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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

ICAN Signed Technical Collaboration Agreement with OCR

A delegation led by ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle comprising of Vice President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Technical Director, CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri, Administration Director, Mr. Binod Prasad Neupane and Joint Director, CA. Suman Kumar Bohara had a meeting with the Registrar of Company, Mr. Mahesh Baral and Other Officials in Office of Company Registrar (OCR) located at Tripureshwor, Kathmandu on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.



Left: CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President, ICAN and Mr. Mahesh Baral, Registrar of Company during signing MoU for Technical Collaboration between ICAN and OCR

The objective of the meeting was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Technical Collaboration between both the organizations to enhance regulatory mechanism by either organization by adopting various mechanism and explore the areas of cooperation to exchange expertise wherever required. The MoU was signed and exchanged by ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle and Company Registrar, Mr. Mahesh Baral.



Glimpse of meeting between ICAN and OCR during the event of signing MoU between ICAN and OCR

Participation in CAPA Members Meeting and CA Sri Lanka Conference

A delegation of ICAN led by President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, Prabin Kumar Jha, Past President and Council Member CA. Yuddha Rja Oli, Council Members, CA. Baikuntha Adhikari & RA. Poshraj Nepal and Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha attended the Members Meeting and Board Directors Election organized by CAPA in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 3rd October to 6th October 2023. During their visit they have also participated in the two days Conference organized by CA. Sri Lanka and CMA Sri Lanka.



Glimpse of Delegates from ICAN at the CAPA Members Meeting hosted by CA Sri Lanka at Colombo Sri Lanka

CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President ICAN has made a presentation on the topic “Future of the Profession- Challenges and Solutions” in the CAPA Members meeting held on 5th October 2023 in Colombo, Sri Lanka highlighting the prevailing opportunities and challenges prevailing in Nepal.

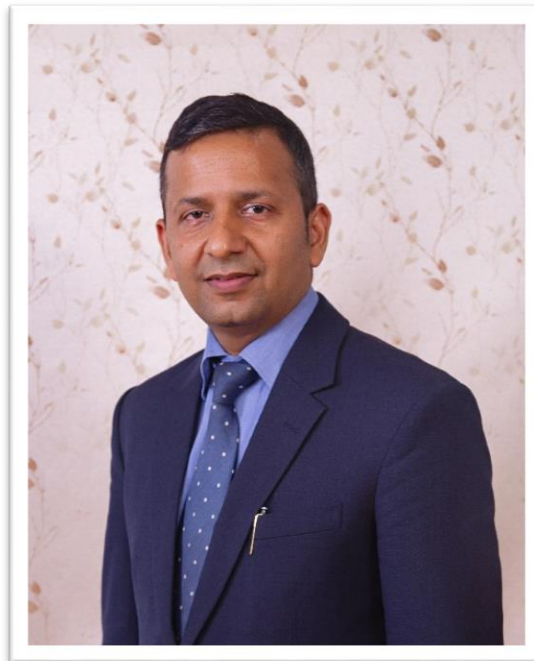


ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle presenting in CAPA Members meeting.

CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Past President and Council Member, ICAN Elected as Board Director of Confederation of Asia and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) for the year 2023-2027

CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Past President and Council Member, ICAN has been elected as a Board Director of the CAPA for the year 2023-2027. The Institute with distinct honor congratulates CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Past President and Council Member for being elected as the CAPA Board Member and extends best wishes for success in his future endeavors as CAPA Board Member. The newly elected Board Member of CAPA for 2023-2027 is presented as below:

S. No	Name of the Board Members	Designation	Name of Professional Accounting Bodies
1	Prafulla Chhajed	President	ICAI
2	Priya Terumalay	Director	CPA Australia
3	Md Shahadat Hossain	Director	ICAB Bangladesh
4	Wan Wenxiang	Director	CICPA China
5	Aniket Sunil Talati	Director	ICAI India
6	Satsuki Miyahara	Director	JICPA Japan
7	Jhun, Yong Sok	Director	KICPA Korea
8	Yuddha Raj Oli	Director	ICAN Nepal
9	Gill Cox	Director	CA ANZ New Zealand
10	Richard Kuna	Director	CPA Papua New Guinea
11	Randy Blanza	Director	PICPA Philippines
12	Tishan Subasinghe	Director	CA Sri Lanka
13	Jim Knafo	Director	AICPA USA



CONGRATULATIONS!!

CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Past President and Council Members, ICAN for being elected as Board Director of CAPA for the year 2023-2027



Glimpse of Board Members of CAPA for Year 2023-2027

Meeting with ACCA Delegates

ICAN President CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle together with Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha and Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha had a cordial meeting with the ACCA representatives Ms. Nilusha Ranasinghe, Head of ACCA South Asia and Mr. Zarif Ludin, Head of ACCA Institutional Partnership in Colombo Sri Lanka on 6th October 2023 during their visit to Sri Lanka to participate in CAPA Meetings, Election and Conference organized by CA Sri Lanka and CMA Sri Lanka. The meeting was concentrated towards discussion on enhancing more technical collaboration between both the Institutes specially in the areas of development of post qualification certification course by ICAN and development of guidelines relevant for the members of ICAN.



Glimpse of meeting between ICAN and ACCA Delegates

ICAN Participation in Project Scoping Meeting hosted by PEFA Secretariat

CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Executive Director and CA. Amrita Thapa, Assistant Director attended the project scoping meeting hosted by PEFA Secretariat at the Financial Comptroller General Office on 12th October 2023. The meeting was attended by officials from World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Monetary Fund and other Development Partners along with the officials from Implementation Partners of Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP). During the meeting, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Executive Director suggested the probable areas having scope for improvement for strengthening Public Financial Management in Nepal and expressed commitment of ICAN to partner with Multi Donor Trust Fund in their upcoming projects.

Meeting with the Mayor of Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City

CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President ICAN; CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President, ICAN and CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Executive Director, ICAN had a meeting with Mr. Khel Raj Pandey, Mayor of Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City at Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City office on 16th October 2023. During the meeting, CA. Sujan

Kumar Kafle, President ICAN expressed the Institute's intention for contribution and cooperation with Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City for enhancement of accounting and auditing practices in the region.

Interaction with Members

Delegation led by CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President ICAN including CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President, ICAN along with CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Executive Director, ICAN had an interaction with the ICAN Members residing at Butwal on 16th October 2023 in Butwal. The objective of this interaction program was to disseminating Institute's direction and approach for implementation of guidance and regulatory provision issued by the Institute and to hear the perspective of the members on the practicalities for adherence with those guidelines and provisions. Altogether, 33 members including the members of the Butwal BCC along with representatives from ACAN and AuDAN participated in the interaction program.

Certification Course on Information System Audit (ISA)

The Institute in technical collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) first time conducted an online certification course on ISA as a post qualification course for CA Members of ICAN from 3rd to 20th October 2023. The certification course was organized virtually whereby, 72 Members participated in the course.

Training on Code of Ethics, UDIN, Firm's Standards and Minimum Fee Guidelines 2078 and Taxation

Butwal Branch, of the Institute conducted one day training on Code of Ethics, UDIN, Firm's Standards and Minimum Fee Guidelines 2078 and Taxation on 7th October 2023 in Butwal. The program was Chaired by CA. Sheo Hari Sharma, Coordinator Butwal Branch Coordination Committee (BCC) whereby, CA. Pratap Karmacharya, Member, Butwal BCC also addressed the training. The technical sessions in the training were facilitated by CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri, Director, ICAN and Mr. Dhanishwor Aryal, Tax Officer, Inland Revenue Office, Krishna Nagar. Altogether 69 members of the Institute participated in the training.

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Training

The Institute with the objective to enhance conceptual and practical knowledge of the members of the Institute in various contemporary issues has organized a three-day CPE training from 6th to 8th October 2023 at ICAN Premises, located at Satdobato, Lalitpur. The CPE training was focused on NSA, NFRS applicable to manufacturing sector, audit of Micro Entities (MEs) and Not for Profit Organizations (NPOs), provisions of Income Tax and VAT including return filing and audit of Cooperative. Altogether, 68 Members of the Institute participated in the CPE training.

Career Counseling on Chartered Accountancy (CA) Education

Butwal Branch of the Institute organized a career counseling program at Butwal. The objective of this career counseling program was to make students aware of the Chartered Accountancy Course offered by the Institute. CA. Rupesh Kumar Maheswori and Ms. Kamala Chudali, Assistant Director Education and Public Health Division Butwal Sub- Metropolitan City addressed the program as the Chair and Chef Guest whereby, CA. Sagun Khanal facilitated the program. Altogether, 40 students and stakeholders participated in the program.

