr. Saroj Baniya (Distinguished President of the Nepal Youth Council)



**The session was elegantly concluded by Miss Deepi Karna, the Assistant Country Director of Global Peace Chain Nepal.**

The event's trajectory continued seamlessly with the commencement of Panel Talk 1, which delved into the crucial topic of "Sustainable Tourism – Economic, Social, and Environmental Dimensions." Esteemed experts from various disciplines offered their profound insights into the multi-dimensional facets of sustainable tourism, fostering an engaging discourse with the eager participants to gather their unique ideas and perspectives.





Following this enlightening session, the delegates were graciously ushered into a well-deserved Lunch Break, during which they were treated to a delectable assortment of Nepali culinary delights that tantalized their taste buds and were savored with delight. Post-lunch, the Panel Talk resumed, culminating in productive discussion on innovative solutions to further enhance the principles of "Gender Equality and a Safe Planet - The role of women in Sustainable Development."

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## Subsequently, this enlightening discussions were seamlessly followed by a highly interactive Question-and-Answer (Q/A) session

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During this segment, the vibrant exchange of ideas and perspectives was palpable, with active participation from both national and international delegates. Their engagement added depth and diversity to the conversation, fostering a collaborative atmosphere of shared learning and exploration. Then, the delegates were invited onto the grand stage to proudly showcase their social projects, receiving well-deserved accolades and commendations for their unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions to societal well-being. In accordance with our meticulously planned program, the esteemed panelists and honored guests were cordially presented with carefully crafted tokens, radiating the spirit of sustainability and affection. This heartfelt gesture served as a poignant testament to our profound gratitude for their invaluable contributions.







In retrospect, the second day was characterized by a harmonious fusion of enlightening discussions, awe-inspiring cultural performances, and the culinary delights of Nepali cuisine, leaving an indelible mark on the delegates' hearts and minds, while underscoring the paramount importance of sustainable tourism practices.

**Furthermore, this expression of appreciation was beautifully captured in the group photographs, immortalizing the shared moments of warmth and collaboration.**

The official activities of Day 2 gracefully concluded with the delegates assembling for a collective heritage walk to Patan Durbar Square one of the world heritage sites listed by UNESCO, as an activity that not only enriched their cultural appreciation but also solidified their sense of camaraderie and shared experiences.

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## Panel Talk 1 – Day 2

**Moderator:** Miss Yashaswi KC

**Panelist:** Miss Ankita Shah (Executive Director, Bignaharta Nepal)

**Panelist:** Mr. Laxman Gautam (Head of Tourism Marketing and Promotion, Nepal Tourism Board)

**Panelist:** Miss Shilshila Acharya (Director of Avni-Ventures Pvt. Ltd, Kathmandu)



## Panel Talk 2 – Day 2

**Moderator:** Miss Chahana Shah

**Panelist:** Mrs. Sareeta Shri Gyawali (Producer / Presenter, Galaxy 4k TV / Motivational Speaker / Media Personality)

**Panelist:** Miss Katrina Doshi (Program Manager, Venture Capital, Malaysia)

**Panelist:** Bivek (LGBTQ Activist)



## Panel Talk 3 – Day 3

**Moderator:** Mr. Pramit Sharma

**Panelist:** Miss Lorene Tonati (Country Coordinator, Life Project for Youth)

**Panelist:** Mr. Sanjog Koirala (Digital Educator / Founder, Ideapreneur, Nepal)

**Panelist:** Mrs. Bimala Shrestha (Founder, Higher Ground Nepal)



# 29TH JULY 2023 – DAY 3



The third and final day of this remarkable event commenced with an air of grandeur and celebration, as attendees gathered to partake in a day filled with inspiring activities and meaningful connections. The day's proceedings began with the arrival of both delegates and esteemed guests, who were received with warmth and gracious hospitality. Invited to indulge in a delightful Hi-Tea session, the participants were afforded a wonderful opportunity to network, share experiences, and build camaraderie, thus fostering a sense of unity and collaboration among all in attendance.



