



The Nepal Swiss Chamber of commerce and Industry has been established to promote the existing friendly ties between the two countries Switzerland and Nepal and create a new platform to develop new trade opportunities that benefits both nations in terms of business, culture and social exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Since 1950s the two countries have worked significantly towards development cooperation after signing the bilateral agreement governing technical cooperation. In terms of economic and trade relations direct Swiss investments in Nepal are minimal. As per the Federal department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Swiss Exports to Nepal mainly comprises of time pieces, vehicles, pharmaceutical products and machinery and Swiss imports to Nepal consists of mainly textile and clothing so far.

Recently established in year 2015, NSCCI strives to explore and open potential new trade and investment opportunities in Nepal, it shall play a vital role in providing information, consultation and promotional services for setting up joint venture investments in Nepal through the existing bi-lateral and friendly ties between the two countries.

Objectives of NSCCI

- The main objective is to promote trade and investment between Nepal and Switzerland through the following:
- To be a representing body of trade between two countries for government agencies in Nepal and Switzerland
- To promote and arrange contact with industrialists and business professionals groups of Nepal and Switzerland.
- To organize and facilitate exchange of visits from professional groups or individuals of either country to develop economic relations and promote trade services between the two countries.
- To promote collective interest of potential business and industrial group of Nepal and Switzerland.
- To make arrangement to conduct research in industrial commercial economic matter and to exchange and publicize relevant data.
- To organize meetings to promote industry, trade, technology, transfer and joint ventures between Nepal and Switzerland.
- To be able to provide legal counsel in matters relating to the industry, labor, and fiscal laws of Nepal.
- To develop and promote tourism of both Nepal and Switzerland.





Patron & Hon. President

Danielle Meuwly Swiss Ambassador to Nepal

Danielle Meuwly, born 1966, originally from Fribourg, Switzerland, holds a doctorate in economics from the university of Fribourg and a degree in advanced European studies from the college of Europe.

In 1997, she joined the international economic relations division at the federal office for foreign economic affairs. at the same time, from 1999 to 2001, Ms. Meuwly continued to teach at the university of Fribourg. in 2002, she joined the state secretariat for economic affairs (seco) as deputy head leading the macroeconomic support section of the economic cooperation and development service center. Ms. Meuwly was appointed as personal advisor to federal councilor joseph deiss for his presidential year in 2004. She was then seconded from 2005 to 2009 to the office of the executive director for Switzerland at the world bank in Washington dc as principal advisor. in march 2009, Ms. Meuwly was transferred to the permanent delegation to the organization for economic co-operation and development (oecd) in Paris as a delegate to the development assistance committee (dac), a committee of which she assumed the vice-presidency. in September 2010, Ms. Meuwly joined the cabinet of joseph deiss, then president of the un general assembly in New York, as personal adviser. from November 2011, still on secondment from seco, Ms. Meuwly held the position of deputy head of cooperation in Tunis.

In September 2015, Ms. Meuwly joined the Swiss agency for development and cooperation (sdc) of the federal department of foreign affairs (fdfa) and was appointed as deputy head of mission in Bishkek. in 2019, she was appointed as head of cooperation for the south Caucasus, based in Tbilisi. on 5th September 2023, Ms. Meuwly arrived in Nepal as ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal.



ABOUT NSCCI

Mission and Vision

- Mission: To foster economic cooperation, Facilitate trade, and support sustainable business partnerships between Nepal and Switzerland.
- Vision: To act as a dynamic hub that bridges economic and cultural gaps, enabling stronger ties between the two nations.

Key Objectives

- Enhance bilateral trade by organizing events, exhibitions, and trade missions.
- Promote investments in renewable energy, education, and tourism.
- Strengthen networking opportunities for Swiss and Nepali businesses.
- Act as a voice for member interests in policy and regulatory matters.
- Support development initiatives that align with sustainable growth.

Core Values

- Integrity: Upholding transparency and ethical standards in all activities.
- Collaboration: Promoting teamwork among members and stakeholders.
- Innovation: Encouraging modern, sustainable business practices.
- Sustainability: Advocating for environmentally responsible approaches.

Achievements

- Successfully co-hosted trade fairs and business delegations.
- Facilitated investments in Nepal's hydropower and tourism sectors.
- Organized Roche webinars on healthcare advancements.
- Played a key role in initiatives like the Fact-Finding Missions for Swiss investors.
- Advocated for policy changes to enhance trade between Nepal and Switzerland.
- Strengthened governance through detailed sub-committees for Education, Health, Aviation, and Mountaineering.

3rd Fact Finding Mission 2025





Fact-Finding Mission Mar 05, 2025–Mar 07, 2025

We were part of the 3rd Fact-Finding Mission organized by the Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal, in collaboration with Switzerland Global Enterprise, Nepal Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Swiss Nepal Chamber of Commerce, this three-day mission brought together Swiss infrastructure companies eager to explore opportunities in Nepal's growing market.

NSCCI hosted dinner and networking event, where we had the pleasure of welcoming esteemed delegates from renowned companies such as the Institute for Competitiveness and Communication (ICC), Linxon, KALO Earth, and Huber+Suhner. An excellent opportunity for networking and enjoying exquisite cuisine at GATE College.

Highlights Year 2025





Certificate Distribution Ceremony 29th January, 2025

We celebrated our Certificate Distribution Ceremony at The Soaltee Kathmandu, where we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Life Members. The event was graced by H.E. Danielle Meuwly and NSCCI President Mr. Khem R. Lakai, who highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration between Nepal and Switzerland.