Participation in National Convention of Account Supervision Committee of Cooperatives

CA. Bharat Nepal, Deputy Director participated in the National Convention of Account Supervision Committee of Cooperatives held on 12th and 13th October 2023 at Kathmandu organized by the National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF) The objective of the convention was to discuss about effective tools and system for internal control in cooperatives in Nepal for enhancing self-regulation and cooperative governance in

Cooperatives and to develop the guidelines required for risk management and financial discipline in cooperatives.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Name and Membership Number of New Chartered Accountants (CA) Member

The Institute registered Chartered Accountant Members pursuant to Section 16(2) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. New CA Membership issued during month of October 2023 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No	Members Name
1	CA-2115	Krishna Adhikari
2	CA-2116	Sanjog Dulal
3	CA-2117	Sagar Acharya
4	CA-2118	Purushotam Kumar Singh
5	CA-2119	Krishna Panthee
6	CA-2120	Surya Bahadur Khadka
7	CA-2121	Pratima Pandey
8	CA-2122	Subekshya Sedhain
9	CA-2123	Ghanisha Kunwar
10	CA-2124	Sonu Maharjan
11	CA-2125	Rajan Pathak
12	CA-2126	Wilson Munakarmi
13	CA-2127	Subas Jnawali
14	CA-2128	Saurab Kandel
15	CA-2129	Samir Khadka
16	CA-2130	Uma Devi Thapa
17	CA-2131	Manisha Dwivedi
18	CA-2132	Anjalee Sawad
19	CA-2133	Ujjwal Karki
20	CA-2134	Pankaj Dahal
21	CA-2135	Sujan Pant

Name and Membership Number of New Fellow Chartered Accountants (FCA) Member

The Institute registered Fellow Chartered Accountants pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. New Fellow Chartered Accountants Membership issued during month of October 2023 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No	Members Name
1	CA-676	Ankit Tayal
2	CA-772	Mukesh Verma
3	CA-773	Pravin Sarawagi
4	CA-839	Munna Prasad
5	CA-1170	Anil Phuyal
6	CA-1234	Ujjawal Mainali
7	CA-1298	Kshitiz Koirala

Name and Membership Number of Demised Member

The Institute removes name of members from the Membership Register in case of death of members pursuant to Section 22(1) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. Details of demised members whose membership has been removed from list of members during month of October 2023 are presented in table below:

S. No	Membership No.	Member ship Name	Class
1	RA-4626	Bishnu Prasad Shrestha	RA-D Class

ICAN NOTICE AND UPDATES

Notice About Library Shift

The Institute has published a notice regarding change in shift of library working as below which was applicable from 27th October 2023:

Shift	Time
Morning Shift	6:00AM-12:45 PM
Day Shift	01:15 PM - 08:00 PM

The notice can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/d9e321c7ca19e5fd46ad833700215ab7.pdf>

Notice of Registered Auditor (RA) Upgrading

The Institute has published a notice regarding upgrading of RA members whereby, 5 RA Members have been upgraded from C Class to B Class and 2 RA Members have been upgraded from D Class to C Class. The notice can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/defe2a6126536c0226e3f7c4d9729e2a.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Accounting Day Celebration

The Institute is going to celebrate International Accounting Day on 10th November 2023 by organizing various programs. The details of the same will be disseminated through the website and other social media of the Institute.

NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES

Issuance of Unified Directives, 2080 to A, B and C Class Banks and Financial Institutions

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued Unified Directives, 2080 to A, B and C Class Banks and Financial Institutions. The Directives can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2023/10/Unified-Directives-2080-Circular-Final-Published.pdf>

Issuance of Unified Directives, 2080 to Infrastructure Development Banks

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued Unified Directives, 2080 to Infrastructure Development Banks. The Directives can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2023/10/Unified-Directives-Infrastructure-Development-Bank-2080-1.pdf>

Issuance of Stress Testing Guidelines, 2023

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued Stress Testing Guidelines, 2023 which has repealed the earlier Stress Testing Guidelines, 2022. The Guidelines can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2023/10/Stress-Testing-2023.pdf>

Issuance of Insurer Financial Statements Directives, 2080

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Directives related to Financial Statements of Insurer. The Insurer Financial Statements Directives, 2080 shall be applicable with effective from 16th Ashoj 2079 and the insurer shall prepare their financial statements based on the Directives from Fiscal Year beginning from and afterwards FY 2079/80. The Directives can be viewed from the link below:

<https://nia.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/financial-statement-directive.pdf>

And the notice of the same can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/c_20231010_0001.pdf

Issuance of Property Insurance Directives, 2080

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Property Insurance Directives, 2080 which shall be effective from 1st Kartik 2080. The Directives can be viewed from the link below:

<https://nia.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/>

Issuance of Draft of Internal Control and Supervision Directives

The Office of The Company Registrar has issued a draft of Internal Control and Supervision Directives requesting comment from the stakeholders. The draft for comment can be viewed from the link below:

https://ocr.gov.np/upload_file/files/post/

INTERNATIONAL NEWS, EVENTS AND UPDATES

Public Sector Needs to Prepare for Sustainability Reporting and Assurance Challenge

