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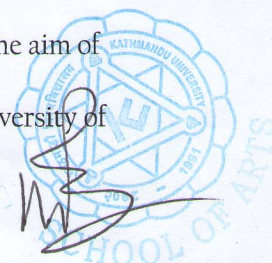
Agreement between the Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCCR)  
and  
the Department of Development Studies (DEVS), School of Arts (SoA), Kathmandu University  
for implementing PhD Package at DEVS

Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (hereinafter referred as NCCR), a not for profit research foundation registered at Company Registrars Office of the Government of Nepal, aims to contribute to address challenges of sustainable development through research and policy debate. NCCR is the successor of the South Asia Regional Office of the Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) North-South, which has been collaborating with the School of Arts (SoA) of Kathmandu University (KU) since 2006. In this context, NCCR and the Department of Development Studies (here in after referred as DEVS) of Kathmandu University have entered into an agreement to implement a PhD Package at DEVS as a Nepal Case Study under the research project entitled: **Feminisation, Agricultural Transition, and Rural Employment: Social and Political Conditions of Asset Building in the Context of Export-led Agriculture (FATE)** led by Prof. Brigitte Schnegg of Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Bern and co-led by Dr. Sabin Bieri, Centre for Development and Environment of the University of Bern, where NCCR is the one of 6 collaborators.

The agreement is signed by Dr Bishnu Raj Upreti on the behalf of NCCR as the first party and the Dean of School of Arts of Kathmandu University, Dr Mahesh Banskota on the behalf of DEVS/SoA, KU as the second party to implement the PhD Package at the DEVS from the August 1, 2014.

Provisions of the agreement:

1. Both parties are willing to collaborate in this project to implement a PhD (related to or on Feminisation, Agricultural Transition, and Rural Employment: Social and Political Conditions of Asset Building in the Context of Export-led Agriculture) at DEVS/SoA, KU from August 1, 2014.
2. Duration of the agreement: 3 years starting from August 1, 2014.
3. NCCR pays the total sum of NRs. 2086700 (Twenty Lakh Eighty-six Thousand Seven Hundred only) to the DEVS for the implementation of the project as detailed in the Annex 1 to cover tuition fees, scholarship and research allowance for one PhD student, some costs for two masters students and logistics and overhead costs).
4. The total amount stated in the Annex 1 will be transfer in 3 instalments during the 3 years period of the project. First instalment including the total fees of the PhD student will be transferred immediately upon the signing of the agreement. The payment of subsequent instalments will be released at the end of each year based upon the joint review of the progress and planning.
5. NCCR shall provide technical inputs related to the project to effectively implement this agreement.
6. DEVS will select a PhD candidate as per the rules and regulations of SoA, KU with the aim of starting the PhD program by August 1, 2014.
7. The Supervisory team shall include one member each from NCCR, SoA, KU and University of Berne, one of which shall act as the Supervisor and others shall act as co-supervisors.







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8. The selected candidate will become a full-time student to be stationed at SOA, KU and shall take up some teaching assignments at the University when required.
9. The expenditures incurred by the DEVS for carrying out the project are liable to independent audit by approved auditors. The DEVS/SoA, KU shall submit financial audit reports to NCCR at the end of each financial year (not later than 25 July).
10. DEVS shall contribute ten percent of the total budget under this agreement in kind or cash to this project.
11. DEVS and NCCR shall jointly review the progress of the Project at the end of every year and make changes accordingly if needed.
12. DEVS shall submit the Annual Financial Report of this PhD Collaboration Project to NCCR in July every year.
13. Any publication coming out of the project should acknowledge the support provided by SNSF and SDC.
14. Any changes in or modifications to this agreement shall require the written consent of both parties.

Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti  
Director,  
NCCR



Date: 2014/02/18

Dr. Mahesh Banskota  
Dean, School of Arts  
Kathmandu University



Date: Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014





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### Annex A: Budget allocation

Cost category	Rate	Details	NRs total
Scholarship one PhD student	25000/month	36 months	900,000
PhD student fee	3,52,000	One time at the beginning of project	352,000
Master students research scholarship	100000	One time for two student (1 in 1 <sup>st</sup> and 1 in 2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	200,000
Reference/book	70000	One time at the beginning of the project	70,000
Field research costs	50000	For 2 years	100,000
Thesis production related	200000	Language editing printing, external review, graduation, etc)	200,000
Miscellaneous	25000	3 years	75,000
Subtotal:			1,897,000
Overhead (10 %)			189,700
		Total	2,086,700

### Annex B: Quick overview of the project

The Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCC) is working as research partner with the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies (ICGS) and Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern for the research programme entitled: Feminisation, Agricultural Transition, and Rural Employment: Social and Political Conditions of Asset Building in the Context of Export-led Agriculture (FATE), which was jointly applied by Prof. Brigitte Schnegg, Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Bern as main applicant and NCCR as co-applicant. This research project is due to implement by 1 May 2014 in Nepal, Laos, Rwanda and Bolivia and will be managed by Dr. Sabin Bieri, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern.

NCCR as Nepal project partner aims to work in rural issues, agriculture and employment, and in particular in view of the focus on gender relations and the division of labour within rural households. This project is expected to produce important data and thus offer an invaluable contribution to the strategy of relevant Nepal-based actors. Nepal has been selected as research site for its features offering a high potential for agricultural development while being part of the category of less developed, land-locked mountainous countries. With three other research sites belonging to the same category, the Nepal case will provide the background to assess employment effects of commercialized agriculture, and their implications for rural livelihoods. The case studies, which, in a second step, will be brought together in a cross-case comparison, will involve original data collection based on a mixed methods framework of social science research techniques, including qualitative as well as quantitative approaches.

The financial support for this project is provided by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

