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Regional Conference on **"Refugees in South Asia"**

May 2-3, 2016
Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu

Organized by

Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in cooperation with

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)

May 1, 2016 (Sun.)

Arrival of Delegates (All Day)

18:30 hrs. **Welcome Dinner at Arch Room**(Guest of Honour Ms. Jacqueline Groth, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Nepal)

May 2, 2016 (Mon.)

Inaugural Session (Arch Room)

9:00 hrs. Registration and tea/coffee

9:30 hrs. Welcome Address by **Dr. Nishchal N. Pandey**, Director, CSAS

9:45 hrs. Inauguration of the conference by chief guest **Honourable Anup Raj Sharma, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal and former chief justice** by lighting the traditional Nepali lamp

- 9:47 hrs. Address on "*South Asian Refugees: The Desperation Factor*" by **Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed**, Executive Director, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo
- 10:00 hrs. Address on "*Refugees in South Asia: An Indian Perspective*" by **Lt. Gen. (retd.) PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM**, Director, United Service Institution (USI) of India, New Delhi
- 10:15 hrs. Presentation on "*Refugees of South Asia*" by **Maj. Gen. (retd.) ANM Muniruzzaman**, President, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), Dhaka
- 10:30 hrs. Address by the chief guest **Honourable Anup Raj Sharma, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal and former chief justice**
- 10:45 hrs. Group Photo/Tea/Coffee

First Session

- 11:15 hrs. Address on "*Present and (with no) Future: The Refugees in South Asia 2016*" by **Prof. D.Suba Chandran**, International Strategic and Security Studies, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India
- 11:30 hrs. Address on "*Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in India*" by **Prof. A. Subramanyam Raju**, Head, Institute of South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, India
- 11:45 noon Address on "*Refugees and Radicalization - Understanding the Dynamics*" by **Shafqat Munir**, Associate Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), Dhaka
- 12:00 noon Address on "*Refugees and IDPs: Implications for South Asian Connectivity*" by **Dhruva Jaishankar**, Fellow for Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution India Centre, New Delhi
- 12:15 noon Floor Discussion
- 13:00 hrs. Response by Speakers (5 mins. each)
- 13:15 hrs. Lunch (At Ghar-e-Kabab)**

Second Session

- 14:15 hrs. Address on "*Managing the Rohingya Crisis: Need for Increased Multi-Level Engagement*" by **Md. Nazmul Islam** Research Officer, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), Dhaka
- 14:30 hrs. Address on "*Re-Settlement of Afghan Refugee: Socio-Politico Costs and Humanitarian Dimensions*" by **Salma Malik**, Assistant Professor, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad
- 14:45 hrs. Address on "*Prospects and Challenges of the Re-settled Bhutanese Refugees*" by **Lekhanath Pandey** Special Correspondent, *The Himalayan Times* daily, Kathmandu
- 15:00 hrs. Floor Discussion
- 15:30 hrs. Response from Speakers (5 mins each)
- 15:45 hrs. Tea/Coffee/End of Day One**
- 19:00 hrs. Dinner (outside the hotel-venue to be notified)

May 3, 2016 (Tue.)

Third Session (Arch Room)

- 9:30 hrs. Address on "*Refugees in South Asia*", by **Alok Bansal**, Director, India Foundation, New Delhi
- 9:45 hrs. Address on "*The Refugee Imbroglia with Special Focus on Tibetan and Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal*" by **Prof. M.P. Lohani**, Former Nepali Ambassador to Bangladesh and DPR to United Nations
- 10:00 hrs. Address on "*Migration in Northeast India: A Live Politico- Electoral Issue*" by **Ms. Rani Pathak Das**, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Development and Peace Studies, Guwahati

- 10:15 hrs. Address on "*Rohingya Refugees in India: Challenges and Resolutions*" by **Dr. Nihar Nayak**, Research Fellow, Institute of Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi
- 10:30 hrs. Floor Discussions
- 11:00 hrs. Response by Speakers (5 mins. each)
- 11:20 hrs. Tea/Coffee**

Fourth Session:

- 11:45 hrs. Address on "IDPs in Pakistan" by **Aymer Ijaz**, Assistant Research Officer, Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), Islamabad
- 12:00 noon Address on "IDPs in Bangladesh" by **Ashique Rahman**, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Dhaka
- 12:15 hrs. Floor Discussion
- 12:45 hrs. Response by Presenters (5 mins. each)

Concluding Session:

- 13:00hrs. Final Words by **Dr. Nishchal N. Pandey**, Director, CSAS
- 13:10 hrs. Vote of Thanks by **Ms. Megha Sarmah**, Research Officer, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore
- 13:20 hrs. Conclusion of the Conference /Lunch**(at Arniko room)
- 18:30 hrs. Farewell Dinner at Thamel
- 21:00 hrs. Return to Hotel Annapurna

May 4, 2016 (Wed.)

Departures