



## Seminar on Minorities in South Asia

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**Venue:** Kathmandu, Nepal

DAY - I	
09.00a.m.-09.30am	Welcome Address - Adv. Irfan Engineer/ Mr. Deepak Thapa
09.30am - 10.00am	Keynote
10.00a.m.-12.00	Introductory Note and Setting the tone for country papers, followed by <i>South Asia State of the Minorities Report '16: Conceptual and Methodological Framework</i> – Dr. Sajjad Hassan, Misaal/Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
12.00 p.m.-1.30p.m.	Panel by the Delegation from Nepal
1.30p.m.-2.30p.m.	Lunch
2.30p.m.-4.00p.m.	<b>Afghanistan</b> – Mr. Omer Sadr, South Asian University, New Delhi
4.00 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.	<b>Bangladesh</b> – Mr. Zakir Hussain, Nagorik Uddyog, Dhaka
5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	<b>Pakistan</b> – Ms. Bushra Khaliq, Women in Struggle for Empowerment and National Commission for Justice and Peace, Lahore
DAY - II	
09.00a.m.-10.30am	<b>Sri Lanka</b> – Ms. Sarita De Fonseka, Law and Society Trust, Colombo
10.30a.m.-12.00 p.m.	<b>India</b> – Panel by the Delegation from India
12.00 p.m.-1.30p.m.	Communication and Advocacy Strategy for minority rights in South Asia – Ms. Jasmin Qureshi, Minority Rights Group International followed by a Panel discussion
1.30p.m.-2.30p.m.	Lunch
2.30p.m.-3.30p.m.	Monitoring mechanism for minority rights – Panel discussion
3.30p.m. -5.00p.m.	Conclusion and Planning the Way Forward – Facilitated by Mr. Harsh Mander, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
5.00p.m -6.00p.m.	Valedictory Session

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