The intellectual and thought-provoking facts of the event were set in motion with a captivating panel talk, which delved deeply into the pertinent and timely theme of "How can young people maintain their distinctive identity and find their purpose in today's fiercely competitive world?" This engaging discussion was a platform for the exchange of innovative ideas and thoughtful perspectives, where the attendees actively participated in enriching the overall discourse. The interactive Q/A session that followed allowed for an even more dynamic and enlightening exchange of thoughts, providing valuable insights to both the participants and the speakers.



The event then transitioned into a vibrant and colorful cultural spectacle that celebrated the diverse cultural tapestry represented by the delegates. In a heartwarming display of cultural pride, all the delegates proudly graced the stage, resplendent in their traditional attire and holding their national flags high. This visual extravaganza was a true feast for the eyes, further emphasizing the event's global reach and the unity in diversity it aimed to promote.



## **Subsequently, the official closing ceremony began with the arrival of distinguished guests, who were greeted with a mesmerizing Nepali cultural performance**

The chief guest was none other than Mrs. Indira Ranamagar, a prominent Nepalese politician and renowned social worker. Mrs. Ranamagar, currently serving as the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nepal, is also the Chairperson of the Prisoner's Association Nepal. She shared a heartwarming and motivational life story, beginning from her early childhood, which served as an inspiration to all in attendance, reinforcing the event's themes of resilience and purpose.

Following Mrs. Ranamagar's moving and motivational address, Mr. Kamran Zafar, the esteemed CEO of Global Peace Chain, delivered a heartfelt thank-you speech, expressing profound gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable contributions and active participation of all those present, underscoring the importance of collective efforts in driving positive change. The highlight of this splendid closing ceremony was, undoubtedly, the eagerly anticipated awarding ceremony.

Delegates were lauded and celebrated in various categories, including Best Delegate Male, Best Delegate Female, and more. They were presented with meticulously crafted tokens of love and certificates, tangible symbols of their outstanding achievements and dedication. Additionally, the event's supporting partners were duly recognized and presented with tokens of heartfelt appreciation for their crucial role in making the event a success.

In a comprehensive and thoughtful gesture, all the delegates were bestowed with certificates, serving as enduring mementos to commemorate their meaningful participation and valuable contributions to the event, thus honoring their roles as ambassadors of peace and change. Following the formal closing ceremony, the cultural night unfolded with much fanfare and excitement. Delegates took center stage to showcase their exceptional talents, which included singing, dancing, and a medley of other performances. They competed passionately for the coveted title of the Best Cultural Performance, delivering awe-inspiring displays of creativity and cultural expression.



The cultural night proved to be a resounding success, with everyone in attendance, including delegates, members of the organizing committee, and esteemed guests, coming together to revel in the splendid culminating moments of YPF 2023. It was an undeniably memorable and enjoyable conclusion to what had been a truly remarkable and unforgettable event, reaffirming the event's mission to inspire change, celebrate diversity, and foster lasting connections among the global youth.



● **Collaborating Partner – Nepal Youth Council**

● **Supporting Partner – Nepal Telecom**

● **Supporting Partner – Nepal Airlines**

● **Supporting Partner – Embassy of Pakistan, Nepal**

● **Supporting Partner – Nabil Bank**

● **Outreach Partner – Creating Opportunities**

● **Medical Partner – Overseas Friendship International Hospital**

● **Educational Partner – Triton SS & College**

● **Heritage Walk by – Lalitpur Metropolitan City**

● **Gift Partners – SwoArts, Chitrakala Paintings, I'm the Gardener, Café MYT, and Fcube Cinemas.**

# 29TH JULY 2023 – DAY 4



The closure of the YPF 2023 event marked an emotional farewell as we bid adieu to the cherished delegates. Our farewells were laden with heartfelt wishes for their success and blessings for their journeys ahead. We expressed our earnest hope to reunite with them in the future, extending an open invitation for them to revisit Nepal.

YPF 2023 stands as a testament to the event's resounding success, underscoring the tremendous efforts and dedication of the organizing committee. It was a realization of the profound belief held by our founders that such an event could be achieved, and it has proven to be a shining beacon of hope for a brighter future within our nation.

Moreover, we are motivated to continue our mission by organizing similar impactful events in Nepal. These endeavors aim to serve as dynamic platforms for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and on-going growth, further fostering a sense of unity and progress within our country.

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