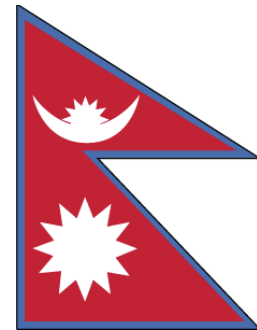




Technology and Development in Nepal: Community Technology Centers



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Serving currently as a full-time Member of High Level Commission for Information Technology, an Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) policy and strategy body formed under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Manohar Bhattarai has been actively involved in developing strategies for social appropriation of ICTs in Nepal. Working under a broad theme of ICTs for development and harnessing power of ICTs to effectively complement service delivery in key strategic areas like health and education, Manohar has been actively involved in the roll out of community owned rural telecentres in various parts of Nepal since the inception of Nepal's nascent telecentre movement. In addition, he was involved in formulating Nepal's IT Policy and Strategy in the year 2000 and also currently serves as one of the key members of the steering committee formed to develop strategic framework for the implementation of eGovernment related initiatives in Nepal. In this talk he describes the role of ICTs in the Nepali context and especially how access to technology in rural communities can support local development and empowerment.

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