

**Programme for the 11th Round Table Meeting of
Bhutan's Development Partners
1-2 September 2011
Convention Center, Thimphu**

Wednesday, 31st August

- 09:00-17:00 Registration at the Protocol Desks in the Hotels
- 18:30 Reception by Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen
Jigmi Yoezer Thinley
Venue: Convention Centre

Thursday, 1st September

Inaugural Ceremony

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-09:15 Inaugural Ceremony
- 09:15-09:35 Inaugural Address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen
Jigmi Yoezer Thinley
- 09:35-09:50 Statement by H.E. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP
Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of
the RTM
- 09:50-10:15 Group photograph followed by refreshments

Morning Session:

***Chaired by H.E. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant
Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of the RTM***

- 10:15-10:20 Introductory remarks by the Chair
- 10:20-10:35 Statement by H.E. Cheick Sidi Diarra, UN Under-Secretary-General, Special
Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries,
Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-
OHRLLS)
- 10:35-10:55 Overview of Bhutan's Development Challenges – Consultant
- 10:55-11:15 Outcome of the 10th Plan Mid-Term Review – Secretary, GNH Commission

11:15-12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session:

Chaired by H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

14:30-14:35 Introductory remarks by the Chair

14:35-15:30 Panel Discussions on the Status of the Democratization Process in Bhutan:
i) Keynote statement by President, Center for Bhutan Studies
ii) Brief remarks by Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Bhutan
iii) Brief remarks by Chairperson, Anti-Corruption Commission
iv) Brief remarks by Media representative (Editor, Business Bhutan)

15:30-16:30 Discussion and conclusion of afternoon session

16:30-17:00 Refreshments

17:00-18:30 Launch the 2011 Bhutan National Human Development Report “*Sustaining Progress: Rising to the Climate Challenge*” and screening of the documentary film “*Revealed: Himalayan Meltdown*” (see separate programme)

19:00 Dinner hosted by H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement
Venue: Raven House

Friday, 2nd September

Morning Session:

Chaired by H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

09:00-09:05 Introductory remarks by the Chair

09:05-09:35 Update on Bhutan’s Macro-Economic Framework
i) Budget Policy and Fiscal Framework System – Secretary, Ministry of Finance
ii) Economic Development Policy, Foreign Direct Investment and Private Sector Development – Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs

09:35-10:10 Discussion

- 10:10-10:25 Operationalizing GNH: Policy Screening Tools and Indicators – GNH Commission
- 10:25-11:00 Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 Refreshments
- 11:30-11:45 Road Map for the 11th Five-Year Plan – GNH Commission
- 11:45-12:15 Discussion
- 12:15-13:00 Statements by Development Partners
- 13:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session:

Chaired by H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

- 14:30-14:35 Introductory remarks by the Chair
- 14:35-16:00 Statements by Development Partners
- 16:00-16:30 Refreshments

Concluding Session:

- 16:30-16:40 Concluding Statement by H.E. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of the RTM
- 16:40-16:50 Concluding Statement by H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement – Co-Chair of the RTM
- 17:30-18:00 Media encounters for the RTM Co-Chairs
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by H.E. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific
Venue: Taj Tashi Hotel

Saturday, 3rd September

Day Field Trips

The following day field trips to places out of Thimphu are available. Please sign up at the conference secretariat.

Tour Package 1 Chhukha Hydro Power Corporation (CHPC)

0800 Leave for Chhukha
1100 Arrive Chhukha
 Visit CHPC Dam Site
 Visit the Power House
1300 Lunch at Chukha Guest House
1400 Leave for Paro
1700 Arrive at Paro
 Overnight at Olathang Hotel

Tour Package II Paro

0800 Leave for Paro
0930 Check-in at Olathang Hotel
1000 Drive to Ramthangkha
1030 Hike to Taktshang Monastery (Tiger's Nest)
1300 Arrive at Taktshang Cafeteria
 Lunch
1400 Hike to Taktshang Monastery
11430 Arrive at Taktshang Monastery
 Visit the Monastery

1500 Return to Ramthangkha
1630 Drive to hotel
 Enroute visit Kyichu Temple

Tour Package III Local sightseeing in Thimphu

Option I

0900 Drive to Sangay Gang to get the view of Thimphu City
 (Visit Takin zoo, Bhutan's national animal)
1000 Visit the National Institute of Traditional Medicine Services
1100 Visit the Folk Heritage Museum
1200 Visit the Textile Museum
 Visit Handicrafts Emporium
1300 Lunch in the hotel
1400 Leave for Paro
1530 Arrive at Hotel Olathang
1600 Visit Kyichu Temple
1700 Drive to Drukgyel Dzong

Option II

Drive to Dochula Pass to view the mountain ranges and Druk Wangyel Chortens

Option III

Trek to Tango Monastery