Grateful for the engaging discussions, new connections, and shared vision for the future. Here's to more partnerships and opportunities ahead!!

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY 2025





We are thrilled to announce that the <u>Nepal Swiss Chamber of Commerce &</u> <u>Industries</u> and <u>Swiss Nepal Chamber of Commerce</u> have signed an MoU with the <u>World Trade Institute (WTI)</u> to enhance cooperation in trade and investment.

This partnership aims to:

- Develop funding opportunities for Nepalese students to participate in WTI programs.
- Design and teach short courses in trade and investment for Nepalese stakeholders.
- Support relevant research projects in Nepal.

We are excited about the potential impact of this collaboration and look forward to the opportunities it will create for Nepal's trade and investment landscape!



Introducing New Life Members





New Life Members Testimonial





Mr. Amrit Koirala D.S. Infra Pvt. Ltd.

As the founder of DS Infra, a company that has been dedicated to Nepal's infrastructure sector for over a decade, I have had the privilege of contributing to projects that are shaping the future of our nation. Some of our notable works include the civil construction of the Bandipur Cable Car, Hotel Mercure Kathmandu, Hotel Best Western Plus, and Holiday Inn, among others. Currently, we are involved in essential projects such as the development of three wastewater treatment plants in the Kathmandu Valley-projects that are critical to sustainable urban development.

With DS Infra's contributions to key developments, I look forward to fostering partnerships that drive sustainable progress. The upcoming Swiss fact-finding mission is a testament to our strong bilateral ties, and I am committed to meaningful collaborations that benefit both nations.

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Ms. Sharon Adhikari International Institute of Gastronomy

"She expressed her honor in joining the Nepal Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industries as a life member and highlighted her commitment to vocational training in Nepal's growing hospitality and tourism sectors. She acknowledged the significant role of Swiss expertise, particularly through SwissContact, in enhancing her initiatives. She emphasized her hopes for future collaborations, focusing on knowledge exchange, advocacy, sustainability, and policy reform to elevate vocational training in Nepal. She also praised Swiss values of quality, precision, and innovation, expressing enthusiasm for contributing to and learning from the chamber's network."

Life Members Highlight



2021-2024



Celebrating 30 Years of Impact!

One of our esteemed life member and strategic partner, Swiss Contact, celebrates three decades of its Senior Expert Contact (SEC) program in Nepal—a remarkable testament to collaboration. Together, we are committed to shaping a sustainable future for Nepal's private sector.

Our President, Mr. Khem Raj Lakai, highlights the transformation of hospitality through the principles of knowing, doing, and being. He also emphasizes the enduring value of Swiss rigor and reflects on the challenges posed by the migration of youth seeking better opportunities abroad.

SWISS CLUB Networking for future





We are thrilled to announce the formation of the **Swiss Club**: **Networking for Future** —a dynamic platform designed to bring together professionals, entrepreneurs, and business enthusiasts within our community!

Why Join the Swiss Club?

Exclusive Networking Opportunities – Connect with like-minded professionals and expand your business circle.

Business Promotion – Showcase your products and services within our professional community.

Engaging Events & Programs – Participate in both formal and informal gatherings, including networking sessions, workshops, and social parties.

Stronger Connections – Build meaningful relationships that foster growth, collaboration, and success.

Through a series of curated networking events, business forums, and social gatherings, Swiss Club members will have unparalleled opportunities to promote their businesses, exchange ideas, and strengthen professional ties. Whether it's a business seminar, a casual meet-up, or an exclusive members-only party, the Swiss Club ensures a vibrant space where both personal and professional relationships thrive.

Join us in celebrating this exciting milestone! Stay tuned for our first networking event, happening soon.



Activities of Our Sister Organization, SNCC, in Switzerland





Swiss Nepal Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Nepali Subedi, Ambassador to Switzerland and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, as our Patron and Honorary President. With decades of diplomatic experience and a deep commitment to strengthening economic and trade relations between Nepal and Switzerland, H.E. Mr. Subedi's leadership will further enhance SNCC's mission of fostering meaningful cooperation between our two nations.



SNCC proudly represented the Chamber at the Discovering Nepal – Infrastructure event in Zurich. We are delighted with its success and the valuable engagements it fostered.

News Highlights





Breakthrough in the Siddhababa Tunnel achieved today! The tunnel will provide safer and more reliable connectivity, after more than 70 lives were lost along this exposed section of the highway due to landslides in the last twelve years. Congratulations to Nepal in accomplishing this engineering milestone and proud to see Swiss company Pini providing technical expertise in this transformational infrastructure project!



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Swiss-Nepal Collaboration Powers Growth in Koshi's Dairy Sector

Koshi Province's dairy industries have achieved a key milestone in meeting the demand for diverse dairy products. Locally produced milk powder, now available in small packets for the hospitality sector, is reducing imports and showcasing Koshi's selfsufficiency and innovation.

On January 28, 2025, at the "Showcasing and Tasting of Diverse Dairy Products" event, hosted by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC project Sahaj, we saw firsthand how targeted support can unlock the potential of Nepal's dairy industry. The event featured five winners of the Sahaj Challenge Fund II, an initiative designed to promote innovation and sustainability in the sector. Attendees at the event enjoyed sampling a variety of dairy products, including lassi, flavored milk, cheddar, and gouda cheeses.





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