Across the globe momentum is building for sustainability reporting and assurance in the public sector. The IPSASB decided to move forward with the development of public sector specific sustainability reporting standards beginning with a Climate-Related Disclosures standard. Finance and audit professionals working in government, public sector bodies and supreme audit institutions – Auditors-General’s offices, Courts of Accounts and similar (SAIs) – can demonstrate leadership on this agenda, driving action to progress transparent reporting and assurance of expenditure and actions to address sustainability challenges. At the World Investment Forum in Abu Dhabi on 16th October three global bodies, ACCA, IFAC and IDI launched a [summary](#) of their forthcoming introduction to sustainability and assurance in the public sector. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifac.org/news-events/2023-10/public-sector-needs-prepare-sustainability-reporting-and-assurance-challenge>

New IAASB Resources Alert: Explore ISSA 5000 FAQ on Materiality

As part of its intensive outreach campaign across the globe, the IAASB has heard requests from a range of stakeholders to provide additional information on materiality matters to better help them navigate the recently proposed [International Standard on Sustainability Assurance \(ISSA\) 5000, General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements](#). Accordingly, a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), [The Application of Materiality by the Entity and the Assurance Practitioner](#), has been developed.

The comment period for proposed ISSA 5000 is open until December 1, 2023.

Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/new-iaasb-resources-alert-explore-issa-5000-faq-materiality>

New Edition of the IAASB Handbook Now Available on the IAASB Website & for Print Orders

The IAASB has released the 2022 edition of the [Handbook of International Quality Management, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements](https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/new-edition-iaasb-handbook-now-available-iaasb-website-print-orders). Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/new-edition-iaasb-handbook-now-available-iaasb-website-print-orders>

IAASB Enhances Auditor's Report Transparency on Independence to Reflect Revisions in The IESBA Code of Ethics

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) has [released amendments](https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/iaasb-enhances-auditor-s-report-transparency-independence-reflect-revisions-iesba-code-ethics) aimed at bolstering transparency and providing auditors with a clear mechanism to action changes to the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). The IAASB amended International Standard on Auditing 700 (Revised), Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements and ISA 260 (Revised), Communication with Those Charged with Governance. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/iaasb-enhances-auditor-s-report-transparency-independence-reflect-revisions-iesba-code-ethics>

IESBA Staff Releases Q&As to Support Adoption and Implementation of International Independence Standard on Group Audits

The Staff of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) today released a [questions and answers \(Q&A\) publication](https://www.ethicsboard.org/news-events/2023-10/iesba-staff-releases-qas-support-adoption-and-implementation-international-independence-standard) on the pronouncement [Revisions to the Code Relating to the Definition of Engagement Team and Group Audits](https://www.ethicsboard.org/news-events/2023-10/iesba-staff-releases-qas-support-adoption-and-implementation-international-independence-standard). The revisions to the Code address holistically the various independence considerations in an audit of group financial statements. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ethicsboard.org/news-events/2023-10/iesba-staff-releases-qas-support-adoption-and-implementation-international-independence-standard>

IPSASB Issues Exposure Draft (ED) 85, Improvements to IPSAS, 2023

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) has issued [Exposure Draft \(ED\) 85, Improvements to IPSAS, 2023](https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2023-10/ipsasb-issues-exposure-draft-ed-85-improvements-ipsas-2023). ED 85 proposes minor improvements to accrual basis IPSAS that arise through publications of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The proposals in this exposure draft may be modified in light of comments received before being issued in final form. Comments are due by December 18, 2023 and must be submitted in English. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2023-10/ipsasb-issues-exposure-draft-ed-85-improvements-ipsas-2023>

IPSASB Issues Updated Chapters of Conceptual Framework

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB), developer of IPSAS, international accrual-based accounting standards for use by governments and other public sector entities around the world, has published an updated chapter of its Conceptual Framework, which establishes the concepts that are applied in developing IPSAS and Recommended Practice Guidelines (RPGs) and are applicable to the preparation and presentation of public sector entities' general purpose financial reports. The Conceptual Framework enables the IPSASB to ensure the consistency of its standard-setting by strengthening the linkage between IPSASs. Additionally, the transparency of the concepts underpinning the development of IPSASs and RPGs enhances the IPSASB's accountability. The updated chapter, [Chapter 3, Qualitative Characteristics](https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2023-10/ipsasb-issues-updated-chapters-conceptual-framework), completes the limited scope project to improve its Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting by Public Sector Entities. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2023-10/ipsasb-issues-updated-chapters-conceptual-framework>

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