

**November 21: NRA meeting on Gokarna Follow-up to expedite the reconstruction process:** AIN Treasurer Lora Wuennenberg attended the meeting called by NRA. The meeting was a follow up to the Gorkarna workshop. The NRA provided updates from their consultations with various stakeholders including representatives of local municipalities, sector ministries, bankers association, etc. The result of those consultations has led to the NRA's "28 action points" also known as the "Greenwich Declaration." There was a housing reconstruction meeting on 18-20 July with NRA and donor partners to discuss measures for acceleration of the housing reconstruction process due to slow rate of home rebuilding. An action work plan was developed from that meeting.

**November 20 -23: Education Joint Review Meeting (JRM):** SC Member Dr Bhola Dahal along with Education Working Group Coordinator Seema Acharya attended the JRM organized by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Education in coordination with Joint Financing Partners (JFM). Dr Bhola Dahal made a presentation highlighting on AIN Education Working Group's engagement in SWAP in 2018 and AIN's commitment to support the Government in addressing emerging needs for local level social mobilization and collaboration among agencies. Support local government in their institutional capacity development needs and to provide broad experience, good practices and lessons learnt based on the experience of members in consolidated manner through the TWGs to support overcoming identified barriers and bottlenecks. Dr Bhola Also provided his comments and inputs on draft Nepal School Sector Development Plan 2017 Aide Memoire.

**November 20: Interaction program on Facilities & accountability of tax exempt organizations:** Inland Revenue Department, IRD Lalitpur had organized an Interaction for AIN Members on 'Facilities and accountability of tax exempt organizations' on the occasion of sixth National Revenue day. Around 69 AIN Members had attended the discussion led by Mr. Lal B Khatri, Chief Revenue Officer and Ramesh Raj Gautam, Director General. Members got an opportunity to share their concerns and queries regarding tax and vat issues.

**November 20 & 16- 17: Understanding Labor Law from INGO Perspective:** AIN HR Working group organized training on "Understanding Labor Law from INGO Perspective" from November 16 -17, 2017. The purpose of the training was to enhance knowledge on the provisions of Labor law and its applicability to INGOs. The key objective of the training was to understand the changes in the newly updated Labor Law 2074. SC Members Govinda Neupane and Mona Sherpa attended the training and delivered opening remarks and distributed certificates to participants as well. Forty AIN Member organizations had attended the training along with Secretariat Manager Lucky Gurung.

**November 20:** AIN Chairperson Dr Shibesh Regmi held a meeting with National Federation of Disabled Nepal (NFDN). Key concerns: one INGO one disabled; INGOs to consider disability as a crosscutting theme if it is not their priority theme.

**November 19:** Chairperson Dr Shibesh Regmi attended the AGM of Impact Nepal, a national NGO working on disability theme.

**November 18:** Chairperson Dr Shibesh Regmi attended the AGM of Nepal Association for the Welfare of the Blind NAWB.

**November 17: AIN paid a courtesy visit to FNJ, Federation of Nepali Journalists:** AIN Communications team led by Communication Coordinator Prerana Marasini and AIN Program Coordinator Reshma Shrestha paid a courtesy visit to the Federation of Nepali Journalists. Mr. Govinda Acharya, President of FNJ had attended the meeting along with the Vice President Bipul Pokhrel, Treasurer Rajesh Mishra, Secretary Rem B Tamata and few other members. FNJ shared about their programs & strategies and emphasized on the need of building capacity of the journalists for understanding INGO activities & contributions/ unbiased reporting/INGO image etc. AIN shared about their past engagement with media (development dialogue, media literacy etc) and upcoming strategy in terms of proactive information, media campaign & perception. AIN stressed on the need of building trust and working together as an ally for a common goal i.e. to serve the people.

**November 15: Interaction on Communication for Development C4D:** AIN Communication Group led by Coordinator Ayush Joshi organized a session on C4D by Mr. Rudrajit Das, Chief of Communication for Development from UNICEF. Das a seasoned development communicator has spearheaded various behavior change communications and advocacy campaigns. His session focused on – Behavior Change Communications (BCC), advocacy campaigns and designing, and monitoring of communications impact. Around 30 AIN members had attended the interaction.

**November 8: Department of Health Services, National Health Training Centre:** AIN Health Working Group members led by SC Member Nirmala Sharma attended the discussion on the ‘orientation packages to local elected bodies and rollout planning’ organized by Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health as a part of implementing Constitution of Nepal 2072 where high priority has been given to orient local government and related officials on health & development in federalism.

**November 7: AIN SC meets UNRC Valerie Julliand:** SC Members meeting with UNRC Valerie Julliand led by Chairperson Dr Shibesh Regmi and Vice Chair Douwe Dijkstra mainly discussed on development space, federalization, SWC Act and UNDAF. It was stated that the Government still seem to be unclear about their roles at the central, provincial and municipal level in the new Federal Structure hence different views are emerging from different sections. However, it was recommended that AIN should start preparing its talking points & elements and strategies of advocacy that AIN seek to raise with concerned stakeholders along with an ideal reporting line since INGOs are working throughout the 75 districts. AIN will soon be shared with a copy of the UNDAF report that was signed recently.

**November 7: NGO Federation 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM and Civil Society Conference 2017:** AIN Chair Dr Shibesh Regmi attended as a Panelist to speak on the Role of INGOs in Nepal’s Development with specific reference to the changed context.