



National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination (NCARD) is a network of organizations with a national and regional outreach; a mandate and commitment to combat the discrimination and exclusion of communities and peoples in Nepal. NCARD recognizes the need to attack the very foundations and roots of structural discrimination that lead to social, political and economic exclusion. Being action-oriented, independent non-governmental network it was registered with District Administration Office (DAO) in 2060.05.29 and 2060. 7.25 with Social Welfare Council (SWC) respectively in Kathmandu. It was established by an alliance of various groups suffering from racial and other forms of discrimination. They include Indigenous Nationalities (INs), Dalits, religious minorities, Madhesis, Kamaiya, Ex-British Gurkhas, women's rights and human rights groups etc. NCARD is a post- Durban follow up network born out of the National Preparatory Committee (NPC) formed for the UN world conference against racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Durban, South Africa in 2001. It now works as a network of various coalitions active in the country.



NCARD focuses on campaigns and movements to eliminate the discriminations. rather than projects. Major roles of NCARD rely on implementation of World Conference against Racial Discrimination (WCAR) in its Program of Action (POA).

Vision:

NCARD extremely opposes all forms of racial discrimination prevailing in Nepal which is one the root causes of

exploitation we are facing even today. Therefore, it believes in antiracial discrimination making a long term strategy. Commitments on Durban declaration ratified by state party and concerned authority are compelled to be implementation in course of action-oriented campaign. Our vision is to make our country, a place, where all kinds of racial discrimination are eliminated and people are living in harmony in accordance with universally agreed standard and practices.

Mission:

The Mission of the NCARD is to work towards the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination and other discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance against all the persons, groups and communities in Nepal.



Objective:

The main objectives of NCARD is to come up with periodic action plan related to various victim groups in that the whole NCARD movement can be directed to reducing inequality injustice and intolerance with proper means.

The Specific Objectives are as follow:

- To increase awareness about racial discrimination and its consequences among the discriminated groups/victims and civil society.
- To implement the WCAR POA at local and national level.
- To network with NGOs working in the area of antiracial discrimination as to develop solidarity and collectively pressures of the concerned agencies.
- To organize interactions among victims, civil society, politicians, media persons and other individuals in order to better understand and address racial discrimination issues in Nepal.
- To follow the WCAR POA as to fight for equality, equity and dignity.
- To prepare concrete periodic action plan on concerned issues of victim groups

- To perform the effective activities towards new constitutional building process that ensures cultural plurality of Nepal. Further, long term campaign for making the constitution pro marginalized group both in the process of its making and implementation.
- To carry out various programs concerned with elimination of racial discrimination like study, research, meeting, conference, publication, training, campaign and public consciousness program at national and international level.



Supports of NCARD

NCARD performs its activities by generating funds from different sources. It only accepts the support from those organizations and individuals who understand the spirit of NCARD without any influence. It accepts grant from various national and international organizations or individuals under the present law of Nepal (Nepal Government in a way that does not compromise its vision, mission and objectives). In coming days NCARD plans to work in collaboration with different national and international organizations, groups and individual in the spirit of partnership concerned with antiracial discrimination.

Activities:

Based on the Durban Declaration and Program of Action (POA), NCARD has been mainly campaigning for the eradication of all forms of discrimination in Nepal through advocacy, lobbying, networking and publication with concrete periodic plan relating to various victim groups such as INs, Ex-Gurkha Army, Dalit, Madhesi, Muslim, Kamaiya and Bhutanese refugees. Further, it has been the only coalition that has been initiated to bring all the dispersed discriminated groups in to one forum.



In the current context NCARD has focused its campaign towards making an INCLUSIVE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION by enhancing dialogue amongst the stakeholders.

It has been advocating for raising awareness with the objective of empowering the concerned communities and individuals on their rights as well as informing them on the issues of historical and structural exploitations. By mobilizing and connecting with other like minded networks it has put tremendous pressure and lobbying before political parties and policy making agencies of government for the abolishment of discriminatory laws, enactment of anti discriminatory laws and policies as well as for the implementation of national and international human rights instruments providing rights for marginalized community and the excluded regions before the state. The ultimate goal of NCARD is to enable the minority's community for the inclusive participation at all state mechanism.



It takes pride on making the current CA inclusive as also a result of the efforts by NCARD's campaign.

Executive Board member

NCARD is regulated by an eleven member governing board representing various sectors like INs, Dalits, Madheshi, women, human rights activities, as well as minorities' language and religious groups.

Board Member	Representation	Position
Dr. Sumitra M. Gurung	Lumanti	Chairperson
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Member Organizations

Council:

1. Athara Magarat Magar Academy (AMMA)
2. Centre for Ethnic and Alternative Development Studies (CEADS)
3. Centre for Himalayan Integrated Development and Social Welfare (CHIDSW)
4. Dalit Welfare Society (DWS)
5. Fatima Foundation-Nepal (FFN)
6. Forum for Protection of Human Rights (FOPHUR)
7. Forum for the Solidarity Against Social Discrimination (FOSSAD Nepal)
8. Gurkha Army Ex-Servicemen Organization (GAESO)
9. Inclusive Social Advocacy Forum (INSAF)
10. Indigenous Upliftment Centre, (INUCE), Kathmandu
11. Karnali Development Joint Initiatives (KADAM) Nepal
12. Lumanti
13. Madheshi NGO Federation (MNF)
14. Newa Dey Daboo (NDD)
15. Rastriya Dalit Network (RDN)
16. Social Concerns and Development Forum (SCAD), Nepal
17. The National Council House of Tamu (NCHT)



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