

- development of effective SMTQ services in general and for shearing of knowledge and resources among different players in this field.
- To arrange awareness seminars, workshops and meetings for interested groups (government agencies/ service providers/ purchasing authorities/ users/ consumers etc.) on present practice in quality management and environmental management system.
- To work as a contact point for related stakeholders to advocate for the development of effective and unified Quality Infrastructure to face the challenges relating to WTO Rules on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS).
- To seek international support and cooperation for training and advisory services.
- To prepare a rostrum of national level experts and or domestic organizations for the required cooperation in Forum's activities.
- To represent the Forum in the workshops, seminars, trainings, and meetings etc. which are related to SMTQ activities.

- To provide consultancy services, project evaluations and to conduct workshop, seminar, training and meetings as per the goal and objectives of the Forum at national and international level.

MEMBERSHIP:

A. Criteria:

Any public or private organizations or units and any person could apply for the membership. To be qualified for Forum member

- Organization or unit has to be engaged or involved in the field of SMTQ activities.
- Any person must have acquired at least Master's or equivalent degree with the experience of minimum of five years active involvement or participation in the field of SMTQ.

B. Validity:

Membership cannot be transferred. Duration of the ordinary membership will be only for one fiscal year and must be renewed within 30 days of expiry; otherwise it will be invalid.

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BACKGROUND:

In the present context of global free trade and WTO regime, effective functioning of Quality Infrastructure (QI) such as Standardization, Metrology, Testing, Quality Certification and Accreditation has become quite essential. On the other hand, awareness in quality-related issues at all level has to be sufficiently enhanced and so are the improved institutionalized cooperation, coordination and transparency among QI players. Furthermore, QI players need to practice the coordinated approach and concerted efforts to address all of these issues. Hence, it can be said that current QI system in Nepal still needs to be improved to keep all these endeavors properly in place.

The SMTQ Forum Nepal, which is a non-profit, non-stock and an independent organization, is set up to address these shortcomings. Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) of Germany has supported this set-up.

GOAL:

Achieve excellence in the quality of Nepalese goods and services for the protection of human health and environment and thence promote those goods and services in the global market.

OBJECTIVES/ PURPOSES:

- To serve as a national level working group of Nepalese experts that will effectively interlink and facilitate coordination among different organizations or units that are engaged in quality infrastructure; to work and advocate for the establishment of unified and internationally recognized national conformity assessment system.
- To identify the technical infrastructure and services, which are needed in Nepal and then to support for their development.
- To provide assistance to strengthen technical capabilities and expertise of members of the Forum and advocate for the promotion of internationally acceptable, present practice in quality management system and quality culture in public and private organizations relating to SMTQ.

INITIAL PROMOTERS:

1. Mr. Poorna Prasad Manandhar, Ex-Secretary to Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and Ex-Director General of Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology.
2. Dr. Tika Bahadur Karki, Ex-Director General of Department of Food Technology and Quality Control.
3. Dr. Dev Bhakta Shakya, currently Executive Director of Agro Enterprise Center, Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries.
4. Mr. Shreekrishna Shrestha, Ex-Director General of Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology.
5. Mr. Rajendra Bahadur Tuladhar, Ex-General Manager, Nepal Drugs Limited.

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

- To act as a catalyst or a coordinator or a push group or an advisory group or mediator among different QI players and related organizations at public and private for the establishment of internationally acceptable effective Quality Infrastructure along with Conformity Assessment and Accreditation system in Nepal.
- To provide venue for the exchange and dissemination of technical information and ideas, which are relevant for the

