

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



West Asia Conference on Visual Impairment and Deafblindness

Jointly organized by ICEVI West Asia and Sense International India

ICEVI: International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) is a global association of individuals and organizations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all children and youth with visual impairment so that they may achieve their full potential. This website includes information that is relevant not only to ICEVI in general, but, most importantly, to the activities that take place in the seven regions of ICEVI. The West Asia Region of the ICEVI is headed by Dr. Bhushan Punani with Head Quarters at Ahmedabad. Visit website www.icevi.org for more details on ICEVI. Visit website www.iceviwestasia.in for more details on ICEVI West Asia

Sense International India (also known as Sense India) is the first and only national level organisation supporting specialised services which enable children and adults with deafblindness to overcome the challenges caused by deafblindness. We combine individual, corporate, institutional and government support to work with a growing network of partner organisations in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, who provide a wide range of services to create opportunities for children and young adults through home and centre based services to learn communication and daily-living skills and receive basic education and acquire income generating skills which lead to family-based productive activities and independent living. Visit website <http://www.senseintindia.org> for more details on this organization.

Hosted by ICEVI Nepal and ADRAD-Nepal

Action on Disability Rights and Development (ADRAD-Nepal) is a human rights social organization of persons with disabilities established in Nepal. The purpose of this organization is to support implementation of UNCRPD, policy intervention, promotion of accessible Information Communication Technology,

Disability Inclusive DRR and achieving Disability related indicators of SDG. ADRAD has been awarded in Zero Project Conference, Vienna in 2016 and 2018 respectively for the promotion of inclusive education using accessible ICT and promoting accessible post-earthquake reconstruction in Nepal. This organization has been listed as accredited organization of UN, member of the disability stakeholder group of UNISDRR and the secretariat of ICEVI-Nepal.

ICEVI Nepal: ICEVI Global has been promoting education of children with visual impairment since 1992 with Mr. Madhav Aryal as Country Representative on ICEVI West Asia. Nepal was covered as a Focus Country under Education for All Children (EFAVI) and variety of activities on promotion of education were organized. The Ministry of Education has always extending its fullest cooperation and support. The ICEVI also extended support to Nepal under Lee Foundation Grant and promoted development of Uniform Nepalese Braille and sensitization of teachers. It also motivated formation of Vision Alliance Nepal which is a joint initiative of ICEVI and World Blind Union. The ICEVI also organized a Champions Program for blind youth at Lalitpur during 17-18 August,, 2018 and “Reading without Seeing” Workshop at Pokhra. At present, ICEVI West Asia has two representatives from Nepal including Mr. Madhav Aryal and Dr. Birendra Raj Pokharel.

Venue: Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)

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Dates: 16th to 18th February, 2020

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Theme of the Conference: “Inclusive Education: Leaving No One Behind”

Sub Themes

- Early Intervention and Child Preparatory Practices
- Inclusive practices and school age
- Inclusion and children with severe disabilities
- Policies and Legislations in Asia and inclusive practices
- Skill training and inclusive practices
- Technology and its use to enhance inclusion
- Access – Physical, communication , attitudinal , social and emotional
- Governance
- Resource Mobilization

Recognition: This Conference is likely to be recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India for 150 participants under Continuing Rehabilitation, Education (CRE).

Core Committee

- * Dr. Bhushan Punani, ICEVI West Asia
- * Dr. MNG Mani, ICEVI
- * Ms Nandini Rawal, ICEVI
- * Mr. Akhil Paul, Sense India
- * Mr. Madhav Aryal, ICEVI, Nepal
- * Dr. Birendra Raj Pokharel, ADRAD, Nepal
- * Mr. Sachin Razal, Sense India
- * Mr. Bharat Joshi, Blind People's Association

Program Committee

- * Ms Nandini Rawal, Chairperson
- * Ms Vimal Thawani, Blind People's Association
- * Ms. Sampada Shevde, Voice & Vision, Perkins International Program
- * Dr. S. R. Mittal, Member, ICEVI West Asia
- * Mr. Uttam Kumar, Sense India
- * Dr. Birendra Raj Pokharel, Nepal

Registration

As conference venue has limited facilities, only 300 participants shall be registered for the conference.

For the registration form or the payment details, please visit-

www.iceviwestasia.in/registration/

Registration fee is only Indian Rupees Rs. 3000 (Nepalese Rupees 5000) per participants.

For the local participants, only the conformed registered participants are entitled to pay the registration fee. Once the application is approved, the registration conformation will be sent to register E-mail.

The registration fee covers:

- Conference kit including conference material
- 3 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 High Tea
- Pick up from designated hotel to conference venue and return
- Braille material, audio material and e-material

Responsibility of Participants: Look after their own travel, pay registration fee and pay for non-covered meals, hotel accommodation, insurance, incidental and other personal expenses.

The Conference organizers may arrange hotel accommodation for participants who will have to pay the hotel costs themselves. The next Announcement will have details of hotels and rates.

Paper presentation

Only registered participants need to send their papers to the Chairperson, Program Committee at the email ID: iceviwestasia@gmail.com before 31st August, 2019.

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Website: www.iceviwestasia.in

Conference WhatsApp Group: ICEVI Sense Nepal 2020

Green Conference: As this will be a green conference,

- No conference material shall be printed
- All updates shall be provided through WhatsApp, website, email and mobile
- Complete material shall be provided as e-text (Audio, soft material and Braille)

Note: The Registration Form; bank details for payment; hotel booking form and other details shall be uploaded on the website